



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
September 8th, 2026**

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCNEARNEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:31 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilmember McNearney, Councilmember Mitton, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember Larkin

ALSO, PRESENT: Chief Kaufman, City Clerk Peterson, Planning Director Miller, Attorney Marshall, City Engineer Ryan Luttman

ABSENT: Mayor Geiger

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

- Councilmember McNearney - Add Resolution 2026-09, Idaho Gem Grant Application

Motion to add Resolution 2026-09, Idaho Gem Grant Application.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$75,635.90
- 2) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 18th, 2026
- 3) Acknowledge Police & Treasurer's Reports

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MAYOR:

- City Council President McNearney
 - Neighbor Days Event
 - Thanked Staff

CLERK:

- City Clerk Peterson gave updates.
 - Life Flight Renewals are due at the end of week.
- Nikki Grimm, 529 Cedar Avenue - Su Warren's Garage Addition
 - Nikki Grimm did not attend.
 - Su Warren, Dennis
 - Thanked Independent Highway District.
 - Dennis would like the city to maintain Grimm's drainage ditch.

POLICE:

- Still looking for applicants.

MAINTENANCE:

- Updates

STREETS, PARKS, PLANNING, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Blackrock
 - Trail is closed this week.
 - Concrete
 - Railing – October
 - Breakwater Phase
 - November – December
 - Frozen Ground
 - Neighbor Days
 - Thanked Councilmembers
 - 2026 Pavement Projects
 - ITD Land Swap
- Discussion – Alley Blockage Enforcement
 - Police to visit again.
- Mr. Peters Plantings not removed as discussed.
 - 10 Day Notice (Per Attorney Marshall)
- Drainage Clean-up Project updates.
- ****Action Item**** Retreat at Bay Trail Additional Tree Removal

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- 4 additional birch trees with dead tops.
 - \$3,750.00
- Councilmember Thompson
 - Get a quote to clear all trees in the City ROW.

Motion to take care of the four trees and examine removal of all trees.

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

- ****Action Item**** East Meets West Dumpling House, Continued Violation

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

Motion to move forward with revoking his business license if he does not comply.

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

- ****Action Item**** Consideration/Authorization to Apply for the Idaho Gem Grant

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- ***School House***
- ***\$50,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 match.***

Motion to Approve the application for the Idaho Gem Grant process and dedicating the \$10,000.00 match.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

- ****Action Item**** Resolution 2026-08, Temporary Moratorium on Data Center

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-08, Temporary Moratorium on Data Center.

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

- ****Action Item**** Resolution 2026-09, Idaho Gem Grant Application

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-09, Idaho Gem Grant Application.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion – KCOR Turn Lane Issue at Ponderay Mobile Home Park, Councilmember Larkin
 - Turn Arrow into driveway?
 - FY 2027 Transportation Study

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember Larkin/Thompson.
Meeting Adjourned 6:25 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger