



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
September 8th, 2020**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Geiger, Councilmember McNearney, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Mitton
ALSO, PRESENT: Clerk Warren, Attorney Marshall, Chief Cornelius, Planner Brubaker, Engineer Shaw, Dep. Clerk Peterson, Planner Miller
ABSENT: Councilmember Thompson

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

AMEND AGENDA: Mayor Geiger amended the Agenda to add item C. Acknowledge Police Report to the Consent Agenda for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Bills \$57,357.69
- B. Acknowledge Treasurers Report
- C. Acknowledge Police Report

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR: Mayor Geiger said they are still working on details for Popsicle Bridge, he also mentioned Christmas is coming and all decided on December 12th for the Santa Sack Project.

CLERK: Clerk Warren gave an update on the bed tax; all are in except 104 and 102. She also gave a sales tax update, July brought in \$250,533.89. She received a letter from ICRMP addressed to Mayor Geiger and Council, thanking us for choosing them.

POLICE: Chief Cornelius said both new officers are doing a great job. He gave a few updates regarding Mike Victorino, all is positive and hopes he continues moving forward in recovery. He spoke about a couple raffles that will be taking place for Mike's benefit. Chief Cornelius also praised Planner Miller for all she has done to get the benefit going for Mike, Council agreed. Thank you, Kayleigh! He also thanked the Chaplains for keeping us all updated and being able to be with Mike when they can. Thank you, Chaplains! Councilmember Mitton brought up complaints about speeding traffic here in the neighborhood and asked what we could do to slow them down. Chief said he was planning on bringing down the radar trailer to raise awareness in hopes of getting folks to slow down.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

- A. **Anvil Trail** – Engineer Shaw said they are still waiting on the fence.
- B. **Field of Dreams** – He said they gave the city a preliminary set of plans to look at. A side street is going in, surveying has been done. Hoping to get another set of plans in the next couple of weeks.
- C. **Walmart Bus Stop** - Waiting on contractor to compact the topsoil, and then it will be finished.
- D. **Cedar Street** – Waiting on remaining asphalt, then will be complete.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- A. **Drainage Maintenance/Cottonwood Trees** – Planner Brubaker spoke about the drainage way project which is located behind North Idaho Spas. This location is completely plugged with Cottonwood trees which is causing issues with stormwater drainage. A few of the nearby residents have decided they would like to contribute funding

to have these taken out. The cost to the city is between \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to remove those trees. We did receive a rough estimate from Apex Tree Service, and Council suggested he get another bid especially with all the down trees from the last windstorm.

Motion to Approve up to \$18,000 for the drainage maintenance/cottonwood tree removal.
Councilmember Mitton/McNearney. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

Planner Miller spoke about the Larkspur Neighborhood Project which included a new housing development and thru street to Schweitzer Plaza Drive. She also gave updates regarding the Field of Dreams, Ponderay Neighbor Day, the Mike Victorino Benefit, the Gateway sign landscape project, Harbison Field, City Hall Equipment Improvements, and the P1FCU power pole relocation.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS – Bonner County minutes for August 4th, 11th, and 18th. Sandpoint minutes for July 22nd, 29th, August 5th, and 12th. Kootenai Ponderay Sewer District Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS – *Councilmember Mitton asked Planner Brubaker about the non-compliance issue that was brought up at the last meeting, he said he would be working with Louis, have we gained any ground on that? Planner Brubaker responded that he did get a hold of the property owner in question and stated they are removing the building instead of getting a building permit. He will provide us with a timeline. Councilmember Mitton said he would like to know when he gets that.*

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

- A. Resolution 2020-08 for State and Local agreement for the development of McGhee Road Pedestrian Improvements.** Planner Brubaker stated they would be developing a pathway from the Kootenai Industrial area to the Field of Dreams. Currently they are just looking to execute the agreement. The city was awarded a safety grant up to \$401,000.00 with a city match of \$29,435.00 and committed funds of \$2000.00. The grant timeline will begin in 2021.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-08.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Councilmember McNearney/Mitton.
Meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger