



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18th 2017**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY MARSHALL, KAYLEIGH MILLER, CHIEF CORNELIUS, ENGINEER LARSON AND CLERK WARREN

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL, PLANNER BRUBAKER,

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council minutes for Dec. 4th, regular council meeting

B. Approve Bills in the amount of \$68,176.19

C. Acknowledge Police Report

D. Acknowledge Attorney 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 gave an overview of the Santa Sack Project last Saturday. We had four hundred fifty sacks for kids, seventy five for seniors and about a dozen for babies. He thanked everyone for helping packing, distributing, the use of the Trolley. We had over thirty five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) donated.

Mayor has a letter from Dan Smith regarding the complaint about people trespassing their property to get to the empty trailers that he has on his property.

Dan Smith said that he has moved most all those people that were staying the trailers. He intends to demolish the trailers. He is working on an easement to get to his property. He has talked to Lou Patrick and has agreed to allow access through the old wrecking yard at some point when he knows where the buildings will be going in. He has a verbal agreement with president of Lignetics to allow easement at this time. He is wanting to get it in writing.

Mayor talked to the council about the clean up at S&W. Mayor is hoping to see an action plan and see the place cleaned up. Our options are: We can decide that it is not a nuisance. We can go along with him on an action plan to abate the nuisance on a scheduled time frame. If the council finds that it is a nuisance and it is not cleaned up by a certain date that the City will take action at that point and we can move forward to do the actual clean up by a given date and then we can bill him. It was asked if it is any kind of a public hazard as it is right now? Trash, refrigerators, fire risk and it is not secure at all, so people can go in and the trailers themselves are not safe. What does the council think is a reasonable time frame to have it completed? It appears that he has had someone do some work since the last meeting.

S&W - Appeal & show cause: We got Mr. Wasick on the phone. He said that he had hired someone to go over there and board up all the trailers, windows and doors with plywood and make sure no one was living there and that the trailers were getting cleaned out and made secure. He apologized for the mess and the state of the trailers, He stressed that he was not being told the truth about what was being done. They have filled two dumpsters and hauled off since we last spoke. They also took all the appliances out. He has Dana Wood, who he feels is a very conscientious person, will be stopping in once a week and give him a report. It is his understanding that the trailers have been secured and the trash dealt with. He is working on getting a gate of some kind in there. Hopefully this will show that he is sincere about cleaning up. He has been talking to some people about demolishing the trailers for him. This is big project and it will take some time. He proposed that he could come back to us the end of January with some bids of how much it will cost and a time frame. Depending on how much the bids are, then he can give us an idea of what can be done within six months time.

The Attorney said that if the trailers are all boarded up, there can be no ingress/egress out of the trailers that this is a huge deal. From there we can look it at in terms of storage of those trailers and whether that constitutes a violation or not. The council would like to see the dumpster moved so it is not so visible from the road.

The Mayor said that he would like to see a gate installed but the police and fire need to have access. Get rid of all the appliances, trash, get the dumpster moved, stop people from going in there. Take care of the abandoned car. Take care of the trailer that was burned, trailers with caved in roofs, lean-tos and decks that are ready to fall down, and get rid of the worst of the issues. The Mayor said that we would like to see some significant action by April. We will talk again on January 22nd council meeting.

Mr. Wasick stated that hopefully when we talk on the 22nd that most of these things will be done. If something happens please call him and he will do what he can to take care of it.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Larson reported that Triangle Drive/Bonner Mall sidewalk is done. Bike lane signs are up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brad Mitton asked about the signs on the Pend Oreille Bay Trail. The signs have not gone up yet. Ethal Carter said it was an interesting trip through the trailer park (video). But the garbage behind the motel keeps growing and disappearing and growing again. She has fiberglass coming over the fence because the squirrels are nesting in the hot water tank which is open in one of the trailers.

Councilmember Kunzeman/Thompson to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 6:48 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren

Mayor Steve Geiger