



**CITY OF UCON
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2024**

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City Council Highlights September 11, 2024

John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Christopher Paolini, Tyrell Maughan, and one citizen were present. Craig Sturman was excused. John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #75 – WATER/SEWER RATES – The clerk stated that the purpose of the resolution is to increase water and sewer rates effective October 1, 2024. Johnalee McDonald read the resolution by title. The resolution was unanimously approved by the council.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fuller reported 320 patrol hours; 3 arrests/warrants; 44 traffic stops; 16 traffic citations issued; 0 ordinance violations; 102 calls for service. He acknowledged that today is September 11th and remembered the events that happened in 2001. He thanked Chief Norman for displaying the big flag on the ladder truck at the park and ride. He reported an increase in online fraud and reminded everyone not to fall victim to online scammers. The radar trailers are working well. He assisted with natural gas leaks on 107 North. He presented a proposed fine schedule resolution and asked the council to review it and prepare a resolution. He and Officer Parmer will be participating in story time at the library.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Norman reported 21 members, 15 attending regular training, and 5 wildland members; 161 training hours; 97 chief hours; 322 hours on 12 fire calls (4 in Ucon; 1 Swan Valley assist; 3 Ammon assists; 2 Rigby assists; 1 Fort Hall assist; 1 wildland fire in Stanley; 3 medical calls; 10 hours maintenance; 1,582 wildland hours; 558 total hours. He reported that the large gas leak on 107 North has been repaired. The burn ban for Bonneville County will be in effect until at least September 30th. The Ford F550 is still in Potlatch, Idaho. The HEMTT is in Garden Valley, Idaho on the Middle Fork Complex fire. Ucon has one firefighter in Stanley, Idaho at the Wapiti fire. Wildland billing for this season is over \$387,000 and expenses are just over \$168,000. The department will not be doing trunk-or-treats for Halloween this year. He asked the council to remember all the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

PARKS/LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Tyrell Maughan stated that the September yard of the month was awarded to Lynda Mallard at 3750 E 109 North.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Josh Barnes reported that Daniel Morgan’s last day was September 5th. He reported that the issues with the VFD’s at Well #1 are being repaired.

GREAT WEST ENGINEERING – Josh Barnes stated that Mayor Sturman asked him to request \$20-\$25,000 for engineering services to extend the water line from Dozer Drive to Moonbeam. The length of the line is about 2,000 feet. The council approved up to \$25,000 to Great West Engineering to design the water line.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported 5.3 million gallons sent to Idaho Falls which is up 500k; this is most likely due to the leak on 107 North.

PLANNING & ZONING – no report

BMPO REPORT – Christopher Paolini reported that the high-capacity roadway study meetings did not happen as hoped. The policy board will meet next week. He stated that not much that goes on affects Ucon because it is considered a rural area.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

Beware of Online Fraud

It’s a SCAM if the caller/emailer....

- PRETENDS to be from an organization you know.
- SAYS there’s a PROBLEM or a PRIZE
- PRESSURES you to act immediately
- Tells you to PAY in a specific way (gift cards, crypto, payment app, etc.)

Tips to avoid a SCAM—**Block unwanted calls and text messages. Don’t give out your personal or financial information** in response to a request that you didn’t expect. Honest organizations won’t call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it’s real, it’s still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number and call THEM. Don’t call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID. **Resist the pressure** to act immediately. Honest businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists that you can only pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer service like Western Union or MoneyGram, a payment app, or a gift card. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Report Scams to the FTC—If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov

October—Fire Prevention Month

Don’t forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Halloween Activities

The Ucon Fire Department will not be doing the trunk-or-treat this year....but look for them on the streets of Ucon with the Police Department—they will be handing out candy.

Community Food Drive

Saturday, October 19, 2024

- Please have your donations on your doorstep by 9 AM
- Text Kevin Bodily (208) 390-2375 with questions
- Venmo directly to the food basket at [@cfbidahofalls](https://www.venmo.com/cfbidahofalls)
- High Demand Items
- Canned fruit—Tomato sauce—1-2 lbs dry pasta
- Canned pasta—Mac & Cheese—Canned beans
- Canned meat—1-2 lbs bagged rice

Street Lights

if you notice any malfunctioning street lights, please notify the City Clerk (208) 523-3971

City Meeting Schedule

City Council:

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 PM.