

Tuesday February 9, 2016 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. City Hall

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State of the City Address

Everyone is invited to attend the 2016 Sate of the City address by Mayor Taylor this summer at the Trolley Station, once the renovation is complete. The date and time will be announced in a future issue of the FrontPage.

City Project Status Report (continued pg. 2-3) Trolley Station



The City budgeted \$40,000 to remodel the interior of the Trolley Station. So far a drainage system was installed and repairs have been made to the roof to fix leaks, fix cracked or broken bricks, level the floor, and frame the walls with metal-studs. Electrical wiring has been upgraded to meet current code, and new lighting fixtures and fans will be installed. Next, the walls and ceiling will be insulated and finished. New flooring, sound system, projector and security cameras will also be installed. It is anticipated that the building will available for use beginning this summer.

Cemetery Road Sidewalks

The City was awarded grant funding through the Idaho Transportation Department Community Choices of Idaho to construct sidewalks on the west side of Cemetery Road from Concord to Heights Elementary, and then continuing to West Highlands Subdivision. Design is in process with construction scheduled in August 2016.

Park and Ride Lot at Piccadilly Park

The City was awarded grant funding through the Valley Regional Transit to construct a Park and Ride lot at Piccadilly Park. HDR Engineering was hired to design the project. Construction is scheduled to begin fall 2016.

Middleton Road Corridor Plan

The City hired Precision Engineering for \$73,000 to evaluate current and estimated future traffic on Middleton Road between State Highway 44 and Ustick Road. The project includes detailed concept designs for the intersections at Lincoln/Middleton and Bass Lane/Middleton roads. This is a joint project with the City of Caldwell and Canyon Highway District No. 4, each of which are paying \$30,000 for a total project cost of \$163,000.

City Project Status Report continued

Transportation Plan Update

The City hired T-O Engineering for \$52,400 to update the transportation plan according to industry standards that allow the City to qualify for more grants to help fund roads, sidewalks, pathways and related improvements. The transportation plan was last updated in 2007.

Marjorie Avenue

The City hired Precision Engineering for \$48,913 to design street, curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements to Marjorie Ave. and Harmon Way (east of Middleton Road). The City met with landowners and residents living along those roads before finalizing the construction plans. The project deadline for submitting bids is in February, and construction should commence in March/April 2016.

S. Cemetery Road

The City hired Horrocks Engineers to design Cemetery Road south of State Highway 44, including a bridge across Willow Creek and a pathway to the Middle School. Construction is scheduled for 2018 using federal grant funds to reimburse the City for 92.66% of the design and construction costs (the City pays 7.34%). Design and construction is estimated to cost over \$2 Million.

NPDES and Water Quality

The City hired Keller Associates and Hyqual P.C. for \$52,000 to prepare the City's 2015 monitoring and annual reports required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water permit with the Environmental Protection Agency, and to perform water monitoring and quality services for Fiscal Year 2016 for information to include in the reports next year.

Sewer Extension - West

The City hired Keller Associates for \$210,990 to design a future sewer lift station in vicinity of Canyon Lane, and a sewer force-mainline extension from Eaton Ave to the future lift station. The City hired J-U-B for \$103,200 to design a sewer gravity mainline extension from Eaton Ave. to the future lift station. Because of topography, sewer will gravity flow west from Eaton Ave. to the Canyon Lane vicinity and then be pumped back to the existing gravity mainline under State Highway 44 near Whiffin Lane, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant.

Sewer Extension - South

The City hired J-U-B for approximately \$46,000 to design, and hired Lurre Construction for \$450,000 to construct, a sewer gravity mainline extension from the Boise River Lift Station to Bass Lane. The sewer line is scheduled to be complete in May 2016. Rule Steel is paying to extend water and sewer mainlines onto and across its property to the west boundary, approximately one-half mile.

Wall #10

The City hired SPF Water Engineering for \$156,350 to apply for a city water-right permit and design a well south of Boise River on the west side of Middleton Road to increase water flow volumes to meet the International Fire Code.

Water Storage Tank #1

The City hired All Colors Inc. for \$36,100 to clean and repaint the exterior of the water storage tank in April 2016.

FEMA/Floodplain

FEMA completed field surveys of Mill Slough and Willow Creek, and released its draft maps to cities and counties in February 2015 for review and comment. FEMA reviewed those comments and is scheduled to release the preliminary "DFIRM" or draft flood insurance rating maps with workshops in the summer of 2016.

City Project Status Report continued

Middleton Place Park - Disaster Preparedness - Severe Weather

The City hired Suburban Propane for \$21,232 to install two 1,000 gallon tanks, including the concrete pad, at the southeast corner of the park as a fuel source for heat and food preparation during an emergency.

Roadside Park - Disaster Preparedness - Severe Weather

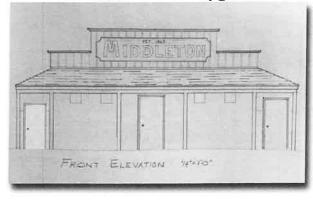
The City hired Amerigas for \$18,726 to install two 1,000 gallon tanks, excluding the concrete pad, north of the park as a fuel source for heat and food preparation during an emergency. The City hired ASC, Inc. for \$3,386 to pour a concrete pad and install six-inch bollards. (\$22,112 total cost)

Skate Park



The City hired Grindline for \$456,501.16 to construct the skateboard park at Piccadilly Park. The City raised approximately \$100,000 in grants and donations to help fund the skate park construction. The skateboard park is usable by skateboards, rollerblades, non-motorized scooters, and bicycles, and is scheduled to be complete by April 2016.

Roadside Park Restroom Upgrade



The City hired Straight Line Building Solutions for \$24,869 to replace and expand the roof, and finish and paint the exterior of the restrooms at Roadside Park. The drawing to the left shows the new front elevation of the building.

Subdivisions

Water, sewer and road-related improvements are being constructed in the following subdivisions. After the improvements are inspected and approved, the final plats will be recorded and houses can be built.

Falcon Valley No. 3

West Highlands Ranch Estates Nos. 6, 7 and 8

Comprehensive Plan Update

The City Planning and Zoning Commission is updating the comprehensive plan required by Idaho Code 67-6509. All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The plan was last updated in 2009, and includes all property in the City's area of City impact boundary. Hearings are scheduled for April 2016.

Middleton Supplement to the Idaho Public Works Standards

The City in December 2015 updated its standards for water, sewer, street, and storm water system materials and installation procedures..

Middleton Employee Handbook

The City in January 2016 updated its employment policies and procedures.

Middleton Police Policy

The City is establishing a policy and procedures manual for the police department, including subjects like evidence and property, body camera record retention, use of force, ride-along, vehicle impound and inventory, and pursuits. The City Council is scheduled to consider adopting the policy in March 2016.

Proposed Acquisitions and Comprehensive Plan Map

The comprehensive plan map shows the long-term vision for desired transportation, school and recreation improvements.

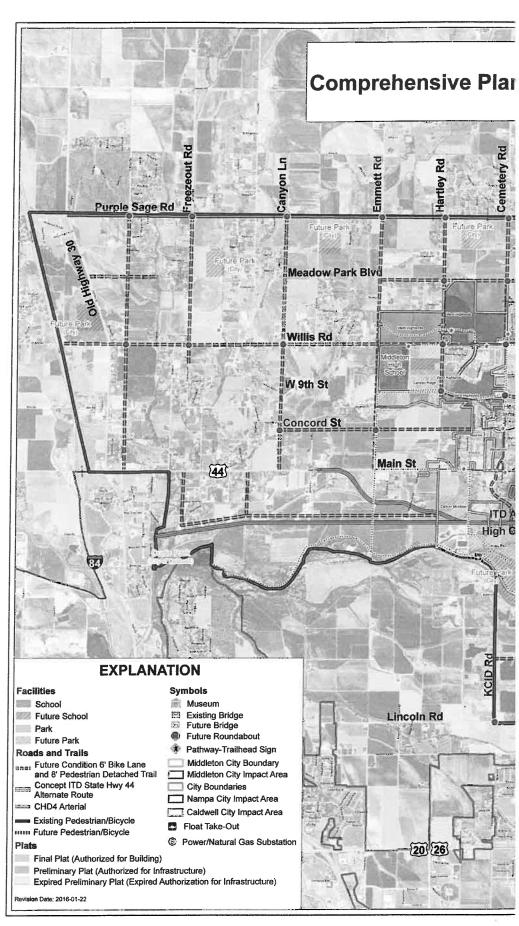
Hearings to receive comments from Middleton community residents are scheduled for February 22, and March 3, 2016. A full-sized map is available for view at Middleton City Hall.

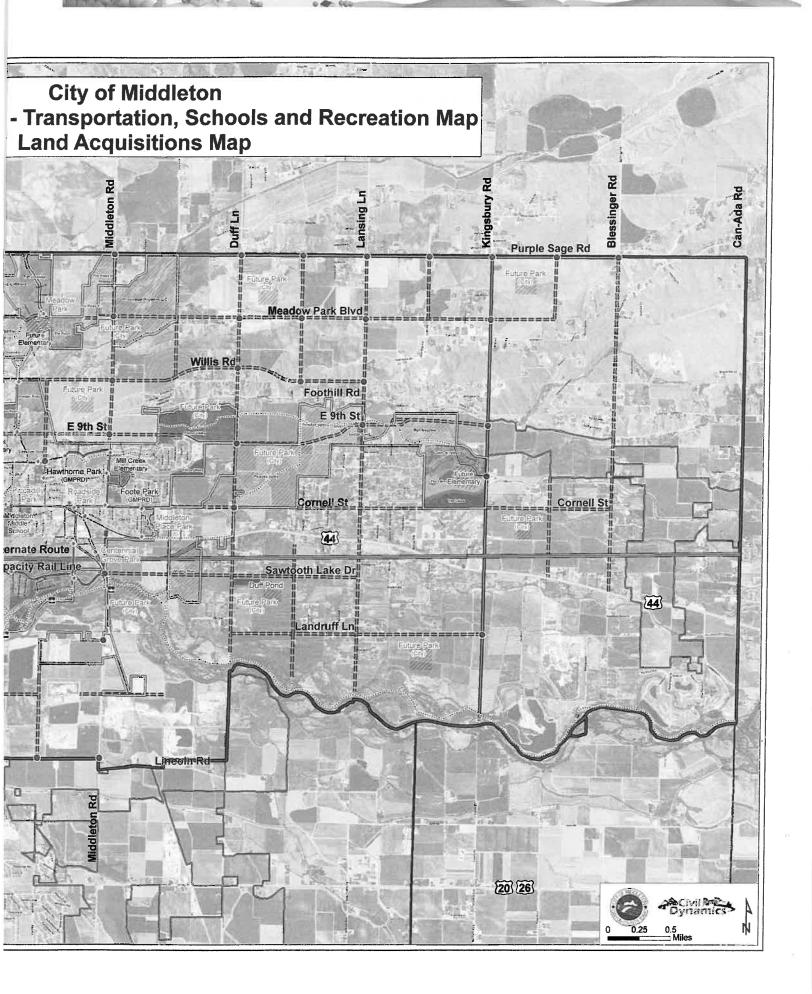
Two Vacancies – Planning and Zoning Commission

The City Council is searching for individuals to fill two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Chairman Jeremy Fielding moved outside Middleton's area of city impact so, according to Idaho Code, can no longer be on the Commission. Commissioner Diane Smith resigned because meetings conflicted with her college class schedule as she pursues her college degree. Thank you to both for your service on the Commission and best wishes.

Commissioners are appointed by the City Council, and the positions are unpaid. Meetings are monthly and usually last about an hour. Planning and Zoning Commissioners are responsible for hearing and deciding applications for conditional use permits, variances, and design review for larger commercial projects. Commissioners make recommendations to City Council about applications for development agreements, and zoning and comprehensive plan changes.

If you live in City limits and are interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, please submit a letter at City Hall by February 19, 2016 describing your interest and applicable experience. You must be at least 18 years old to apply. Additional information about commissioner responsibilities is in Idaho Code 67-6504, -6508 and -6509.



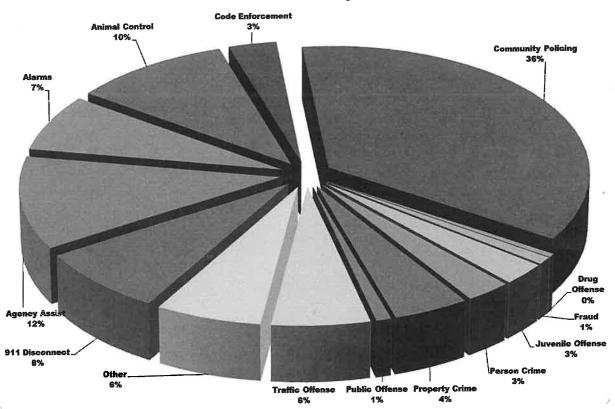


Middleton Police Call Report for December 2015



Type of Call	# Received	Definition	
911 Disconnect	18	Unknown 911 calls, Accidental 911 calls	
Agency Assist	26	Assisting other agencies (Health and Welfare, Fire,	
5		EMS, Other Law Enforcement)	
Alarms	16	Residential, commercial, medical alarms	
Animal Control	23	Stray animals, animals creating traffic hazards,	
		animal bites, animal complaints	
Code Enforcement	7	Parking, refuse, signs, paved parking lot	
Community Policing	81	Officers interaction with citizens, solving problems,	
		understanding community concerns	
Drug Offense	1	Possessing, selling, distributing drugs	
Fraud	2	Scams, attempting to collect money falsely	
Juvenile Offense	6	Curfew, runaways, juveniles beyond control, loitering	
Person Crime	6	Domestic battery, battery, rape, assault	
Property Crime	10	Theft and burglary	
Public Offense	2	Disturbing the peace, vandalism	
Traffic Offense	13	Speeding, reckless driving, car crash	
Other	14	Follow-up investigations, uncategorized calls	
Total Calls September	225		
Total Calls for 2015	3391		
Average Calls Per Day	_		
Total Arrests	3		

December 2015



Survey Results About State Issues

There were 66 responses out of aproximately 2,450. Some responses did not answer all questions, so the total count may differ. The City will notify state legislators of the results and residents' opinions.

