



**CITY OF PONDERAY  
REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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:** City Clerk Peterson, Planning Director Miller, Attorney Marshall

**ABSENT:** Chief Kaufman

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

**AMEND AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Approve Bills \$51,458.47.
- 2) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and Special Meeting Minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- 3) Acknowledge Attorney and Police Reports.

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

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

**MAYOR:**

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
  - Bike Rodeo – McNearney Park
    - Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026
    - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
  - Jersey Barriers at Field of Dreams Painted

**CLERK:**

- City Clerk Peterson gave updates.
  - Bed Tax
    - May - \$78,562.65

- **ACTION ITEM** Executive Session – ID 74-206, Subsection 1-b
  - b. To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

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

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

Entered Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

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

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

Left Executive Session at 5:41 p.m.

**MAINTENANCE:**

- Raykowski gave updates.
  - Story Boards
  - Ice Rink
  - Two trees down at the Retreat.
- **\*\*Action Item\*\*** Blackrock Railroad Track Preservation – Purchase of Additional Protective Rail

**Presentation by Raykowski.**

- 1-year Contract - \$1872.00
- 3 Users
- Generate Reports
- Schedules
- Work Orders
- Maintenance Requests

*Motion to Approve MaintainX Software Purchase & Agreement.*

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

**POLICE:**

- Chief Kaufman gave an update.
  - Down one Patrol Officer

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

- Planning Director Miller gave updates.
  - Build Grant
    - City of Ponderay not selected.
    - Apply again in the fall.
  - FRA Grant Selection is next year.

- **\*\*Action Item\*\*** Discussion/Decision Canyon Mall Parking/Outdoor Food Service (No Action)

**Discussion led by Planning Director Miller.**

- Operating out of compliance with the approved site plan for Canyon Mall.
- Site has substandard parking.
- In 1997 the City approved an application to add a residence to Canyon Mall. Parking at the time was substandard due to installation of a second restaurant in the facility. The staff approved the project with the parking reduction to thirty-one spaces.
- In 2022, when the previous restaurant moved into the unit the management company had to restripe the parking lot to restore it to thirty-one spaces to bring it back into compliance with the 1997 approval.
- Obstruction of any parking spaces creates zoning violation.
- Cords and hoses obstruct the handicap accessible route.
- Original business license review and discussions with staff did not include an outdoor component.
- Appropriate location for outdoor food vendors would be in an approved food truck space.
- Building violation for roll up door added without a permit.

**Comments/Questions**

- Councilmember Thompson
  - Major parking problem.
  - If you are planning to cook inside in the winter, then do so year around.
- Councilmember Larkin
  - Disagrees that cooking inside the restaurant will hinder his business.
- Councilmember Mitton
  - Set up outside is not ADA Compliant.
- Councilmember McNearney
  - Asked how many ADA parking spots are there?
    - Planning Director Miller replied one spot.

- Roger Landrum, Restaurant Owner
  - Is a Veteran.
  - Feels there is no problem with parking.
  - Has a ramp over hoses.
- Mayor Geiger
  - The city wants to work with business to find solutions.
  - Is it necessary to cook out front?
  - If staff had known this was a component prior to leasing the space, they could have worked with him to identify a suitable location for this business model.
  - Asked if using the back patio or by the pet store were considered for outdoor component.
  - Signage to indicate the particular food items are available, like the red light at Crispy Cream.
  - Work with staff to find a signage option.
  - Zoning, Laws, and Code in place that prohibit this application outside.
  - Find a different location.
- Take away.
  - The council would not offer relief from the zoning laws. Business needs to operate indoors or relocate to an alternate location that staff deems can accommodate the outdoor use.

- **\*\*Action Item\*\*** Blackrock Railroad Track Preservation – Purchase of Additional Protective Rail

**Presentation by Planning Director Miller.**

- Engineers Estimate - \$14,000.00

***Motion to Approve Additional Fencing, not to exceed \$16,000.00.***

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- FY 2027 Budget Workshop
  - Administrative

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Councilmember Larkin/Thompson.  
Meeting Adjourned 6:27 p.m.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

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Mayor Steve Geiger