



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6th 2017**

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

PRESENT: MAYOR STEVE GEIGER, COUNCIL MEMBER KUNZEMAN, COUNCILMEMBER LARKIN, COUNCILMEMBER OSBORNE

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL

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 Feb 21st 2017, Regular Council Meeting*
- B. Approve Bills in the amount of \$20,753.44 & Acknowledge Treasurers Report*
- C. Acknowledge Police Report*

Motion to approve consent agenda

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR: Mayor Thanked Council President Larkin, the Council and staff for doing a great job while he was out of town.

Dan Taylor reviewed the options on the City insurance. Contract for April 1, 2017. The most notable change to our current plan are: out of pocket changes from two thousand dollars(\$2,000.00) per year to two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00). Rx changes from a four tier to a six tier. Also, a decrease in premium of one point two, two (-1.22%)percent. These are canned changes from the department of insurance. Delta Dental-we would be better to go with the Premium plan, the rates are less and this plan has more to offer. LifeMap-we are in a two year rate guarantee for two years so there is no increase of like or vision.

Motion to approve Regence Platinum-to go to Premier with Delta Dental-option one-to approve spouses & children-to approve domestic partners.

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

CLERK: Clerk Warren asked the council to set the date for the budget hearing to Aug. 21st. That gives us one other meeting, in case there is a problem, to get the budget approved by the September end date.

There are two council positions up for election in November.

City was asked, by Val Syth-Burroughs to allow the Easter Parade on April 15th, Birch Street from 5th to 2nd. To use the Police for street patrol and to lead the parade. Also to give the same dollar amount as last year.

POLICE: Chief Cornelius reported that Mike Watkins is off the schedule the last week in March for computer training so he can be licensed in Idaho.

The Animal Shelter will be bringing a new contract to the next meeting asking us to pay one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) a year for picking up animals in Ponderay. Mandy Evans says that we are averaging thirty one animals a year coming in from Ponderay, of which about fourteen are not claimed by the owner. at an average cost of ten dollars a day. Taking an average of seven days to get adopted out. Vaccinations, spay or neuter, microchip is another seventeen. So the average cost is eighty seven dollars (\$87.00) per dog times the fourteen dogs is about twelve hundred (\$1,200.00) per year. Between the years of 2010 and 2013 we paid less than a thousand dollars for the whole time period. We have not paid anything for the last couple of years. Chief said that as a department he does not think we have ever taken over ten animals in a year. There could easily be another twenty or so animals brought in by the public. City clerk thinks that we need to amend our city code also.

Chief referenced the weight/speed limit signs posted. The speed limit on streets was thirty five (35) MPH when the code was written. Now the speed limit is only twenty five (25). So he would like to have the speed limit eliminated on the weight limit signs since the speed is only five MPH is not significant enough to make a difference. He would like to see the weight only posted. Green flags signify that the weight limits are not in effect yet. Red flags mean that weight limits are in effect. We will do a resolution to change this next meeting.

Sherriff Darrell Wheeler spoke to the council. The relationship that the Sheriff's office has with our Police Department and Chief Cornelius is great. On May 15th the Sherriff's office will be hosting an officers memorial at 5:30. He reported that he has been asked to endorse the Metropolitan Police Model. He drafted a letter to the Chiefs of Ponderay, Sandpoint and Priest River to not join this Model. He thinks that the County and Cities do a fine job as we work together very well. We have joint agreements and contracts which allow for smooth operation between jurisdictions. He would like to continue to respect our differences but unite resources when the need arises. It was signed by all three Chiefs.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS:

Susan Kiebert was going to come and talk about the 129,000 lb trucks. We will have it on the next agenda. Engineer Dan Larson explained that if the State allows a permit or are exempt on a roadway we cannot stop them from being within one mile of the highway. So anyone with the permit can be within one mile of the highway, that covers our whole town. So if we opt into this program with ITD they will processes the permits rather than doing it here.

Engineer Larson asked that the council agree to move forward with plans and specifications to get bids out for overlays on a couple streets as our budget allows. He would like to overlay Piehl, Schweitzer cut-off, Larkspur to the Good Will. If there is money left after the overlays he would like to possibly do a chip seal on Starr to finish the truck loop. Piehl, Larkspur and Lupine loop. Crack sealing and patching has been done on the loop. It just needs sealed to extend the life. Dan has Kootenai Cut-off Road on the list for patching and crack seal.

There was discussion on a weight limit waiver and adding a fee. Pacific Steel has a waiver historically but not a written one. Avista has a lot of trucks that need to continue on our roads to get a project completed. Businesses need to get and send out deliveries. There is no way to recoup the cost of the damage for a small fee. But it may be that if a waiver is required and there is fee attached it may stop people from asking for a waiver. We can ask the truckers to use the roads at night when the roads are firmer. Dan stated that if it would give the incentive to even break up a load it would help.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Planner Brubaker spoke on the Community Development program on Triangle Drive. We get a lot of benefit from using our own engineers on this project. In splitting the engineering cost we get the bulk rate and still get the benefit of having our engineers do what we want. The City will not be funding the private site design work. The other benefit to the City is that we can align Schweitzer Plaza to be extended. Our preferred option is, the City is helping with the special use permit on our own property helps us to develop in a way that it puts the building in a strategic location to be a buffer for both the property to the north and for sound in light industrial noise to the East. In the future it give us multiple access options. We have drainage through there that is critical, it helps get the water out of town. The other thing we are going to do is to enhance the connectivity there.

Motion to approve the Community Development program and waive the fees for the special use permit.

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

This proposal should be very familiar to the City. This is phase two of the Harbison Property Acquisition. The property we bought last year was about three acres. Part two is a little bigger about three and a half acres. Price this year is Eighty six thousand dollars (\$86,000.00) plus closing cost. It also includes an easement along Railroad Ave.

Motion to approve the Res. 2017-7 - Trust for Public Land Grant Harbison Property purchase phase two.

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

Public Comment: Brenda Thompson-Ponderay: What is the Special Use permit needed for. A Special Use permit is required for Light industrial uses in the commercial zoning district.

Councilmember Kunzeman/Larkin to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren

Mayor Steve Geiger