



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
February 16th, 2021**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Geiger, Councilmember McNearney, Councilmember Mitton, Councilmember Osborne

ALSO, PRESENT: Clerk Warren, Attorney Marshall, Deputy Clerk Peterson, Planning Director Brubaker, Engineer Shaw

ABSENT: Chief Cornelius, Councilmember Thompson, Planner Miller

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

Mayor Geiger acknowledged the conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Bills \$ 102,816.67

B. Approve January 28th, 2021 Special Meeting, and February 1st, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

C. Acknowledge Attorney Report

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember McNearney/Mitton. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES –

MAYOR: Mayor Geiger stated Spring is upon us and we need to start thinking about a City Clean-up Day. Mayor also mentioned that if any businesses were reaching the \$300 business license renewal fee/penalty, he would not mind following up with them. He also asked if 104 was staying caught up, Clerk Warren replied January's will be due in a few days. Mayor stated we will be receiving a new heating and cooling unit, and Ting is really close to coming in. Planner Brubaker said they have been in contact and if its possible have an opening ceremony or virtual ribbon cutting.

CLERK: Clerk Warren spoke about our Insurance renewal. The only increase was with Regence. LifeMap and Delta Dental had no change. Taylor Insurance stated if there were no changes, this was our best policy. Councilmember Mitton mentioned when you offer good benefits, good wages, and for retention we should stay with what we offer, he appreciates all who work for the city.

Motion to Approve the renewal of Regence, LifeMap, and Delta Dental Insurance Policies.

Councilmember Mitton/Osborn. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

POLICE:

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS: Project Updates

- Engineer Shaw gave updates regarding the culverts that need replaced. He has been in contact with IHD and Union Pacific.
- Field of Dreams – he has given a set of plans to Planning, and they are going over turf types. He was contacted by the military; they will not be able to do construction in early summer. Late summer may be a possibility. He anticipates building the fields and majority of the roads but would like to wait and see what their position is. He also recommends, if the military can not start construction this year, wait till next year as it would save a lot of money. Councilmember McNearney asked if there was a way, we could show the community progress to

express our seriousness. Engineer Shaw said we can definitely find something to do, putting up some signage, fencing, and start road work.

- They have put together a set of plans for Kootenai Cutoff Road, including pavement rehabilitation.
- Urban Area Transportation Plan – we received a notice from LHTAC that the RFQ will go out soon. This joint project includes Ponderay, Sandpoint, Dover, Kootenai, Independent Highway District and now Bonner County. A consultant will hold an open house, get input from Council and residents on what projects we view as important. Once our Urban Area Transportation plan is put in, it is good for 4 years, and it will allow us to go after Urban grants.
- Ped Ramp Grants – working with Planner Miller and Planner Brubaker.
- Ting Road Issues – Potholes have been filled.
- Surplus Eliminator Funds – No new news, currently looking at \$60 to \$80 million to locals through LHTAC, not sure how it will look when it goes through Legislation. Could happen a couple of different ways either everyone will get a small \$100 thousand dollar grant, or they will continue to pick projects until funding runs out.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Planner Brubaker commented about the demolition of property on Oak St. Thank you, Attorney Marshall.
- We have been able to make progress with our addressing protocols with the County updating their GIS system. We have been able to get EMS addresses on new developments, such as The Retreat. Planner Brubaker has reached out to Innovate. They have a group of students from Spokane Community College that are looking for a project. They ended up selecting street sign inventory, they will also look at the residential addresses, and take our greenbelts and pathways map and create a GIS layer. This will give us a couple GIS improvements at no cost to the city.
- Community Event Bike Rodeo – Elks Golf Course has a grant and if we can provide a solid proposal, they could provide bike helmets for the kids. He proposed Saturday May 22nd for the event but could tie it together with another event.
- Councilmember Mitton asked if there was anything the city could do to block alley ways to keep folk from going down them and tearing them up when it is muddy. There was discussion amongst Council, Planning will work on a solution.
- Mayor Geiger asked to have further discussion later in the year regarding the Field of Dreams/PAC lease and he also noted a green card needs to be sent to a business that may be operating without a business license.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS: BOCC Special Meeting Agenda for February 12th, 2021. Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District Agenda for February 8th, Sandpoint Minutes for January 20th, Bonner County Minutes for January 19th, and 26th.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Councilmember Mitton mentioned he has received great comments from residents in Ponderay about Officer Deal. Thank you, Officer Deal!

Councilmember Osborne/McNearney
Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger