



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7th 2019**

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

**PRESENT: MAYOR STEVE GEIGER, COUNCILMEMBER McNEARNEY, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON**

**BY PHONE: COUNCIL MEMBER KUNZEMAN,**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY MARSHALL, CLERK WARREN, PLANNER BRUBAKER,**

**ABSENT: CHIEF CORNELIUS, ENGINEER HERNDEN , COUNCILMEMBER OSBORNE**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:**

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**MAYOR:** reminded everyone that he will be out of town from Jan 31<sup>st</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that Ponderay Kitchen is having its grand opening on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at the site of the old Hideaway Bar in the Bonner Mall from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Assoc. of Idaho Cities, Capital for a day is Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> in Boise. This morning he went to the Sandpoint Christian School and presented them with the one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) check for the walk challenge which he completed in October, for some playground equipment for the school.

**POLICE:** New schedule is in your binder. Our Police Department got some great Kudo's this past few weeks with our officers. Tim with Mountain metals sent us an e-mail thanking our officers for checking on his business. A door was found wide open and they contacted him and did a walk through to make sure nothing had been stolen.

Officer Trey Robillard got his picture in the paper, when he gave a couple of young people a Christmas gift from the Santa Sack project. The police department got some twenty five dollar (\$25.00) gift certificates and we were shown a video when Officer Kock presented an elderly woman a gift instead of a ticket. It was awesome. Thank you all for making Christmas special for others. Our Police Department has been in operation for twenty five years. We are taking ideas.

**AMEND AGENDA: *Motion to amend agenda:*** to add minutes from Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 regular meeting  
**Councilmember Thompson/McNearney. Roll Call vote. All voted in favor. Motion approved**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve Bill \$11,449.95**

**B. Acknowledge Treasurers Report**

**C. Approve Minutes for Nov 19, 2018 and Dec. 3, 2018 regular council meeting**

***Motion to approve consent agenda***

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

**CLERK: Approve Liquor Licenses:** Fiesta Bonita, Sandpoint Sports-Skol bar. There is only one outstanding and that is Babe's one stop. Charlotte has retired so they are getting all new information from the State and County first.

***Motion to approve Liquor Licenses:***

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

We are asking to surplus an our voice recorder that we are not using anymore.

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

Clerk Warren reported on the bed tax. We do not have December in yet but we are over last year by ninety one thousand three dollars and forty nine cents (\$91,003.49) We now have an agreement on #104 to get caught up.

**\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*Ordinance 2018-147, Zone Change Request**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PONDERAY, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO, CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION THEREOF.

**Councilmember McNearney/Kunzeman. Roll Call vote. Councilmember McNearney, Yes. Councilmember Kunzeman, Yes. Councilmember Thompson, No. Motion approved**

**\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*Resolution 2019 - 1 STATE/LOCAL AGREEMENT KOOTENAI CUTOFF ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

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

**PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Planner Brubaker gave an update on the City and the planning work and visioning and park planning in that neighborhood. We have been working on the Kootenai Cut-off Road a lot over the years. We are going to have expenses there in terms of upgrading the road to keep up with growth. In 2012-13 we conducted a City center and strategic plan.

**Ponderay Dog Park Project Presentation. Panhandle Animal Shelter Concept Design and Fundraising Plan.**

Mandy Evans-Panhandle Animal Shelter: This property is owned by the Shelter, someday they may want to do something else with it and this park will allow the land to be productive and still be available for development in the future. The community has been begging for an off leash dog park. Our priority aligns with the Cities priorities. Mayor Geiger wrote a letter of support for us for a grant that we did receive. Pet Safe grant was for twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) Rotary, Laughing Dog and other Ponderay Businesses are interest in helping establish this dog park. We have over twenty businesses that are willing to do in kind donations of labor or product or discounted donations to support the park. Our commitment is, we have dedicated hours into the planning, writing the grant, we are doing fundraisers. We will build the park using the donated funds. The value of that park right now is one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) We will allow public access to our bathrooms, use of our parking, we will cover the cost of the security lighting in the park. We would like to partner with Ponderay to host events and activities in the park to bring people in. What we would like for Ponderay is we would lease the park to you so you can put the park on your insurance. She introduced Steve Nybank who is the project manager. We have created the park to be as maintenance as possible. The ground cover will be a pea gravel which helps with drainage. The park would require garbage pickup and some snow removal. It is twenty eight thousand four hundred sq. ft. (28,400 sq ft) a fenced in space that is ADA compliant. There is a small and big dog yard. The entrance and exits are all catch pens. The safety lighting will be a low setting and if somebody shows up it would go on higher but it can go off at night. This would also allow the police, if they did see the lights on, they would be alerted to go check it out. There will be a walking path around the park that would connect the back of the park to Kootenai Cut-off Road and the new pathway. We are keeping part of the berm from the storage unit that we are currently working on, so that there is a buffer between the dogs at the shelter and the ones in the park. Steve Nybank showed us his concepts. There was conversation.

***Motion to adjourn.***

**Councilmember Thompson/McNearney.**

**Meeting adjourned 7:07 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

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Mayor Steve Geiger