



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
November 1st, 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, Attorney Marshall, Parks & Community Dev. Director Brubaker

ABSENT: City Engineer Shaw, Planning Director Miller, Chief Cornelius, Deputy Clerk Peterson

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Councilmember Mitton stated he received a phone call regarding a vicious dog across the street from his home. His brother was attacked by this dog. He asked Attorney Marshall if there was anything we could do at the city level as the family has been cited twice. He is a concerned for others safety who may be walking. Attorney Marshall noted that usually with a dog at large nothing can be done, but there may be with aggressive behavior, he was going to discuss with Officer Robillard.
- Clerk Warren gave kudos to Joe and his wife for helping push their boat into the garage over the weekend.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Bills \$ 123,333.74
- B. Approve October 4th, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Acknowledge Police Report
- D. Acknowledge Treasurer's Report

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES

MAYOR:

- Mayor Geiger stated he and a couple of others went out and picked up trash in the median on the highway, and he and Rob mowed again. He noted he had completed the walking challenge; he went about 225 miles and 493,000 steps! Great Job Mayor!
- Councilmember McNearney spoke about the site plan protocol. He noted with the current ordinance in place, a site plan must go in front of the Planning & Zoning Commission before a building permit can be issued. Staff stated it was possible to do an administrative review of a site plan. He voiced his concerns with the delay in the process. Parks & Community Dev. Director Brubaker noted the current process of a site plan. Currently Planning does have the administrative capability and will move forward with a draft to amend/change the current code to discuss at a later date.

CLERK:

- City Clerk Warren shared the Local Option Sales tax amount for September which was \$249,458.74. Bed tax update – 104 and 102 are behind. Bed tax is \$127,568.97 over last year, at this time.

POLICE:

- Mayor noted being involved with the patrol officer interviews, there was a total of six. Of those, there were two or three possible candidates.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Field of Dreams – First committee meeting was held. One of the things mentioned was building structures in the next phase. The need to have a covered building is a high priority for winter athletes. The need to narrow down the phase one option is to focus on the south end of the field, they want to get it right. HMM is going to engage landscape architect Del Hatch, he has done a lot of work on sports fields as well as Memorial Field.
- Build Grant – Is in the final scoping process, which is a negotiation of the contractors. Amanda with LHTAC, is doing the administration of this grant for us. Matt with Welch Comer will be attending a Council meeting soon.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

Entered Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

Left Executive Session at 7:15 pm.

Motion to exit Executive Session per ID Code 74-206 1-c-f.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Osman (Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District) – He noted they had developers stop in a couple of months ago with potential plots for a golf course and camper sites and wanted to know how involved the sewer district was going to be. He was curious if Staff had heard anything. Parks & Community Dev. Director Brubaker noted that Planner Miller would be in contact with the sewer district. Mr. Osman wanted to note load restrictions that are coming down on the district by discharging into Boyer Slough, the EPA and DEQ are continuing to ratchet down reserve restrictions down and making it difficult on the district. The district has a couple different options they are looking at, one is building a new plant. This will be a huge cost, and even if they can get State funding it would still be a huge burden on the district. User rates could near \$100 per residence. If it is possible for the district to build a plant, partially funded by a development like that, to treat the water up to level A, so it could be used for irrigation they could treat the water and pump it back, and the amount of water we could sell back to the golf course for irrigation or even Field of Dreams could be a huge mutually benefit between the city, the development and KPSD. Those hookups could fund the treatment, it could partially subsidize the installation of the treatment process and create irrigation water.
- Rick Larkin asked about the last meeting regarding the ice rink. Mayor Geiger responded that we did move forward with the purchase of the ice-skating rink.

**Councilmember Mitton/Thompson
Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Su Warren-Brown

Mayor Steve Geiger