



**CITY OF PONDERAY
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
September 21ST, 2026**

MAYOR GEIGER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Geiger, Councilmember McNearney, Councilmember Mitton, Councilmember Larkin

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Thompson

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR DISCLOSURES:

AMEND AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Bills \$618,958.78
- 2) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from September 8th, 2026
- 3) Acknowledge Attorney Report

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MAYOR:

- Updates
 - State of the Cities Presentation
 - Blue Cross Foundation
 - Mayor Walk Challenge

CLERK:

- City Clerk Peterson gave July Revenue updates.
 - Bed Tax - \$148,881.07
 - Sales Tax - \$323,260.79

- ****Action Item**** Discussion/Decision: Letter of Appreciation to Union Pacific Railroad

Motion to Approve Letter of Appreciation to Union Pacific Railroad.

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

- ****Action Item**** Discussion/Decision: Harbison Residence as Temp Employee Housing & Recruitment Incentive Discussion led by Councilmember Larkin.

- New officers
- Month to month lease

Motion to Approve Renting out Harbison House at 75% of Market Rate for as a Hiring incentive.

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

POLICE:

- ~~****Action Item** Executive Session – ID Code 74-206, Subsection 1-b (Scratched)**~~

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.

- Applicants
 - Moving forward to interview

MAINTENANCE:

- Updates
 - Ice Rink
 - Neighbor Day

- ****Action Item**** Discussion/Decision: Zamboni Pad Grading & Asphalt Bid at the Pond

Presentation by Maintenance Raykowski.

Motion to Approve the Asphalt Bid at the Pond for \$1,500.00 plus Sponsorship Equivalent for the Season.

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

- MaintainX Demo – How to Submit a Work Order

STREETS, PARKS, PLANNING, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Director Miller gave updates.
 - Comp Plan Award from EPA
 - Ada Ramp Improvements
 - Bronx Road Pave
 - 2026 Pavement Projects Complete
 - Gem Grant
 - Raptor Relocation
 - Mr. Peter's Bushes
 - Blackrock
 - Slide show of the Summer Intern's work

- ****Action Item**** Lakeshore Connection Project Utility Hearing

Mayor Geiger Designated Jack Griffing as the Hearing Officer for this utility Hearing.

No Conflicts or Disclosures.

Hearing officer Jack Griffing announces that the utility hearing will be held with guidance from Section 445.00 of the Idaho Transportation Department Guide for Utility Management and Idaho Code Section 40-312(3). The hearing is an opportunity for a utility to present objections to possible relocation or adjustments to utility facilities to accommodate the Lakeshore Connection Planning project (Key Number 23096). Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District, City of Sandpoint Water Department, Avista Utilities, Cogent Communications, Ting Internet, Fatbeam, Vyve Broadband, and Ziply Fiber been notified that a utility hearing will be held during today's regular City of Ponderay council meeting.

Hearing officer advises that the hearing will be conducted in compliance with the following rules of procedure: Before persons testify at public hearings, they are to fill out the sign-up sheet available. If you desire, you may note your objection or approval on the form provided. If you wish to comment during the public hearing, please come to the microphone and state your name and address. Please limit your comments to no more than 5 minutes. Testimony shall directly address the subject at hand and shall not be personally derogatory nor shall it be personally directed at any individual, organization or business. Council members may ask questions of persons who testify. If they do so, it will be only for the purpose of clarifying information. Once

the public hearing portion of this meeting is closed, there will be no further opportunity for public input on the proposal. The council will then discuss among themselves the testimony they have heard and what, if anything, they may propose as a result of this hearing. Council may ask questions of the project team and city staff at any point during the hearing.

Hearing officer opens the public hearing to accept testimony at 5:55 p.m.
No Public Testimony.

- No one via Zoom.

Hearing officer closes the public hearing for public testimony at 5:56 p.m.

- ****Action Item**** FY27 Engineering Services Agreement, Century West Engineering

Presentation by City Engineer Ryan Luttmann.

Motion to Approve FY27 Engineering Services Agreement, Century West Engineering.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CONTRACTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember Larkin/McNearney.
Meeting Adjourned 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Peterson

Mayor Steve Geiger