



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Steve Geiger, Councilmember McNearney, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Mitton

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Clerk Warren, Attorney Marshall, Planner Brubaker, Engineer Shaw

**ABSENT:** Dep. Clerk Peterson, Planner Miller

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

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Bills \$39,968.13
- B. Acknowledge Treasurers Report
- C. Acknowledge Police Report – June
- D. Approve July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular Council Meeting Minutes – Mayor Geiger added to be approved.

***Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda***

**Councilmember McNearney/Thompson. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Geiger stated last week was full of meetings; one meeting included the Build Grant, he was able to discuss sustainable strategies with all the senators in the state of Idaho. He mentioned we should find out if we received the grant sometime in September. They also had a BCATT meeting and updated them on our local option tax that had come in for the month of May.

**CLERK:** Clerk Warren said she finally received the final audit. There was an issue regarding the Reserves account. It since has been corrected. Bed Tax for June, all are up to date, except for 104. Mayor Geiger said he was in contact with the owner and he will be in by Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to bring the year current. We are still \$52,361.58 short from last years totals. Local option sales tax for the month of June brought in a total of \$166,047.26, we are still waiting for a few payments to come in.

**POLICE:** Chief said the two new officers were doing a great job. He also mentioned that he is ready for Summer to be over as they had the largest amount of calls during one shift ever.

**STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:**

- A. **Anvil Trail** – No updates, but they are still waiting on the fence installation, could be late summer or early fall.
- B. **Field of Dreams** – They have made several trips down to War Memorial Field, still receiving turf samples.
- C. **Cedar Avenue** – They are in the punch list phase and all paving is complete. They have stayed under budget for this project.
- D. **Triangle Drainage** – Currently waiting for the end of all construction, to see where we are for funding on this project.
- E. **Schweitzer Plaza Sidewalk** - Complete
- F. **Walmart Bus Stop** – This has been excavated and they have poured the bus shelter pad. They did have to take out an evergreen bush, it is possible to replant something if needed in the upcoming spring.

Mayor Geiger suggested that Engineer Shaw look at Real Life Ministries turf down in Hayden, to see what his thoughts would be, as an additional option for Field of Dreams.

**PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Planner Brubaker mentioned the Outdoors Inn was at full capacity and feels its coming together nicely. The Brownfields survey has been promoted through our Facebook page and has reached over 4,000 people. They have had many participate in the survey, and it will be available to take until August 16<sup>th</sup>. Planner Miller has been out to the Gateway sign and has a nice landscape plan to go around it, we should have the total costs soon. Planner Brubaker thanked Mayor Geiger for his delegation during the Build Grant meeting. THANK YOU, Mayor Geiger!! Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 we will be meeting about our Brownfields program, hoping to go through surveys and gain input for our Neighbor Day Celebration. Planner Miller had a productive meeting with owner of the large apartment buildings on Larkspur. They will be meeting with Bonner County about the addressing issue. Planner Brubaker also spoke about the schoolhouse improvements, said he would like to work with the Parks – Maintenance budget for this year to work on landscaping, signage and possibly a roof. It was also mentioned that neighbors next to the schoolhouse put up a nice cedar fence, and Councilmember McNearney suggested the city reimburse for half the costs. It will be an action item at the next council meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:** We have received minutes from both Sandpoint and Bonner County.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A tentative 2020-2021 budget discussion took place. Clerk Warren spoke about bed tax revenue, and then said the cumulative total is \$4,914,040.00, the biggest increase was in Planning and Parks with all the grant funding. It is set to run in the paper on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of August. Our L2 is complete and we should be getting \$971,898.00 from the levied property tax. Mayor Geiger spoke of upcoming projects such as repairing and replacing logs over at the police station and replacing the roof here at city hall. The Field of Dreams lease was discussed.

***Motion to Approve the tentative 2020-2021 budget.***

**Councilmember McNearney/Osborn. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Councilmember Thompson/Osborn.**

**Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

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Mayor Steve Geiger