



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
April 6th, 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: Chief Kaufman, City Clerk Peterson, Planning Director Miller, Attorney Marshall

ABSENT:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

- Mayor Geiger – Add Resolution 2026-4, MOA

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda to add Resolution 2026-4, Memorandum of Agreement.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$191,896.63
- 2) Approve Council Minutes from March 16th, 2026.
- 3) Acknowledge Treasurer's Report.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MAYOR:

- Mayor Geiger gave updates.
 - Ice Rink appreciation letters.
 - Easter Parade

- Discussion: PACE Status Update & Fundraising – M. DiBenedetto

Joan Bloom spoke on behalf of PACE.

- Agreement with City
- Grant application.

Mayor Geiger gave his thoughts.

Michael DiBenedetto spoke.

- 5 Year Plan - \$50,000,000.00

Councilmember Thompson had concerns with a 99-year lease agreement.

Councilmember Mitton stated that only a City Administrator should be applying for grants on behalf of the city.

Councilmember McNearney feels it will interfere with the progress we are making and is not sure how it will all fit together.

Councilmember Larkin feels they are not eligible to apply for the grant.

CLERK:

- LOT Revenues for February
 - Bed Tax - \$59,372.78

- LOT - \$199,444.83

- ****Action Item**** After-Hours Payment Drop Box **(No Action Needed)**

- ****Action Item**** New LGIP Account for Field of Dreams Endowment Fund
Motion to start a new LGIP Account for the Field of Dreams Endowment Fund.
Councilmember Thompson/Larkin. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

POLICE:

- Fleet Discussion
 - Tahoe - K-9

STREETS, PARKS, PLANNING, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Warbonnet is out for bid.
 - Underpass
 - 90 % Design
 - Blackrock for the road name
 - Graffiti along the Sand Creek Trail
 - Trail Cam
 - Blackrock Cleanup
 - Signage placement
 - McNearney Road Trail Project
 - Digital Speed Signs
 - New Score Board
 - Bike Rodeo
 - Striping to go out to bid.

- ****Action Item**** Resolution 2026-4, and City of Sandpoint Memorandum of Agreement, PSRC Access
Motion to Approve City of Sandpoint Memorandum of Agreement, PSRC Access and Resolution 2026-4.
Councilmember Larkin/Thompson. Roll Call Vote. All Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

- ****Action Item**** PSRC Breakwater Trail Completion

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- \$85,000.00 from Impact Pathway Fees to complete project.

Motion to Approve PSRC Breakwater Trail Completion.

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

- ****Action Item**** Dog Park Signage

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

Motion to Approve Dog Park Signage.

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

- ****Action Item**** Popsicle Bridge Bollards

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

Motion to Approve Concrete Barriers.

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

- ****Action Item**** Tree Removal at The Retreat **(No Action/waiting on Bid)**

- ****Action Item**** Electronic Door Locks, FOD Restrooms

Presentation by Planning Director Miller.

- Door modification.
- \$900.00 each plus installation.

Motion to Approve Purchase of the Electronic Door Locks for the FOD Restrooms.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Pond Budget Update
- Presentation by City Clerk Treasurer Peterson.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion: Summer Usage at The Pond – R. Larkin
 - Increase Fundraising
 - Flea Market / Farmers Market
 - Harbison Field

PUBLIC COMMENT:

7:00 p.m. The meeting recessed for a break.

7:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

- ****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 McNearney/Mitton. Roll Call Vote. Councilmember Larkin stepped out. Councilmembers McNearney, Mitton, and Thompson Voted in Favor. Motion Approved.

Entered Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Left Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

Motion to Approve Planning Director Miller to proceed as discussed.

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

Motion to Approve Planning Director Miller to Proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

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

Councilmember Larkin/Thompson.

Meeting Adjourned 7:11 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger