



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
June 1st, 2020**

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Attorney Marshall, Planner Brubaker, Engineer Shaw, Planner Miller, Deputy Clerk Peterson

ABSENT: Clerk Warren

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

Mayor Geiger acknowledged conflict of interest and disclosures statement.

AMEND AGENDA: Mayor asked to amend the agenda to discuss the Elm Street Overlay.

Motion to approve and amend the agenda to discuss Elm Street Overlay

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Bills \$32,887.11

B. Acknowledge Treasurers Report

C. Approve minutes of May 4th, 2020, regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR: Mayor Geiger went to 104 and spoke with a nephew. 104 should be coming in this week to resolve the situation. His final day is June 15th. Mayor Geiger also said he and the owner of Selkirk Power Generation mowed the medians and picked up lots of trash. He also mentioned some folks were interested in using Harbison Field for youth football. Mayor spent 4.5 hours mowing the field. Lastly, the comment mentioned in the last meeting regarding the property across from the golf course on highway 200, has been mowed but they do have lots of vehicles, including boats. Mayor would like to know if this is permissible.

CLERK: Deputy Clerk Peterson stated we have received \$206,943.71 from the local option sales tax for April. Mayor Geiger stated bed tax for April was 6,011.42.

A. Service Agreement with Access Idaho for electronic transactions

Deputy Clerk Peterson spoke about a Service agreement with Access Idaho to be able to accept credit/debit cards for payment from customers. There is no cost to the City. The fees will be passed on to the customer at 3% plus a \$1.00 per transaction. Access Idaho has supplied the card terminals for processing payments.

Motion to approve the Service Agreement with Access Idaho for processing electronic transactions

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

POLICE: Chief Cornelius stated they have two applicants; they will be interviewed on June 2nd. One of the applicants is from southern Idaho, and the other from Texas. Both have previous experience. Chief would like Council to consider both applicants to hire if both passed, due to Ponderay's significant growth.

A. Upgrade Internet Services

The Ponderay Police department is using microwave technology-based internet that is shared with the County. According the County's IT dept they will be doing away with it, although the date is not certain, it will happen. Chief had done some research with local companies, Fatbeam and Ting. Ting was more cost effective as they will be moving down that side of Highway 95. The only upfront costs would be a \$9.00 registering fee. Speeds are 1000 megabytes/second. Installation

and hookup would be at no cost and the monthly charge would be close to \$160.00. The router would be the only other additional cost which can be rented at \$9.00 per month or purchased for \$199.00.

Motion to approve internet service upgrades at the Ponderay Police Department
Councilmember Thompson/Osborne. Roll Call Vote. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS: Engineer Shaw had given updates on the Anvil Pathway, Field of Dreams, Triangle Drive, Cedar Ave, and the Wal-Mart Spot Bus Stop. Regarding Cedar Ave, construction was supposed to begin Thursday but was bumped to Monday. The construction plan is to strip the pavement, then address the laterals, and repave. Construction should only take 30 to 45 days. Planner Miller then said once Cedar Ave is complete, we would like to see Elm Street overlaid. Wood's Crushing has gotten us a bid and was able to lower the price per ton which brought the bid to \$42,630.00. Elm is a high traffic road and by overlaying the street we are hoping to extend the life by 10 years, as a temporary fix for the mean time. This will be added to the next Agenda as an Action Item, she just wanted Council to be aware.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Planner Miller had mentioned they had a meeting with the Friends of the Ponderay Bay Trail regarding the Brownfield Clean-up. They have decided to give the clean-up a name and will be referred to as the Front Yard Project. Public Outreach is a challenge and has been limited. The Technical Assistance Program would be committing a \$35,000.00 program. \$12,000.00 would be on the City and \$23,000.00 would be provided by them. These funds would be for market analysis and for hosting public events. Regarding the Build Grant Planner Brubaker received letters of support from Burlington Northern, and Sage Dixon. Thank you! \$400,000.00 has been received from the Lore Foundation for the initial Field of Dreams project.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS: We have received SPOT Bus minutes for April 16th, Sandpoint minutes from May 20th, and Bonner County minutes from May 5th and May 12th.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

A. Anvil Trail – Resolution for IDPR Maintenance Commitment Updates

This resolution is to satisfy Idaho Parks and Recreation. If the property owner revokes the easement, we will relocate the trail onto ITD right of way. There has been a decision of using gravel on the property owner's easement instead of pavement. There is still concern from Council about the revocable easement.

Motion to Approve Resolution for IDPR Maintenance Commitment
Councilmember McNearney/Osborn. Roll Call Vote. Three in Favor. Motion Approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Council was asked to review the 2020-2021 Budget, as discussion will take place at a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chief Cornelius thanked Planner Brubaker for the mile markers on the Bay Trail and noted that there was graffiti on the underpass.

Councilmember Mitton/McNearney.
Meeting adjourned 7:09 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger