



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 20th 2017**

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

**PRESENT: MAYOR GEIGER, COUNCIL MEMBER KUNZEMAN, COUNCILMEMBER LARKIN, COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL by phone, COUNCILMEMBER OSBORNE**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY MARSHALL, CHIEF CORNELIUS, ENGINEER ERIC OLSON, ENGINEER DAN LARSON AND CLERK WARREN**

**ABSENT: PLANNER BRUBAKER**

**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 Minutes of March 6th 2017, Regular Council Meeting*
- B. Approve Bills in the amount of \$15,132.52*
- C. Acknowledge Attorney Report*

***Motion to approve consent agenda***

**Councilmember Larkin/Osborne. Roll Call vote. All voted in favor. Motion approved.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

Mayor would like us to set a date at the next meeting for the City clean up. June 10th or 24th. Councilmember Engel wanted to know if we could do something on both weekends.

Mayor took a tour of the City with Bret, with Independent Highway District, and our issues with water and storm water management. We probable had close to six or eight houses that were within inches of needing a boat to get to the front door. Independent Highway has a very good handle on our things and how they care for our City. We are very happy to have IHD care for our town. It was amazing to see how fast Montana Rail Link, Lipperts, Peak and others that helped got the rail line repaired and cleaned up. He will be working with them later this spring to get culverts cleaned so we can be more prepared.

**CLERK:** City Clerk reported on the bed tax. Most of them came in today and at this time we do not have any payments since November from number 104. He has sent the paper work but not the check yet. We are two thousand, two hundred fifty dollars and seventy two cents (\$2,250.72) below last year at this time.

**POLICE:** Chief Cornelius reported that sergeant Koch recently went to New Supervisor Training. Also, recently he sent Detective Victorino to a Glock Armor School so that he can be the one who works on our fire arms.

Mayor Geiger got a hold of Carlos Suarez to take a look at the covered lean to where we park the cars at the PD. Carlos recommendation would be to tear out the concrete and bring that out about another eight feet. Because the way the concrete and asphalt pitch that divert water back to the building and into the basement. Which has happened a few times. We looked at raising the carport roof up but with the roof lines it would create quite a bit of a job and also the snow removal would be more difficult. Cost wise we are looking at raising it a little bit and bring it out, redesign it so that there would be a two car parking garage that would eventually have a roll up door and one open slot on one side where the entry door is to the basement of the building. Carlos could do the design and engineering process for us. He would be looking at the concrete slab and footings and the design and engineering of the carport for about two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to put something together for us so that we would be able to take that out to bid. total cost for the construction would be about forty to fifty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00).

#### **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS:**

Susan Kiebert reported that ITD Operations and Safety Team sent out a note and they want to start looking at rail improvements on local roads. Perhaps looking at Eastgate, if you want to do something there. The other one she thought about, was the drainage/culvert that needs to be enlarged/replaced at the Bill Brown Trailer Park that goes under the tracks. We do need to urge them to replace that culvert. We have the opportunity to introduce to ITD anything that we want to do for rail improvements. If we could do some temporary improvements on Eastgate that would be great. Susan reminded us that Shawn Keough has tried to obtain for us fifty two million dollars (\$52,000,000.00) it was to be the State surplus. The locals need that State surplus because of flood damage. We are finding that more locations are being impacted. In all cases, it is essential, to pull all the expenses out, that are attached to the flooding emergency. So we can get some of our expenses back.

The bid on the Schweitzer Cut-off bridge has been moved back a week. The day we had it set for is the day that four major projects, three in district one, are going. So it will be April 11th for the bid.

On the overweight contract, we are asking you to opt in to this local agreement with ITD even if you don't have any local routes. When you opt in and you have someone ask for a local route you can charge them for the costs of looking at the local route and then you can modify the contract. What a lot of the cities are doing is to Opt in to the agreement and then make a resolution that says we are not designating any local route. When we looked at the language in the Bill that said that if you were within one mile of the state route they could use our roads. We lucked out, it is the interstate that this applies to not to highway 95. If we have a request for a route, then we make the applicant apply for and pay for the engineering study.

Engineer Eric Olson reported that Susan, Mayor and Eric met last week and had a discussion on the Urban Cabinet, which is the Cities of Ponderay, Kootenai, Dover and Sandpoint and Independent Highway District. The purpose of that group is to have a governing body that decides who gets the ability to apply for Federal Aid when that ability comes back around. Currently Sandpoint got their project done on Schweitzer Cut-Off Road. This bridge project comes from a separate pot, so that doesn't get considered. When we can eventually apply for a project it would be applied for as the Urban Area. When money is available again everybody is going to want to build a project. As it stands right now there is no protocol set up to make the decision as to who gets to apply. The other function is to try and figure out a way to get money available more often instead of having to wait ten or twenty years to get Federal Aid.

#### ***Motion to approve the contract with ITD:***

**Councilmember Engel/Kunzeman. Roll Call vote. All voted in favor. Motion approved**

#### ***Motion to approve Resolution #2017-8 - 129,000 truck routes***

**Councilmember Larkin/Osborne. Roll Call vote. All voted in favor. Motion approved**

We looked at the Animal Control Code to see if anything needed changed. There was no changes at this time.

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

A. ORD #139-to repeal the speed limit designation from the weight limit code 5-3-6

***Motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance #139***

**Councilmember Kunzeman/Larkin. Roll Call vote. All voted in favor. Motion approved.**

**Councilmember Larkin/Kunzeman to adjourn. All in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned 6:38 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren

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Mayor Steve Geiger