



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
October 21st, 2024**

COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT MCNEARNEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: Mayor Geiger

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$1,053,275.21.
- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes from September 16th and October 7th, 2024.
- 3) Acknowledge Attorney, Police & Treasurer's Report.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

MAYOR:

CLERK:

- Clerk Peterson
 - Vacation October 28th, 2024 – November 7th, 2024.

POLICE:

- Chief Cornelius gave updates.
 - Animal Contract signed.
 - Speeding in the Village
 - Councilmember Thompson
 - Speeding on Elm St.
 - Councilmember Mitton
 - Speeding on 4th St.

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- City Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Sent out Mailer.
 - Local Option Sales Tax
 - Pet Registration Program
 - Nixle Alert Program
 - Paving McNearney Road
 - First Lift - October 28th-30th.
 - Second Lift - November 2nd-4th.
 - Ice Rink
 - Fully installed.
 - Working on decking.

- GCH working on Buildings.
- Local Option Sales Tax Outreach.
 - Volunteers go door to door.
 - Sports groups with a Councilmember.
- **ACTION ITEM** Hazardous Tree Removal, The Retreat

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Lowest bidder is Elk Ridge Tree Care - \$13,000.00.

Motion to Approve Elk Ridge Tree Care Bid to remove trees.

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

- **ACTION ITEM** Sign Purchase, The Retreat

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- IHD, Brett Engel
 - 22 Street signs - \$4,400.00.
- Councilmember Thompson
 - No Parking Signs
 - Police Department will be enforcing?

Motion to approve IHD to purchase signs for the Retreat.

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

- **ACTION ITEM** Post Office Lease Agreement

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Waiting on Funding authorization. (November 15-30th)
- Lease Agreement is in process with new location.
- They need time to design and construct.
- Mid-Summer move to new location.
- City Lease increase is not feasible.

Questions/Comments.

- Discussion followed amongst Councilmembers.
 - No lease currently in place.
 - Lease and rate going forward.
 - Sandpoint Post Office is not convenient or friendly.
 - Letter from Post Office with a timeline.
 - Waiting for funding authorization.

Motion to go forward with the Lease Extension through February at the current rate, get a real timeline on new location and copy of Lease with new landlord then revisit City Lease in February.

Councilmember Larkin/Mitton. Roll Call Vote. Councilmember Thompson Voted Opposed. Councilmembers Larkin, Mitton, and McNearney Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:
OLD BUSINESS:**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Field of Dreams Gates – Councilmember Thompson
 - North Gate a truck could drive through.
 - South Gate an ATV could drive through.
 - Police Department locks at 10:00 p.m.
 - Look at securing the locked gates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **ACTION ITEM** Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-c
c. To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

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

Councilmember Thompson/Mitton.

Entered Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

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

Councilmember Larkin/Mitton.

Left Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

***Motion to complete the Real Estate transaction for the property.
Councilmember Larkin/Mitton. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.***

**Councilmember McNearney/Thompson
Meeting Adjourned 6:11 p.m.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger