



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
April 5th, 2021**

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Clerk Warren, Chief Cornelius, Attorney Marshall, Planning Director Brubaker, Engineer Shaw

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk Peterson, Planner Miller

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

Mayor Geiger acknowledged the conflict of interest and disclosures statement. Councilmember Mitton disclosed he would not be making any decisions regarding Northside Fire Impact Fees, as it would be a conflict of interest.

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Bills \$ 18,650.42
- B. Approve March 15th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Mayor Geiger noted a correction to be made in the School House Remodel minutes, as they will include Construction Administration.
- C. Acknowledge Treasurer's Report

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes as amended.

Councilmember Thompson/Osborne. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES –

MAYOR:

- Ting is close to completion in Ponderay.
- Mayor Geiger noted the graffiti around Popsicle Bridge and repairs will take place soon
- **ACTION ITEM: Northside Fire Impact Fees** – Anne Wescott with Galena Consulting presented Northside Fire Impact Fees Study and Capital Improvement Plan. These updates are required by Statute. Currently the District serves the population of the City of Ponderay, the City of Kootenai, and a portion of unincorporated Bonner County. The District has approximately 8,608 persons residing within its service boundary. They have calculated impact fees for the Northside Fire District at \$785 per residential unit and \$0.39 per nonresidential square foot. There was discussion pertaining to their survey feedback.

Motion to Approve the Northside Fire Impact Fees.

Councilmember Osborne/McNearney. Roll Call Vote. Councilmember Thompson also in Favor. Motion Approved.

It should be noted Councilmember Mitton did not vote due to conflicts of interest.

CLERK:

- Clerk Warren stated we have received the preliminary budget calendar from the County, our tentative budget approval will be held on August 2nd, and our Budget Hearing is set for August 16th.
- Wendy's will be breaking ground on April 19th!

POLICE:

- Chief Cornelius clarified on the recent newspaper article regarding Sgt. Deal.
- He then read a Letter of Commendation to both Sgt. Deal and Officer Simeral relating to an incident that had taken place on the Pack River Bridge. We appreciate your honor and service. Both were awarded certificates of appreciation.
- Officer Simeral recognized a member of our community, on a different incident that occurred near the Fairbridge Inn. Cameron Thrall, thank you for being an outstanding citizen!
- Mayor Geiger thanked everyone, as did Councilmember Mitton.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

- Engineer Shaw gave updates regarding the Schoolhouse project; Field of Dreams, Upcoming road repairs and striping, and the hole forming in front of the Fire Station.
- He is working with ITD on intersection detail at Highway 95 and the Field of Dreams Road.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- **ACTION ITEM: 479 Birch Street Surplus Items** – Surplus of items that were left behind from previous owners.

Motion to Approve the Surplus of all items at 479 Birch Street excluding mobile home.

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

- **ACTION ITEM: Lakeshore Connection Project – Build Grant State & Local Agreement #23096.**

Motion to Approve the Lakeshore Connection Project – Build Grant State & Local Agreement #23096.

Councilmember Osborne/Thompson. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

- Mayor Geiger mentioned to Council that with the growth of our city, Planning is looking to expand by adding another individual, as well as the police department in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

- Spot Minutes for February 18th; Lake Pend Oreille School District Minutes for March 18th; Sandpoint Minutes for February 17th and March 3rd; Bonner County Minutes for March 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilmember Mitton asked about the compliance issue on Oak Street, Planner Brubaker and Attorney Marshall will be following up with the property owners since it is still not resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Public comment from Su Warren. She thanked the City of Ponderay for removing the Cottonwood trees behind her house.

Councilmember Osborne/Thompson

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger