



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 2nd 2020**

**MAYOR STEVE GEIGER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: MAYOR STEVE GEIGER, COUNCILMEMBER McNEARNEY, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON, COUNCILMEMBER MITTON**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY MARSHALL, CLERK WARREN, CHIEF CORNELIUS, PLANNER BRUBAKER, ENGINEER SHAW**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER OSBORN**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:**

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Bills \$5,620.66**
  - B. Approve minutes of Feb 28<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting**
  - C. Acknowledge Treasurer's Report**
- Motion to approve consent agenda**

**Councilmember Thompson/McNearney. Roll Call Vote. All voted in favor. Motion approved.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Geiger sent a letter to the State Legislators and Senators how House Bill 408 and 409 will affect our City negatively, in hope our Senators will the courage and step up for us. He will be following up with them. Mayor Geiger will also be absent from the April 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**CLERK:** Clerk Warren said the Bed Tax was mostly in, has been in contact with 104 and 102. 102 is caught up and 104 will be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month to get finalized. January Local Option Sales Tax deposits reported \$144,063.63.

Autumn Taylor with Taylor Insurance to speak about rates, and different types of insurance plans for our upcoming benefits renewal on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It has been mentioned to offer more plans due to recruiting and retention of staff. One of the issues that have come up is the current plan we are on is great but when employees want to add spouses or dependents the cost is very high for the employee. Autumn mentioned the City could consider a contribution plan for employees whether it be a dollar amount or percentage rate, as other surrounding Cities do this for their employees. There was a lot of discussion about Composite Rates and Age Rates. If the City switches to a Composite Rate the premium will go up significantly. Due to our renewal being on April 1<sup>st</sup>, the City will need to have a final decision before that date. Clerk Warren stated that a final decision needs to be made at the next Council meeting.

**POLICE:** Chief reported that they have 2 new patrol vehicles, they should be out and about soon. All Officers are back to work. They have an opening posted and are taking applications at this time. Interviews will take place soon.

**STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:** Engineer Justin Shaw reported on Cedar Street, which is out to bid, and is currently working on the Field of Dreams project.

**PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Planner Brubaker started their Brownfield's Kick-Off Presentation with introductions and what to expect as far as public outreach. Planner Miller spoke about information pertaining to the Brownfields Grant are now available on the City's webpage. Involvement within the community tonight at the Open House was successful. They also plan to hold some summer events such as Block Parties for entertaining the children and meet with adults updated on the project, they will also have a booth at Ponderay Neighbor Day event with the most up to date information on the Brownfield Grant. Steve Gill then presented more information about the Brownfield Grant work plan, quarterly reports, more on community outreach and the project timeline.

**Old Business:** Clerk Warren read a Thank You card from Officer Trey Robillard and family.

**Councilmember Thompson/McNearney.**  
**Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

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Mayor Steve Geiger