



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
July 1st, 2024**

MAYOR GEIGER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Geiger, Councilmember McNearney, Councilmember Mitton, Councilmember Thompson (Via Zoom), Councilmember Larkin

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

ABSENT:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$1,724,753.80.
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from June 3rd. 2024.
- 3) Acknowledge the Police, Attorney, and Treasurer's Report.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR:

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
 - Brownfield update at City of Sandpoint Council meeting.
 - Cleanup fall of 2024 maybe 2025.
 - Blue Cross – Community Health Academy in Boise.
 - \$20,000.00 grant.

CLERK:

- Bed and Sales Tax updates.
 - Bed Tax - \$47,296.15
 - All accounts are current.
 - Sales Tax - \$276,125.06
- Traffic Convergence Zone
 - Kristen Stycket, 259 Carnelian Ave.
 - No Parking on Street signs.
 - Sidewalks
- SPOT Annual Request FY 24-25 Contract
 - Slide Show presentation by Donna Griffin, Executive Director.
 - Joint Powers Agreement
 - Bonner County
 - Boundary County
 - Dover
 - Ponderay
 - Sandpoint
 - Moyie Springs

- Schweitzer Mountain
 - History Overview
 - Started in 2010
 - 2015 Boundary County Service
 - 2017 Joint Powers Agreement
 - MOU with Bonner County for Emergency Transportation Services.
 - Schweitzer Mtn. route contract.
 - One million rides as of February.
 - Routes
 - Bonner County Routes
 - 81 stops every hour.
 - Curb to Curb service.
 - Schweitzer Mtn. Route
 - Two times every hour
 - Boundary County
 - Curb to Curb service.
 - ADA Compliant
 - 2023 Fixed Route Boardings
 - Dover 1%
 - Kootenai 6.12%
 - Ponderay 31.62%
 - Sandpoint 61.36%
 - Funding for SPOT
 - Grants with match funds - \$204,000.00
 - Sandpoint - \$85,000.00
 - Ponderay - \$95,000.00
 - Dover - \$3,500.00
 - Kootenai - \$2,000.00
 - Bonners Ferry - \$13,000.00
 - Boundary County \$5,000.00
 - Moyie Springs - \$1,000.00
 - Schweitzer Mtn. - \$85,000.00
 - Schweitzer Community Assn. - \$3,000.00
 - Festival of Sandpoint - \$3,000.00
 - Area on Aging \$4,300.00
 - Discussion followed.
 - Mayor Geiger
 - Maybe it's time to charge riders an annual pass.
 - Councilmember Larkin
 - Riders come here to shop.
 - Ponderay receives the least amount back from the State Sales tax because it is based on population.
 - Maybe charge by percentage of ridership.
 - Sandpoint – 65%
 - Ponderay – 30%
 - Councilmember Thompson
 - SPOT should move to charge the riders.
 - Councilmember Mitton
 - It's a great service.
 - Mayor Geiger
 - Bed tax collected 2023.
 - Sandpoint vs Ponderay totals.
- Better Together Animal Alliance FY 24-25 Contract
 - Presentation by Mandy Evans, Executive Director
 - Three Municipal Animal Contracts
 - City of Sandpoint
 - City of Ponderay
 - Bonner County
 - 51 Employees
 - Open Tuesday – Saturday; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - \$1,000.00 annual fee to \$19,800.00 annual fee?
 - Idaho State Code
 - Does not require a 5-day hold.

POLICE:

- Chief Cornelius gave updates.
 - Supreme Court Ruling (homeless)
 - We can pass an Ordinance.
 - Officer Deal went to Boise.
 - Received donated K-9 vehicle.
 - Pick out dog end of July.
 - Two Dodge Durango's are not working.
 - Maybe trade both vehicles in on one vehicle.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

• **ACTION ITEM** Bid Acceptance & Contract Award for McNearney Road Construction
Presentation by City Engineer Shaw.

- Bid packages received.
 - \$2,600,008.00 million – Big Sky
 - \$2,691,621.00 million – LaRiviere
 - \$3,049,111.00 million – Selland Construction
 - \$3,516,412.00 million – S&L Underground

Question/Comments

- Mayor Geiger
 - Gap - \$600,000.00 - \$750,000.00
 - \$200,000.00 - Streets Account
 - \$310,000.00 - Schweitzer Plaza Extension
 - Paving will probably happen next fiscal year.

Motion to Approve Big Sky Corporation's Bid.

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

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- ~~**ACTION ITEM** File No. SS23-046, 95 Pines Plat, Mylar Signature (Mayor)~~

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- It is not ready for submittal.

Rebuttal by Applicant.

- Mike Hammick
 - Thought that HMH had reviewed/taken care of it.

Question/Comments

- Mayor Geiger
 - Two weeks.

- **ACTION ITEM** Triangle Drive Property Lease

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Mountain Metals would like to store some metal supplies.
 - Parking or supplies?
- Tree removal.
 - No tree removal without prior approval.
- Rate?
 - \$500.00 a month.
- Duration / weather / terrain?
 - Can be used to park vehicles till October.
 - Leave the property in the same condition as it was.

Motion to Approve Mountain Metals to lease the space for 6 months at \$500.00 a month, not remove any trees unless the City specifically approves it, and they return the property back to us in the same condition as it is in currently.

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

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

- **ACTION ITEM** Resolution 2024-10, Resort City Restaurant Liquor License (Three Additional)
 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ponderay, Idaho making certain findings and authorizing up to three additional Resort City Restaurant Liquor licenses as provided by Idaho Code 23-903c.

**Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-10, Resort City Restaurant Liquor License.
Councilmember Larkin/Mitton. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024 – 2025 Budget Workshop

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Councilmember Larkin/McNearney
Meeting Adjourned 7:45 p.m.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger