



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 @5:36p.m.

**ABSENT:**

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

**AMEND AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Approve Bills \$11,127.87.
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 3) Acknowledge Attorney, Police & Treasurer's Report.

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

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**MAYOR:**

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
  - Bike Rodeo
  - Vote
- **ACTION ITEM** Mayor's Recommendation of New Police Chief
  - Joe Kaufman
    - Councilmember Mitton
      - Job Description update.

***Motion to Approve the Mayor's Recommendation for Chief.***

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

**CLERK:**

- Discussion – SPOT Bus Stop on Kootenai Cutoff Road, Councilmember Larkin
  - Talk with SPOT about moving stops to side streets.

**POLICE:**

- Chief Cornelious gave updates.
  - ISP Awards (Career arrests)
    - Robillard over 100
    - Deal over 100 & 200
    - Kaufman over 800

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

- Bonner Community Housing Trust Initiative Presentation, Katie Cox, Ben McGrann, Chrystle Horvath

- Ways the City can help.
  - Wave Impact Fees?
  - Wave Permit Fees?
  - Donation of land resources?

- **ACTION ITEM** Discussion/Decision McNearney Road Project Extension

**Presentation by Planning Director Miller.**

- \$484 K under Budget

***Motion to Approve the Change Order to extend the asphalt to Oneida Drive.***

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

- Discussion – Ponderay City Clean-up 2025
  - Weed Spray
  - Dumpsters
- Discussion – Design - Historic School house
  - Chalk Board & Chalk Tray
  - Back entrance to kitchen.
  - Bathroom sinks on the same wall as plumbing wall.
  - Service window
  - Trim
  - Refurbish wood floor.
- Discussion – Comprehensive Plan Update
  - Councilmember Thompson shared her concerns.
    - Neighborhood mix use
    - Reducing parking
    - Increase density
    - Allowing additional height
    - Commercial traffic
  - Councilmember McNearney
    - Stated he likes the neighborhood mix on the east side of Elm Ave.
    - Likes the idea of accessibility on the opposite side.
  - Councilmember Larkin likes that the access to those lots will not be off Elm Ave.
  - Jim Osman, KPSD
    - Possible sub-plant or water pond North of town in the future?

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- FY 2025-26 Budget Workshop

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **ACTION ITEM** Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-f.  
f. to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for the pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

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

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

**Entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.**

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

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

**Left Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.**

**Councilmember Larkin/Thompson.**  
**Meeting Adjourned 7:38 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

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Mayor Steve Geiger