



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Deputy Clerk Peterson, Planner Miller

**ABSENT:** Engineer Shaw

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

**AMEND AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Bills \$ 4,227.88
- B. Approve April 19th, 2021 regular Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Acknowledge Treasurer's Report

***Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.***

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES –**

**MAYOR:**

- Mayor Geiger met with Tim from Mountain Metals, and he is going to donate all the equipment and labor force to repair the rails and bridge at Popsicle Bridge. We hope to work with IHD or HMH and remove the old sections of railing. Thank you, Tim!!
- Harbison Field needs mowing – Planner Brubaker noted there were Lacrosse teams using the fields and would check with them.
- Mayor received a call from one of the residents, relating to Ting's handy work.
- Last Saturday, Mayor Geiger, Rob and Dan spent 5 hours mowing, weed eating, and cleaning up trash from the center medians along Highway 95. While cleaning up, many people showed their appreciation. Thank you - Mayor Geiger, Rob & Dan for making Ponderay look GREAT!!
- Water tanks have been filled at the Gateway Sign for watering plants. Thank you - Northside Fire!!

**CLERK:**

- Clerk Warren stated we have received \$226,000 in Sales Tax income for the month of March and noted the Bed Tax was still \$20,000 short from last year. 104 and 105 are still behind.
- Clerk Warren read a Proclamation from the Regional 1 Behavior Health Board; May is Mental Health Awareness month.

**POLICE:**

- Chief stated that Ting will be bringing fiber to the PD tomorrow.
- Currently have 12 applicants for the open patrol position, and testing will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

**STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Reviewed two stripping bids. Per an email from Engineer Shaw, he recommended Selkirk Sealcoat.

**PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Updates:**

- Weed Spraying – we will be spraying again this year and have a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to participate.
- McNearney Park – Water is on, and bathrooms are open.

- Build Grant – RFP has been sent out by Idaho Transportation Department, it has been published for Engineering Firms around the region to put in and our schedule has been set. All proposals should be submitted by May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Brownfield Cleanup – A draft will be sent out to City Council next week by the City, we are the lead on the Brownfield cleanup. Hope to have it finalized by the next Council Meeting.
- **ACTION ITEM: Appeal, File SP21-069, Condition of Approval A-7** – Planner Miller stated on April 21<sup>st</sup>, Planning Commission heard a site plan request from True Value Investment Group, LLC. They proposed several dedications as part of an RV Park design. During the review, Planning & Zoning Commission added an additional Condition of Approval that was above and beyond what Staff's recommendation was, and it required the owner prior to site disturbance to dedicate an additional 30 feet that would run north and south along the property and it would be to the satisfaction of the City Staff. After the Public Hearing, the Applicant's representative reached out to Staff and had indicated that it was excessive for them to dedicate the additional 30 feet. Therefore, they are appealing the one Condition to the City Council and asked for it to be removed.

**Motion to Grant Appeal SP21-069 to remove Condition of Approval A-7.**

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

- City Cleanup is May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 3:30 pm. Nazarene Church will have a BBQ in Triangle Park.
- Ponderay Bike Rodeo will be Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm at McNearney Park.
- Birch Street – Sandpoint Water will be getting the water disconnected, and Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District is working on transfer documents and disconnects. There are some fees associated with the disconnects.
- Ponderay Neighbor Day is scheduled for September 18th.

**\*\*\*\*\*Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, subsection 1-a**

- a) To consider hiring a public officer, staff member or individual agent.

**Motion to enter Executive Session per ID Code 74-206 1-a.**

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

**Entered Executive Session at 6:22 pm.**

**Left Executive Session at 7:12 pm.**

- **ACTION ITEM: Staffing Restructure**

**Motion to Approve Mayor Geiger to have the ability to present an offer for hiring a new position.**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

- SPOT Agenda for April 15<sup>th</sup> and minutes for March 18<sup>th</sup>; Bonner County Minutes for March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and April 13<sup>th</sup>; Lake Pend Oreille School District Minutes for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Councilmember Mitton/Thompson  
Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

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Mayor Steve Geiger