



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
March 2nd, 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: Chief Kaufman, Planning Director Miller, Attorney Marshall, Deputy Clerk Van Den Berg

ABSENT: City Clerk Peterson

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$181,394.60
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from February 2nd, & 17th, 2026.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MAYOR

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
 - Out of town next meeting.
- Discussion – Ice Rink, Denise Mills
 - Base Boost Option – Turn it off.
 - Mayor Geiger
 - Music is off at 8:00 p.m.
 - Order a new speaker with no base boost option.

CLERK

- Deputy Clerk Van Den Berg gave updates.
 - January Bed Tax and LOT Revenue
 - Bed Tax - Approximately \$55,000.00
 - LOT - Approximately \$207,000.00

- ****Action Item**** Easter Egg Parade & Hunt, Emily, and Ivy Jeffres

Presentation by Emily & Ivy Jeffres.

- Saturday, April 4th, 2025.
 - 9:35 a.m. Line up 5th and Birch
 - 9:45 a.m. Walk to Park on 2nd Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Egg hunt begins.
 - 10:10 a.m. Egg hunt is over.
 - 10:30 a.m. all cleaned up.

- Invited the Ponderay Police Department to lead the parade and Fire Department to follow.

Motion to Approve Easter Egg Parade & Hunt.

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

POLICE:

- Chief Kaufman gave updates.
 - Second new Patrol vehicle is in the shop getting equipped.
 - Looking for a K-9 Vehicle.

STREETS, PARKS, PLANNING, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Maintenance list
 - Storyboards up at McNearney Park
 - City Clean-up Day
 - May 31st, 2026
 - Bird Boxes at Field of Dreams
 - TJ Max is coming to Ponderay.
 - Schoolhouse update
- ****Action Item**** Memorandum of Agreement, PSRC Site (Black Rock)

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Three additional signs on the Trail within one mile of the Brownfield site.
 - History of the Kalispel Tribe
 - History of the creation of Lake Pend Oreille
 - History of the Railroad
- Archaeology monitors on site during construction.
 - Army Corp can cover five-week duration at no charge.
 - We will need to hire an archaeologist to cover additional time.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Agreement, PSRC Site (Black Rock)

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

- ****Action Item**** Resolution 2026-03 Idaho Gem Grant Application (PACE) **TABLED**

Discussion led by Mayor Geiger.

Questions/Comments

- Councilmember Larkin, Councilmember Thompson
 - Job Creation – Makes us not eligible.
 - Twenty percent required match.
- Councilmember McNearney
 - Jobs created at the Pool and Ice Rink.
 - PACE paying the 20% match?
- Mayor Geiger
 - Grant Applications submission dates.
 - March, June, September, December.

Motion to Table Resolution 2026-03, Idaho Gem Grant Application.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Councilmember Larkin/Thompson
Meeting Adjourned 6:00 p.m.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger