



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**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:** Attorney Marshall, Chief Kaufman, Planning Director Miller, Deputy Clerk Van Den Berg

**ABSENT:** City Clerk Peterson

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

**AMEND AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Approve Bills \$109,719.78
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- 3) Acknowledge Police Report
- 4) Approve Liquor License
  - Café 95 Ponderay

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

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

**MAYOR**

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
  - Out of town February 3<sup>rd</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**CLERK**

- Deputy Clerk gave updates.
  - Kootenai Health remains in Regence Network.

- **ACTION ITEM** Waste Management 2026 Rate Schedule

***Motion to Approve the Waste Management 2026 Rate Schedule.***

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

**POLICE:**

- Chief Kaufman update.
  - Picking up new Patron vehicle tomorrow.
  - Huptich on front page Daily Bee.

**STREETS, PARKS, PLANNING, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

- Planner Miller gave updates.

- Neighbor Day date selection.
  - August 29, 2026
- BNSF weighs in on the Underpass.
  - Design to include 4<sup>th</sup> track.
  - Move signage away from the track.

- **ACTION ITEM** No Motorized Vehicle Signage

**Presentation by Planning Director Miller.**

- McNearney Park / Field of Dreams
  - No Dirt Bikes, Electric Bikes including E-Bikes.
  - Another Bike rack near the road.

**Motion to purchase No Motorized Vehicle Signage.**

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

- **ACTION ITEM** Acquisition of Northside Fire District Real Property

**Presentation by Planning Director Miller.**

- \$270,000.00 – February 5<sup>th</sup> closing date.

**Questions/Comments**

**Councilmember Mitton**

- Idaho Statue, Title 31 Chapter 14 Fire Protection 31-14-20
- Attorney Marshall reviewed and all looked good.

**Motion to Approve the Acquisition of Northside Fire District Real Property.**

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

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **ACTION ITEM** Executive Session – ID 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 – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-c.**

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

**Entered Executive Session at 5:46 p.m.**

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

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

**Left Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.**

**Councilmember Larkin/Thompson.**

**Meeting Adjourned 5:53 p.m.**