



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

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

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

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

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 Bills in the amount of \$37,763.55

B. Acknowledge Treasurers Report

Motion to approve consent agenda with the changes mentioned

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR:

Mayor reported on the Capital For a Day event. We had at least seventy people. It was a good event.

Mayor had a call from Mr. Steve Wasick about a week ago. He did finally get the letter. He does want to appeal. We will give him a couple Council Meeting dates for the hearing. Give him the option of one of the next two meetings.

He was at a "Y" Center meeting and he mentioned the Field of Dreams. Their first choice is the U of I property but they will keep the Field of Dreams in mind.

Tomorrow is Election Day, Please get out and Vote. Two Council seats are up and we have the added two percent (2%) Bed Tax on the ballot. We will need sixty percent (60%) for it to pass.

Mayor has been talking to Paul Kusche-Bonner County Economic Development Corp. They are looking to do a commercial kitchen for the community. They are looking at a space in the Bonner Mall, the old Hideaway Lounge. They are trying to structure a way for the City to be involved by applying for grants. He let them know that we do not have much money to put into this. The County is in possession of the equipment and they would make sure it was up and running good. There is already a thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) grant that was received. But in order to go for more grants the City of Ponderay would need to be involved possibly for a Gem Grant because of our size.

CLERK: Clerk reported that the Bed tax was all in as of Sept. We are sixteen thousand Seven hundred ninety nine dollars and four cents (\$16,799.04)over last year at this time.

Also, PERSI has been postponed the increase in contribution rates until July 2019.

POLICE: Chief Cornelius reported that there had been reports of Motor Homes/RV's parked in alley ways, those have all been moved.

There have also been some complaints about Dan Smiths property behind Shorty Bloods property. Some trailers have been moved in, supposedly to be demolished and there are quite a few people that are squatting/living in those trailers. There have been no complaints from Dan Smith. There are no utilities in those trailers. They are trespassing every time they go through the Blood's property but by the time the police are called and arrive, for trespassing across the Blood property, the people are gone. Our police cannot get to his property because there is no road without crossing someone else's property. Attorney will write a letter for Mayor and Chief to sign.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS: Schweitzer Bridge completion has been pushed back a few weeks. They still need to get the guard rails up and a few other small things. They hope to have a soft opening before Schweitzer opens.

He attended an LHTAC workshop on Transportation Grant opportunity. The most urgent for us to consider is a TAP grant for pedestrian alternative transportation projects. The complication is that this is the open opportunity for the next few years. They are not going to open it again for two more years. This Tap grant is for fiscal year 2019-20-21 and we have to let them know that we are interested by Friday for projects due Dec. 1st. There is another program that is due soon, Child Pedestrian Safety Program. It is similar but it is State funds, specifically for school and pedestrian safety improvements. We will need to narrow it down to one application for the most promising job. There are other opportunities for other grants but they are due later. We have a lot of things that would fit the TAP grant. The Grant that was for the flashing lights is still held up in a Federal Law suit that is holding up the funding.

We need to get some signs up on Triangle Drive for No Parking on of road.

It was asked about the pothole on Birch St. They are planning to fix it, just waiting on weather.

IHD MOU-changed to a five year term.

Motion to approve the change

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

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Season weight restriction-exempted roads list update. There is a business looking to relocate on McNearney Road. What we have currently is Fed-Ex is an industrial road and operates on that Road. When they built that facility they helped pay half the costs to rebuild the road. Currently our seasonal weight restriction exempted roads list was from 2005 and does not include McNearney Road. McNearney at the time was a dirt farm road. The business that is looking to locate out there has heavy construction equipment and would not be able to move there if we were to keep seasonal restriction on that road. Planner would like to update the Ordinance to include McNearney Road in the exempted road list. He also suggested that we clean up the Ordinance since the speed and weight restrictions have changed. The quality of the road has a better section but he doubts that we will get twenty years out of it. Under no restrictions we would just have to be prepared to do more maintenance. There was more discussion on pros and cons. The nature of his business is that he would be making a lot fewer trips in the Winter and Spring months anyway. Not all of McNearney is paved and the non-paved part is graded annually anyway. Planner would like to put all of McNearney on the list. It was suggested that we do a workshop on the Ordinance and clean it up. That is an Industrial area that needs to have the ability to use that road. It was mentioned that cars and light trucks going the speed limit cause more damage than big trucks that go slow. Storm water system is more of an issue to that road than big trucks.

Should we try to make Neighbor Day a recurring event. Planner Brubaker went through the grant expenses on the event. We also received a number of local sponsors and donations. The expense of the event coordinator and the balloon rides are over ten thousand dollars and would not be an expense in the second year. Planner Brubaker thinks that we could do this again next year for six thousand dollars. What we have for next year is four thousand dollars carryover from the Friends of the Trail that they have already committed. So what Planner recommends is that the City commit up to two thousand from our community development budget. He has already talked to the LOR Foundation and they would be interested in supporting this again in a reduced manner. With the Council approval we will get started early. Council thinks lets go ahead.

Mayor Geiger asked about the Pend Oreille Bay Trail markers. Planner Brubaker received a bid to build ten (10) mile markers with posts for eight to twelve hundred dollars (\$800.00 - \$1,200.00). Those would be high grade 8 x 8 - 5' cedar posts. They probably cannot get them done before the ground freezes. This does not include installation. Consensus is that it is to expensive and they think we can do better.

Snow removal was discussed for sidewalks. City Hall has a new person scheduled to be here before we open every time it snows.

PUBLIC COMMENT: It was asked what is going on with the S&W sewer issues that was supposed to be taken care of by Oct. 31st. There was no new information from Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer Dist. on the late fees since it was not done by that date. We are giving him the option to attend one of the next two meeting Nov. 20th or Dec. 4th for the council to hear his appeal.

There was a complaint as to why the hole on Birch Street has not been fixed.

There was a complaint as to how much snow was in front of City Hall-Post Office last Friday after it showed.

Councilmember Osborne/Thompson to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:11 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren

Mayor Steve Geiger