



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
May 20th, 2024**

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

ABSENT:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$337,673.16.
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from May 6th, 2024.
- 3) Approve Ponderay Citywide Pavement Markings – Awarded to Selkirk Sealcoat
- 4) Acknowledge the Police & Treasurer's Report

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR:

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
 - Tomorrow is Vote Day!
 - City Cleanup day - June 9th, 2024
 - Ice Rink Fundraiser June 1st, 2024
 - Maintenance position

CLERK:

- City Clerk/Treasurer Peterson gave updates.
 - Bed Tax Updates for March.
 - \$33,039.74
 - Accounts are current.
 - Sales Tax Updates for March.
 - \$240,231.63
- **ACTION ITEM** Resolution 2024-008 Police Surplus Items

No Comments or Questions.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-08 Police Surplus Items.

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

POLICE:

- **ACTION ITEM** Patrol Unit #202 (2020 Dodge Durango) Disposition

Presentation by Chief Cornelius.

Discussion amongst Councilmembers, Mayor Geiger, and Chief Cornelius.

- Estimated cost of new vehicle.
- Sell as parts vehicle or donate.

Motion to Dispose of Patrol Unit #202.

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

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

- City Engineer Tadic and Shaw gave updates.
 - Striping Bid
 - Awarded to Selkirk Sealcoat.
 - \$28,997.26
 - Will start this week.
 - Field of Dreams
 - Field 3 covered in green.
 - Fields are estimated to be finished by the 4th of July.
 - Restroom facility is underway.
 - Highway 95 revision is complete.
 - McNearney Road
 - Lower water main & relocate.
 - Sewer conflicts
 - Ting & Avista Gas must relocate lines.
 - Northside water transferring to City of Sandpoint.
 - City of Ponderay to pay hookup fees.
 - Fencing
 - Storm water challenges.
 - 2 – 24" culvert pipes.
 - Projected to be over budget.
 - All season road.
 - Will need 21" of base rock instead of 18".

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- City Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - McGhee Road sidewalk bids.
 - Awarded to Northfork Enterprises.
 - \$150,00.00 under budget.
 - Billing will go through ITD.
 - Ice Rink committed donations.
 - \$108,000.00

- Aquatic Center Proposal Discussion

Presentation by Michael DiBenedetto, Sandpoint, Idaho.

- Community need for two pools.
 - A Competition pool.
 - Shallow pool for family, youth lessons and elderly.
- Good fit for the Field of Dreams.
- Set up a nonprofit organization.
 - Use the interest from an endowment to run, maintain, and upgrade as needed.

Comment and Questions.

- Public comments reflect the need.
- Great idea.
- Financing
 - Donation
 - Grants
 - Support the Local Option Sales Tax.

- **ACTION ITEM** File UP24-102 P&D Development & Blackstone, Special Use Permit, Auto Care in the Commercial Zone

No Conflicts of Interest or Disclosures.

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Presented the Planning Staff Report and Staff Recommendations.
 - Read comments for the record.

No Additional Comments/Questions by Council.

No Presentation by Applicant.

- Andy Blackstone stated he was available to answer any questions.

No Questions or Comments.

Opened Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

No Final Questions or Comments.

Closed the Hearing at 6:22

Motion to Approve Project File UP24-102 requesting special use permit approval in order to operate an auto repair and maintenance facility within the Commercial Zone of Ponderay, finding that it is in accord with the applicable provisions of Ponderay City Code. I further move to adopt the conditions of approval, as listed in the staff report. Councilmember Larkin/Mitton. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

- **ACTION ITEM** Post Office Lease Extension

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Through September 30th, 2024.
- At the current rate.
- Monthly updates.

Motion to Approve Mayor Geiger to sign the Post Office Lease Extension.

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

- **ACTION ITEM** McGhee Road Path, Construction management Contract HMH.

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- \$99,914.66
- Not to exceed 100,000.00.

Motion to Approve McGhee Road Path, Construction Management Contract with HMH.

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

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024 – 2024 Budget Workshop

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Councilmember Larkin/Thompson
Meeting Adjourned 6:38 p.m.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger