



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3RD 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

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 Bill \$6,938.21**
- B. Approve minutes of Jan. 21ST regular council meeting**
- C. Acknowledge Police Report**

Motion to approve consent agenda

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR: Mayor introduced Stephanie Peterson. She will be starting work for us on the 24th.

U.S. Metronets: amount that the City paid for fiber optic internet. There is a clause that says the amount is nonrefundable.

Executive Session discussion: There is nothing in Statutes that requires us to go into Executive Session separately for different code sections. We can go into Ex Session for any number of different things as long as that section of code is identified when the motion is made.

CLERK: You have the bed tax report. I sent both letters and have received the certified-registered cards back. And have heard nothing from either of them. Mayor said that if we haven't heard anything by the next meeting then we should take action.

Presentation-REV up North Idaho-PAC

Nancy Mabile-region one planner for PAC: Renewing Economic Vitality in Rural communities. She gave the council some background on the USDA Rural community development initiatives grant. What this program does is if there is a community that is within eighty percent of the 2010 in household income you can qualify. First year will be about broadband, 2nd year about housing, and the third year about community vitality.

Dorian Komberec-PAC: Ponderay is invited to attend all three modules. They will be bringing subject matter experts to us. They will reimburse mileage to anyone who attends. What we are trying to do is bolster the leadership of the community so they have more information about these modules so that they can be better leaders. They would like three to five people to commit to the training. There will be about 3-4 meetings a year but they are not sure. One date for sure is May 15th at the Dept. of Labor in Post Falls. Broadband USA will come and do a training on Broadband 101.

POLICE: Chief reported that one of the cars is supposed to be ready on Friday. It could be three weeks before we receive the second car.

Chief Cornelius asked if he could use his discretion to give more bereavement leave if needed. The officer will be back to work tomorrow. Both the Chief and officer think he is ready to come back to work, but the Chief would like to be able to give him a few more days if needed. They said to go ahead at Chiefs discretion if needed.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS: Engineer Justin Shaw reported on Cedar Street. HMM has put together a set a plans. He talked about the culvert size and what we would like to go with considering growth. He separated complete construction bid into four parts. His estimate for the entire project is six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00). If approved, it should go out to bid this next week. There was discussion on the culvert size to use.

Motion to approve Cedar Street bid packet to go out to bid.

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

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Planner Brubaker spoke about the non-conforming lots of record. Planner Miller gave a presentation. She has done a lot of research on the history of Ponderay's Ordinances relating to this issue. She gave us a recap of the Ordinances that are applicable. We just wanted to make sure that you all understood why we accept the smaller lots. If the lots were recorded before April 1989, they get to exist as long as structures applied for can meet the setbacks that are in place at the time of application.

Planner Brubaker told the council the history of the addressing issues. What has happened recently is that there is a new Bonner County GIS director. Bonner County changed their policies. They decided that this was going to expensive and a lot of work and we are going to charge for it. They told us we were not doing it correctly but would not help us either. We want to get it right. Bonner County has also removed some layers of their GIS that we are no longer able to use which we have relied on for some time. Planners would like to hire a firm to set us up with our own GIS systems. They would develop a GIS program, they provide all the maintenance, collect all the data, put it together. Then the City gets to say what we need to see. They will build it to our specifications. This GIS system can help us with our addressing. The council agrees to go out and get some more information on getting our own GIS.

Councilmember McNearney/Thompson.

Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger