



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4th 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, K

AYLEIGH MILLER, ENGINEER LARSON, MIKE VICTORINO AND CLERK WARREN

ABSENT: PLANNER BRUBAKER, CHIEF CORNELIUS

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Osmund-Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer- Spoke to the S&W and how things were going on getting the new lateral installed. Mr. Wasick has decided to hand trench a section of the new lateral that will be beside the trailer in order to avoid not having to remove the lean-to. Lipperts have received their 25% deposit, so are ready to go as soon as the hand digging is done. It was decided to make sure that we are talking about two different things, one being the trailer park, the other the Motel.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council minutes for Nov. 20th, regular council meeting

B. Approve Bills in the amount of \$6,281.71

C. Acknowledge Treasurers Report

Motion to approve consent agenda with the changes mentioned

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR: Mayor has been going to the "Y" Board meetings, which is a discussion on the Rec center that Sandpoint is in the beginning stages of trying to implement. He has been pitching our Field of Dreams and what the assets would be to this entire community. It always boils down to funding and how to come up with the millions of dollars to build an ice rink, field houses, tennis courts etc. One of the options was a local options tax. It would be hard sell for our City to participate in something that would be developed in Sandpoint. The other options were, a recreational taxing district, that could encompass doing something for Sandpoint or for Ponderay and may include other Cities. It seems that the preferred method would be capital campaign where they try to raise money from Foundations etc. They are looking at ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to do what they want to do.

Mayor went to Dr. Debenidetto's Wellness Center Open House last Wednesday. Real nice facility.

There is a letter of response from Dan Smith.

CLLERK: Bed Tax report is eighteen thousand five hundred ninety four dollars and fifty eight cents over last year (\$18,594.58).

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Larson reported on the triangle Drive/Bonner Mall Way sidewalk project we are trying to close out. They have a check list that they are going through.

S&W - Appeal & show cause: Mr. Wasick was on the speaker phone.

Mayor Geiger started out stating that we are not discussing the sewer issues at the Motel, the main concern will be the trailers. Mr. Wasick said that he would like to understand the nature of the components that are in the letter. According to his information the trailers have no power or water. He has been told that they are all locked and there is a gate to the park. He would like to know what we have seen and documented. So that he can understand what he needs to do to get into compliance.

Since the Mayor has been in office there have been complaints from the neighbors about trash coming over the fence, finding paraphernalia in yards, refrigerators not being secured, one trailer burned down and nothing has been done to clean that up or make it safe, there has been lots of garbage overflowing from the dumpsters. On the City clean up week we supplied a big dumpster and had it fully loaded dumped it and loaded it again. Mayor witnessed extension cords going over there from the Motel so it appeared that someone has been living in the trailers. We would like to see this moving along in the right direction so that it doesn't become a bigger hazard. We would just like to see the property cleaned up.

That is what he would like to do also. He is trying to sell it. The property currently is a negative cash flow. There is difficulty in getting it cleared off. He is dealing with the sewer issue, which is from our perspective, is something that he shouldn't have to do but he is being forced to do it for what he thinks are not very good reasons. When we had those two overflows, which were very small scale, despite reports to the contrary. We were forced to fix the sewer system because of a legal compliance issue. We are not too happy about it and it is costing us a lot of money for something that doesn't add value to the property at all. They are hoping, over the course of the next few months, to do some other things at the trailer park. They are trying to negotiate with a few different people for a very low price, the sale of the property. He has talked to Tom about keeping the trash picked up, there is hardly anyone living there at the moment, so there should be hardly any trash. He doesn't know how there can be so much trash since there is only three people living there. He thinks others may be using it as a dump.

Mayor said that when you look at these trailers they are pretty dilapidated. We as the City would just like to see that there is an action plan and that this will all be taken care of.

Mr. Wasick said that the trailers have no power and have all been padlocked. Once they get by the sewer issue and get into the new year we can start to set aside some money for trailer removal. We are in the middle of a cash crunch right now and are trying to save. We intend to clear the property off and that is all I can tell you. We are not planning on keeping the trailers. Right now we are replacing a sewer that has no need for replacement. We are shut down for no good reason. He feels that he is being singled out.

Mayor and council would like to have a plan of action by the meeting on the 18th. Mr. Wasick agreed to have an action plan by Dec. 18th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember Kunzeman/Thompson to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:22 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren

Mayor Steve Geiger