



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
July 20th, 2026 (REVISED)**

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 6th, 2026, and Special Meeting Minutes from July 13th, 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 25th, 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**** MaintainX Software Purchase & Agreement

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.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger