



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
July 5th, 2023**

MAYOR GEIGER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

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

ALSO, PRESENT: City Clerk Peterson, Attorney Marshall, Planning Director Miller, City Engineer Tadic

ABSENT: Parks & Community Dev. Director Brubaker, Chief Cornelius

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor Geiger
 - Reschedule July 3rd, 2023, Council Meeting to Wednesday July 5th, 2023.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1) Approve Bills \$33,920.98.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES

MAYOR:

- Mayor Geiger
 - Anonymous Public Complaints/Concern and Executive Sessions
 - Public Comment
 - Jessie Demers, 180 Emerald Rd, Ponderay, Idaho 83852
 - Idaho Code/Executive Session Clarification
 - Written Comments/Complaints are Public Record.
 - Talking to the Mayor or a Councilmember is not a Public Record.
 - Executive Sessions are for issues tied to a Public Official or Staff Member.

CLERK:

POLICE:

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

- City Engineer Tadic gave project updates.
 - Popsicle Bridge
 - Paving and striping complete
 - LHTAC Grant Posted
 - McNearney
 - Field of Dreams
 - Started Cleaning/Grubbing
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony
 - Tentative date - July 21st, 2023.

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- City Planner Miller gave project updates.

- Oak Street Sewer Laterals
 - Starting Monday July 10th, 2023
- Overlay Estimates
 - 7th Street, 6th Street, Oak Street, 5th Street to Elm, remainder of 5th Street.

- **ACTION ITEM** UP23-098 – Walmart Real Estate Business Trust, Special Use Permit, Retail Space over 20,000 sq ft.

Open the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

No Conflicts or Disclosures.

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Presented the Planning Staff Report and Staff Recommendation.
 - Read in Comments for the Record.

No Comments/Questions by Council.

Presentation by Applicant Representative.

- Geoff Solomonson, Walmart

No Comments/Questions.

Public Testimony/Comments.

- Neutral
 - Sherry Blood, 338 Cedar Street, Ponderay Idaho 83852
- Opposed

Final Question and Comments.

- Councilmember Larkin
 - Sidewalk/Bus Stop

Closed Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Motion to Approve UP23-098, requesting special use permit approval for retail space in excess of 20,000 square feet and the proposed site plan modification in the commercial zone of Ponderay, finding that the project is in accord with the applicable sections of Ponderay City Code as enumerated in the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the staff report, and based upon the evidence submitted up to the time the staff report was prepared, and testimony received at this hearing. I further move to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law and conditions of approval as noted by City Planner Miller in the staff report.

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

- ~~**ACTION ITEM** North Idaho Ice, North Wilderness, LLC, and North Wilderness Foundation Rink Discussion~~
 - Moved to August

- **ACTION ITEM** Street Name Selection. "Bonner Mall Access Road"

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Road Name Options

Questions By Council.

Motion to Approve Calling the County Road Tansey.

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

- ~~**ACTION ITEM** Reconsideration of the Rotary Peace Pole~~
 - No Action Taken/Denied

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- FY 23-24 Budget Workshop

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember Larkin/McNearney
Meeting Adjourned 7:25 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger