



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 4<sup>th</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:** City Clerk Warren, Chief Cornelius, Attorney Marshall, Deputy Clerk, Planning Director Miller

**ABSENT:** Parks & Community Dev. Director Brubaker, City Engineer Shaw

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

**AMEND AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Bills \$ 12078.29
- B. Approve September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Acknowledge Police Report
- D. Acknowledge Treasurer's Report

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

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES**

**MAYOR:**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Bonner County Addressing MOU

***Motion to Approve the Bonner County Addressing MOU.***

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

- Mayor Geiger stated we have started the new budget year. Santa Sack project will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**CLERK:**

- City Clerk Warren noted 2022 Business License and Liquor License applications will be going out in the next week. Planner Miller noted she will be including a signage brochure to be sent out as well. Clerk Warren stated 104 has paid bed tax through July and will be contacting 100 as they are behind. It was decided as of November 1<sup>st</sup> interest and penalties will be charged on late sales tax payments, a note was included in the packet that was sent out. Sales tax received for August was \$251,501.91.

**POLICE:**

- Chief Cornelius stated the application period for the open position is now closed, they have 13 applicants and will start testing on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:**

**PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

- Councilmember McNearney voiced a concern about the removal of Chestnut trees in the neighborhood that were in city right-of-way. He noted he spoke with Planner Brubaker and a policy or ordinance would be created to preserve the older trees. It was recommended that the policy or ordinance be reviewed by Planning and Zoning prior going to the City Council.

- **ACTION ITEM: Vouk Memorandum of Agreement, Stormwater Facilities**
- Purpose – The parties desire to work together in a private/public informal partnership to improve stormwater drainage in the Bonner Mall/Triangle Drive area of the City of Ponderay.

**Motion to Approve Vouk Memorandum of Agreement, Stormwater Facilities.**

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

- **ACTION ITEM: Long Trust Development Agreement**
- Project Benefits – Creation of a secondary route in and out of the neighborhood for the Mountain View residents and emergency personnel.

**Motion to Approve the Long Trust Development Agreement.**

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

- **ACTION ITEM: Copper Basin Development Agreement**
- Construction of a street connection to Triangle Drive for traffic circulation.

**Motion to Approve the Copper Basin Development Agreement.**

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

- **ACTION ITEM: UP20-058, Aldercreek Townhomes, Modification**
- Site plan modification and conditions of approval, regarding the project greenspace requirements and allowable parking requirements. This site plan modification will remove Condition B-8 and approve the installation of the additional parking spaces. Planner Miller then stated she would like to amend or note that Condition A-5 would allow them to construct the connector street either from the site to Triangle Drive or in the southerly location as discussed earlier.

**Motion to Approve to adopt File UP20-058, Aldercreek Townhomes, Modification, and strike Condition B-8 and modify Condition A-5 to allow for flexibility in the location.**

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

- **ACTION ITEM: Field of Dreams Community Ice Rink**

Planner Miller spoke how she would like to see a pop-up holiday skating rink that would introduce the community to ice skating and get a feel for what the interest would be. She spoke with a group called North Idaho Ice (NII) that are interested in not just hockey but also by providing ice sports to the community of Ponderay. NII has created a 501(c)(3) in hopes to raise funding and make this dream a reality. Planner Miller has been working with this group and brought forward a couple different low-cost rink options. One option was a used hockey rink that \$9500.00 and located in Minnesota, and roughly \$3,000 in transportation to get it here. Planner Miller was hopeful to get it here in time to set it up at Harbison Field this year and then would relocate to the Field of Dreams the next year. The rink options provided were not full hockey sized, only to be used for teaching and skating. NII is willing to donate their time and labor for setup and tear down and would volunteer to keep the ice maintained during the winter months. If the rink is on city property, the City would carry liability insurance. There was further discussion regarding refrigeration, when it would be open, placement at the Field of Dreams, lighting setup and other rink options that may be available.

**Motion to Approve moving forward with the used rink facility up to \$15,000.00 or to bring back other rink options up to \$50,000.00.**

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

- Lake Pend Oreille School District minutes for July 13<sup>th</sup> & July 27<sup>th</sup>; Bonner County minutes for September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

c. To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

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

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

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

**Left Executive Session at 7:27 pm.**

**Motion to allow Mayor Geiger to make an offer on real property owned by a private entity.**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Councilmember Osborne/McNearney**

**Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

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Mayor Steve Geiger