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| Planning and Zoning Meeting: October 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting: October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor’s message A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o’clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.  His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.  As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.  I love it, “he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.”  Mr. Jones, you haven’t seen the room; just wait. That doesn’t have anything to do with it, he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn’t depend on how the furniture is arranged…it’s how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.  It’s a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice;  I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be and be thankful for the ones that do…Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I’ll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I’ve stored away…Just for this time in my life…Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you’ve put in.  Remember the five simple rules to be happy:  1. Free your heart from hatred.  2. Free your mind from worries.  3. Live simply.  4. Give more.  5. Expect less.  Sincerely, Mayor Brad Andersen CITY UPDATES **City Council** – Robyn Walker is stepping down as city councilmember to take over as the Sports Director for the city. We want to thank Ms. Walker for all her service and we are excited to have you as our new Sports Director. A new councilmember will be appointed in October to finish out Ms. Walker’s term.  **Idaho’s Drinking Water Operator of the Year-** On September 16th, Zech Prouse was named Idaho’s Drinking Water Operator of the Year at the American Water Works Association Intermountain Section Annual Conference that was held in Logan, Utah. I would like to congratulate Mr. Prouse on this great achievement. There are so many things that Mr. Prouse does behind the scenes to ensure we have the best drinking water around. Thanks for all you do for the City of Iona.  **“Scholarship Committee”** – Mayor Andersen would like to thank Stevens-Henagars for donating $15,000 for an Associate’s degree and $25,000 for a Bachelor’s degree. This scholarship opportunity is available to anyone. If interested, please call The City at 523-5600 or come in to pick up an application. Awarded candidates will be notified by the first part of December. Public hearings The City of Iona’s Planning and Zoning Commission has schedule a Public Hearing the evening of October 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. the Iona Community Center, which is located at 3548 N. Main St, Iona ID.  **“Amended Plat Located at 5287 East Owens Avenue”** – The purpose of this hearing is to consider a variance application for the amended plat.  The City of Iona’s Council has schedule Public Hearings on the evening of October 20, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. at the Iona Community Center, which is located at 3548 N. Main St, Iona ID.  **“Amended Plat Located at 5287 East Owens Avenue**” – The purpose of this hearing is to consider the variance application for the amended plat for final review.  **“Planning and Zoning Ordinance” –** The purpose of this hearing is to consider amending section 11-15-8 of the Iona City Code relating to the composition of the Planning and Zoning Commission, specifically the appointment of a representative for the Area of Impact.  **“Solid Waste Ordinance” –** The purpose of this hearing is to consider adopting a new chapter of the Iona City Code relating to the establishment of standards and procedures governing Solid Waste Hauling and Management in the City. EVENTS **“Trunk or Treat”** – Fun for the whole family! The 6th Annual Trunk or Treat will be held at the Iona City Building on Saturday, October 31, 2015 (Halloween) at 6:00 p.m. Doughnuts and hot chocolate will be provided by the City and prizes will be given away for the best decorated vehicles and costumes.  **“Spencer’s Own”** – A country band will be performing in the gym at the Iona City Building on main street Wednesday October 21, 2015 at 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm as a fundraiser for the Iona Historical Pioneer Museum. The cost to attend the best night’s band of the season is $6.00 per person or $24.00 per family. We hope to see you all there! Members of Spencer’s Own are Nate Morgan, Jordon Quinn, and Nic Williams from Nashville Tennessee. The band name carries a very special meaning to the five brothers that originates from their dad Spencer who has been such an inspiration in their lives, giving them the name Spencer’s Own.  **“Veteran’s Day Recognition Ceremony”** – Come join the City of Iona in honoring our nation’s Veterans of the Armed Forces on Sunday, 11/8/15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Iona City Building. Light refreshments will be served. iona historical musuem The Iona Historical Museum is selling books and other media as a fund raiser to help pay for the building and to distribute Historical information. They are also accepting orders for pioneer sunbonnets and pioneer aprons. A full description of these items are available on the bulletin board at the City building or you can contact Susan Moon at (208)-821-6015 for more information.  **The Museum is now open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Tours are available to the public during this time.** | |