



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
November 4th, 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: Deputy Clerk Van Den Berg, Chief Cornelius (6:06 p.m.), Planning Director Miller, Attorney Marshall

ABSENT: City Clerk Peterson

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1) Approve Meeting Minutes October 21st, 2024.

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.
 - Election Day November 15th, 2024.
 - Advocating for Local Option Sales Tax.
 - Councilmembers and the Mayor can advocate in public.
 - City Employee can advocate off the clock.

CLERK:

POLICE:

- **ACTION ITEM** Ponderay Police Department Hiring Process

Presentation by Chief Cornelius.

- Candidate backed out.
- Use budgeted wages for testing & training new candidates.

Motion to Approve Chief Cornius to move funds from hiring to new position.

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

STREET/PUBLIC WORKS:

PLANNING, PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- City Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - McNearney Road - Matt Gillis, Welch Comer Engineers
 - Recommended paving this week weather permitting. (40 degrees)
 - Track temperature and compaction as they pave.
 - Councilmembers approved paving weather permitting.

- **ACTION ITEM** UP21-067, Ponderay Lodge Apartments, Bond Release

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- \$72,000.00 refund.

Motion to Approve UP21-067 Ponderay Lodge Apartments Bond Release.
Councilmember Thompson/Larkin. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

- **ACTION ITEM** File AX24-033, Craigs Forest Tracts Annexation

No Conflicts or Disclosures.

Opened Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m.

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Presented the Planning Staff Report and Staff Recommendation.
 - Included a Slide Show.
 - Read comments in for the record.

Question/Comments by Councilmembers.

- Road Maintenance / Condition of Road
- Turn around for snowplow / 60 feet right away

No Applicant in this case.

Public Testimony / Comments

- Pro
- Neutral
- Opposed
 - Debbie Knowles, 51 Craigs Ct. (20 years).
 - The road might not meet the City's specifications.
 - My yard is in right away.
 - Future traffic issues if the road is paved.
 - Allana Chaffin, 151 Craigs Ct.
 - 46% tax increase.
 - Proposed turn around.
 - Discussion amongst the Mayor, Councilmember and Chaffin.

Closed Public Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Final Question/Comments by Council.

- Councilmember Thompson
 - Concerns about the ratio of residents opposed. (5 of 14 lots)
 - Tax burden on the residents.
- Councilmember McNearney.
 - Against area receiving/wanting benefits without the City receiving property taxes.
 - Without a turnaround.
 - New developments won't be approved by Northside Fire District.
- Councilmember Larkin
 - 100% of the residents that have a home are opposed.
 - Shouldn't be taking care of the road if we are not receiving their taxes.
- Councilmember Mitton
 - Maintaining the roads.
 - East of the road are Ponderay residents and Westside are not.
 - Councilmember Thompson
 - The City will have to continue maintenance of road.
- Mayor Geiger
 - Look into agreement with property owners and IHD for road maintenance.
 - Look into Property Taxes.
 - Bonner County vs Ponderay.
 - Options
 - City Attorney Marshall
 - Can table and revisit at a date in the future.

Motion to Deny this Annexation, FILE AX24-033, requesting to annex 14 lots of record into the City of Ponderay and assign the zoning designation of rural to the subject properties, finding that it is not in accord with the applicable sections of Idaho Code as enumerated in the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the staff report, and based upon the evidence submitted up to the time the staff report was prepared and testimony received at this hearing.
Councilmember Thompson/Larkin. Roll Call Vote. Councilmember McNearney Voted Opposed. Councilmembers Thompson, Larkin, and Mitton Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

- **ACTION ITEM** The Pond Skating Rink, Fees and Schedule

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Hours of operation.
 - Soft opening November 23, 2024.
- Start freezing ice November 9-13, 2024.
- Fee schedule – 90 minutes per session.

- \$10.00 for Kids (18 and under - includes skates).
- \$15.00 for Adults (19+ includes skates).
- \$50.00 for Family (Ten people maximum).
- \$200.00 Private Bookings

Motion to Approve The Pond Skating Rink, Fees and Schedule.

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

- **ACTION ITEM** Purchase of Maintenance Equipment

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Bobcat L28 Small Articulated Loader
 - 26X48" Snow Blower attachment.
 - \$47,754.53

Motion to Approve Purchase of Maintenance Equipment.

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

- Engineer RFP Review Schedule
- Availability - November 6th, 7th or 13th evening.
 - November 7th, 2024.
 - RFP hand out.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Councilmember Thompson/Larkin
Meeting Adjourned 7:14 p.m.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger