



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
May 5th, 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:

- Joan Hull, 355 5th Street, Ponderay, Idaho
 - Who appoints the Chief of Police?
 - Mayor responded, "You'll find out in my updates."
 - SPOT Bus Speeding

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$25,451.58.
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from April 21st, 2025.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR:

- Recommendation for Chief position.
 - Action item next meeting.
- Vapor Depot Signage – Ryan Bliss
 - Ryan would like the city to rewrite the Ordinance on signage.
 - Mayor Geiger will invite Ryan to the meeting when one is planned.

CLERK:

- City Clerk Peterson gave updates.
 - Bed Tax Update
 - March - \$45,287.94.
 - All are current.
 - Ice Rink update.
 - \$41,000.00 profit.
 - Budget workshop next meeting.

POLICE:

- Chief Cornelious gave updates.
 - Commented to Mayors Recommendation.
 - Passed out a job description example for the Chief Position.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

- Planning Director Miller gave an update.
 - Piehl Road
 - McNearney Road
 - Stripping
 - Drainage Issue
 - Cedar Street

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- City Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Santa Sack rescheduled for December 20th, 2025.
- Ponderay Comprehensive Plan Map Discussion
 - Councilmember Thompson
 - Concerns with the Commercial & High-Density Residential Mix.
 - A lengthy discussion followed.

- **ACTION ITEM** Discussion/Decision Seasonal Maintenance Employee

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Part-time 31 hours or less.
- \$15.00 - \$18.00 an hour.

Motion that we advertise to hire a Seasonal Maintenance Employee at under 32 hours a week.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:****PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Bed Tax Clarification
 - The current 7% Bed Tax is expiring at the end of the year.
 - We are trying to renew the Bed Tax on the Ballot in May for 10%.
 - Sandpoint's Bed Tax jumped to 14%.

Councilmember McNearney/Larkin.

Meeting Adjourned 6:23 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger