



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17th 2019**

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

PRESENT: MAYOR STEVE GEIGER, COUNCIL MEMBER KUNZEMAN, COUNCILMEMBER McNEARNEY, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON, COUNCILMEMBER OSBORNE

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

ABSENT: ENGINEER HERNDEN

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 \$34,304.00**
- B. Approve minutes of June 3rd regular council meeting**
- C. Acknowledge Attorney Report May 2019**
- D. Acknowledge Police Report May 2019**

Motion to approve consent agenda

Councilmember Osborne asked Chief Cornelius about an uptake on animal activity in the police report? Chief Cornelius responded that most of the uptake is; every person who walks by a car that has dog in it calls in animal cruelty. I child is OK but do not leave your dog in the car. Mayor asked if you get more calls when it is hot? Chief said it doesn't even have to be hot. I saw one today from Sandpoint and it was only about 62° and cloudy. As soon as it gets summer it doesn't even matter what the temperature is, they will just start calling in. We have little thermometers that can register the temperature in the car. It is excessive then we will do some talking with the owners and if not, we will tell the concerned citizen to mind their own business. (laughter)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR: Mayor talked about the clean-up day. He thinks that we had a really good turnout. We got lots of mowing and weed eating and limbing done. There is two big piles out in the field behind Harbisons. Councilmember McNearney corrected the Mayor and said there is only one pile. To this the Mayor thanked Councilmember McNearney for pushing the piles together. The Bar-b-Que was great. He thinks there may have been about seventy people that turned. Pretty full dumpster. Quite a bit of metal stuff, tires, paint. We got the center median trash picked up. We did the mowing this past Saturday. I think we are knocking it out a lot faster every year. With in about four hours everybody was about done. He thinks it is a great program and would like to continue in years to come.

Today the Mayor caught up with Gary Miller of Ponderay Works. Mayor actually ran into Gary's daughter there and her husband. They were there actually cleaning up. They had a trailer and were loading it up with scrap metal and weed eating and mowing. She is going to be up here full time, in another month and she told the Mayor that they are going to see a dramatic difference on that piece of property. I know that they mentioned to him that they have twelve cars on the property that are not allowed to be there. There is nothing that anybody will do to help her get rid of those cars. I told her to contact the owner and tell them to come get them or loose them. I guess when it is on private property you have to pay to have it towed and that is the issue vs. if it was on public property, we would just tow it, if I understand that correctly. Chief Cornelius said that somebody ends up paying, one way or the other. What they need to

do is contact one of the local tow companies. He was not sure which tow companies will do it but he does know that Clyde's will do it. What they will do is post it with a sign that says that if an unauthorized vehicle is left that they will come get it. At that point the property owner can just call the tow company and they just come get it. Mayor said she seemed easy to talk to and very reasonable and wanted to help get it cleaned up. Gary said that he would come tonight and share his issues and problems are, and she told him "no, We have to get our mess cleaned up first."

POLICE: Chief Cornelius asked Clerk Warren about transferring the money from payroll to purchase a car? Clerk Warren state that is on the agenda for later.

Chief said that he has one officer that is in the process of healing up after surgery. He is now off crutches and into therapy. The other one is still a question mark but is scheduled for surgery tomorrow.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS: Mayor said that when we paid for concrete stamping and repair that Doyle Reader did on Kootenai Cut-Off, that his bid was twenty some thousand and he only charged us about fourteen thousand. Doyle also mentioned that if we would this area behind the Council Chambers dug out, that he would come over and lay some concrete for us. It is our job to get it dug out.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Planner Brubaker reported that HMH has started work on that drainage master plan. It will be really great to get that all together and on a GIS map.

We are now moving forward, in a big way, with the BUILD grant application, thanks to the Councils support last week.

We found out that we were awarded the Brown's Field clean up grant. Which is a multi-purpose grant. This is for eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00). It includes some planning money so we will be able to look at reuse planning for the waterfront. The conceptual work we did with the sub-area plan and take that to the next level, very focused on the clean-up area. There is also the ability to do some more assessment work. We've been working with the railroad to access this through their property. If we can negotiate with the railroad and Dana Martin it will make this an amazing project. This is scheduled to be a five year project to get it cleaned up. The first thing we will be doing is creating a project work plan. Steve Gill with DEQ will be helping us to get our ducks in a row. No match money is required.

Survey results are indicating that there is a lot of interest in the community in doing some bigger projects and we really don't have the data yet. Steve and I are going to meet with Ben, who has done the survey research, later this week. Out of one hundred twenty six responses (126) we saw more support than we saw in 2011. There is a consensus that the citizens feel we are going about it the right way. The top reasons for support included: ensuring recreational opportunities for kids and family as well as providing safe public access to the lake. They sent out a little over four hundred surveys.

Mile posts on the Pend Oreille Bay Trail: He got in touch with Maker Point Studio. They will be working on a design. (which he described) He had no time frame.

He was asked about the Anvil Trail? Planner responded that the landowner has been generally unresponsive. But I did talk to him and he said that he had received the information but had not looked at it yet. I told him I had surveyors, engineers, attorneys, all looked at this and I moved mountains to get it done. He said that he would look at it. To me we were running out of time so he went ahead and requested an extension just to be on the safe side.

OLD BUSINESS: Public hearing to revise 2018-19 budget. The only thing that changed was Law Enforcement, I moved sixty three thousand, eight hundred seven dollars from Wages to New Vehicle-equipped (\$63,807.00). Everything else remained the same.

Open public hearing at 6: 24 p.m. There were no questions or remarks.

Close public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance by title only and be adopted.

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

Budget workshop 2019-20: the new construction has not arrived yet. Extra bed tax income to go into streets.

Councilmember Kunzeman/McNearney.
Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger