



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 21st 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: ATTORNEY MARSHALL, CLERK WARREN, CHIEF CORNELIUS, PLANNER BRUBAKER, ENGINEER SHAW**

**ABSENT:**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**

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

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

**AMEND AGENDA:** To add to executive session 74-206 1-D

***Motion to amend agenda***

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nancy Piatt-Ponderay, Did the City ever get the money back from the internet company from Montana. I believe the name was Blackfoot? They are still in business. To me that was just giving away tax payer dollars. It looks like Ponderay is turning into a shanty town. There is one block that those potential gonna be, out of the twelve lots, ten are for sale. Which means that there could be ten homes on there buy the way it is being interpreted now. So I would like to know when the P&Z Ordinance was adopted, many years ago, it was seventy one hundred feet and now you are allowing to build on thirty five hundred and fifty, on just one lot. I'd like to see the council investigate this and find out why it has been changed because it went through Mayor Hunt was an attorney, Phil Robinson Attorney, Randy Adams an Attorney, and Lois was on the impact fee committee at that time. And it was two lots was a minimum lot size. I would like to know why it has been changed. And I would like to see something in writing and the council ask some questions on this.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve Bill \$29,403.26**

**B. Approve minutes of Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting**

**C. Acknowledge Attorney Report**

***Motion to approve consent agenda***

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor reported that the streets and sidewalks are being kept up nicely.

Councilmember Mitton asked the Clerk why the bills did not total up to what was written there? Clerk said that she had voided a payment. Also, he noticed in the packets that the Activity report for J.A. Sewell & Assoc. he noticed some of their inspections that some of the inspections are not done. It was suggested that he come in during regular business hours and talk to Planner Brubaker.

**CLERK:**

Liquor License approval: Ponderay One Stop, Fiesta Bonita and Felkers Northern Bar-b-Que  
Skal Tap Room said they are not going to renew.

***Motion to approve Liquor Licenses***

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

**POLICE:** Chief reported that the new cars should be done this week. But.....

**STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:** Engineer Justin Shaw reported that they have been working on Cedar Street rebuild. We have a preliminary plan set. We still need quantities. He put costs in but they are very much in flux. Hew has not finished the drainage part but will finish that this week. I will be putting all the utilities on the plan set. Our goal is after the next council meeting it could be wrapped up and put out for bid in February.

**PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Planner Brubaker has a formal entrance into the DEQ VCP clean up program which the council previously supported. This resolution is to formalize that agreement and to authorize the entrance into the program via the voluntary remediation clean up agreement. Which is our agreement with the state to clean up the property at Black Rock. This includes a fee, however the fee will be paid for ultimately out of the Brownfield Grant. This is a reimbursement program. The fee is twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). This was not budgeted for, but he wanted this in the resolution for the Council. It was asked about the other property owner down there that was going to be a part of this, do they have their own agreement? Planner reported that they will have to have their own agreement and part of what we are doing is simply moving forward with our process and it increases the pressure on adjoining property owners to participate. We have a few years to get to that point. The sooner we move forward and begin to work with the state it will help us to that point.

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:**

**\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*** Resolution 2020-1 VCP approval

***Motion to approve Resolution***

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

Planner Miller made up some parking permits for contractors.

Goals will be discussed at the next meeting.

***Motion to enter Executive Session per 74-206 1-a & d***

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

Entered Executive session at 6:17 p.m.

Left executive session at 6:33p.m.

***Motion to approve additional two weeks bereavement pay then reevaluate at next meeting.***

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

***Motion to approve interview and hire for a new position***

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

Councilmember Thompson/Osborne.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

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Mayor Steve Geiger