



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
January 6th, 2025**

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: Chief Cornelius, City Clerk Peterson, Planning Director Miller, Attorney Marshall

ABSENT:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Denise Mills, 259 Orchid Loop
 - Ice Rink
 - Loud – Base of the music.
 - Time Frame
- Judy Gariepy, 271 Orchid Loop
 - Ice Rink
 - The music is loud.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$114,731.91.
- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes for November 4th and November 18th, 2024.
- 3) Approve Meeting Minutes for December 16th, 2024.
- 4) Acknowledge Police Report.
- 5) Approve 2025 Liquor Licenses
 - Farmhouse Kitchen BBQ
 - Fiesta Bonita
 - Sandpoint Elks Lodge
 - SpringHill Suites of Sandpoint

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR:

- Mayor Geiger
 - Home Depot
 - Local Option Sales Tax

CLERK:

- Updates
 - Bed Tax
 - 104 Behind - Letter
 - Sales Tax
 - October \$305,548.47
 - Still waiting on the Audit.
 - Skate Rink Revenue
 - In the green.
 - USPS behind on rent.

- Santa Sack
 - \$5,500.00 in donations.

POLICE:

- Chief Cornelius gave updates.
 - Dog intake.
 - Position is still open.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- City Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Ice Rink
 - \$85,281.02 to date.
 - 6500 Skaters
 - Build Grant Extension
 - June 19th, 2026.
- **ACTION ITEM** Kootenai Ponderay Sewer District out of bounds agreement relating to the Field of Dreams.

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

Motion to Approve Kootenai Ponderay Sewer District out of bounds agreement.

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

- **ACTION ITEM** Dawns Acres – Bond Release

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- **\$9,987.50**

Motion to Approve Dawns Acres Bond Release.

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

- **Ponderay Aquatic Center Endowment Presentation**

Presentation by Michael DeBenedetto.

- **Included a Slide Show.**
- **Discussion followed.**
- **Would like an MOU with the City.**

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **ACTION ITEM** Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-a.
 - a. To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. (Does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general)

Motion to Enter Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-a.

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

Entered Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Motion to Exit Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-a.

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

Left Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

Councilmember Thompson/Larkin

Meeting Adjourned 6:33 p.m.