1. Should a cemetery burial lot in Idaho be deemed abandoned and resold if not maintained or used by its owner, or if the owner does not contact the cemetery, within 50, 70, or 80 years, or never?	70 ye	_
2. Should Idaho increase the personal property tax exemption (for business equipment) from \$100,000 to \$150,000 / \$250,000? This will reduce State revenue by \$4.4/ \$10.5 million.	Yes <u>15</u>	No <u>34</u>
3. Should Idaho lower income tax from 7.4% to 7.3% for individuals, trusts and estates where Idaho taxable income is \$7,500 and over? This will reduce State revenue by \$20.7 million.	Yes <u>24</u>	No <u>27</u>
4. Should Idaho repeal the \$10 food tax credit, declare an emergency, and not charge sales tax for food sold for human consumption? This will reduce State revenue by \$41.43 million.	Yes <u>25</u>	No 24
5. Should Idaho allow notice of a public hearing, annual meeting, project bid, and property disposal to be posted on websites as an alternative to being printed in newspapers?	Yes <u>16</u>	No <u>37</u>
6. County Commissioners can grant a property tax exemption for all or a portion of the taxable market value of new buildings or structural components of buildings as a tax incentive to attract new business. Should Idaho reduce the minimum investment amount from \$3 million to \$500,000?	Yes <u>23</u>	No 25
7. Should Idaho require title, registration, and collect sales tax for a "tiny house" or "park model" trailer-type home is less than 400 square feet?	Yes <u>24</u>	No 26
8. Should Idaho exempt sensitive records about critical infrastructure from public disclosure?	Yes <u>11</u>	No <u>48</u>
9. Should Idaho exempt from disclosure the name and address of any Idaho pollutant discharge elimination system (IPDES) applicant or permittee, the content of any IPDES permit, effluent data, water quality standard, or limitation imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency?	Yes _7	No <u>55</u>
10. Should Idaho define and add "firefighter occupational diseases" to Idaho Code and pay firefighters (employed or volunteer) workers compensation, and disability and death benefits if the firefighter is diagnosed with one or more of the following: cancer of the brain, bladder, kidney, colorectal, ureter, testicular, breast, esophagus; Hodgkin's lymphoma; leukemia; or multiple myeloma?	Yes 35	No 25
11. Should Treasure Valley cities and counties design and construct a high capacity public transportation (rail) connecting Boise to Caldwell, Nampa, Middleton and cities in between, and to major destinations i.e. airport, Boise Towne Square Mall, large businesses?	Yes 46	No 20

Local Government Taxing Districts

The City of Middleton is made up of many different governing districts. It is important to understand that different districts have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxing abilities. This information should help when you have questions. Each of these districts has open meetings that can be attended to understand issues and provide input.

City of Middleton 585-3133

City Council meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., City Hall. The City owns and manages the building, planning and police departments, library, city water and sewer systems, streets and drains, and the following parks: Roadside Park, Centennial Grove, Middleton Place Park, and Piccadilly Park.

Cemetery District 585-9394

Cemetery Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Cemetery District Office. Owns and manages the Middleton Cemetery.

Fire District 585-6650

Fire District Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Owns and manages Middleton Rural Fire District.

Greater Middleton Parks & Rec. District 585-3461

Park & Rec. Board Meetings: 1st Thursday at the Parks and Rec. office. Owns and manages Hawthorne Park, Foote Park, and Ed Payne Park.

School District 585-3027

School Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 6:15 p.m. at the School District Office. Owns and manages all public schools in the Middleton area.



Meeting and Community Event Calendar

City Council

February 3

6:30 p.m. City Hall

Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall

February 8

Presidents' Day

February 15

City Hall Closed

Senior Luncheon

February 16

Noon at Methodist Church

City Council

February 17

6:30 p.m. City Hall

City Disaster Response Plan

February 18

7:00 p.m. LDS Church Downtown Use south door entrance

Helping Hands Chili Cook-Off

March 19

Contact Chris Doelitzsch 208-550-5568 to enter a team;

Garbage Cart Locations

Trash and recycling carts are property placed curbside off the sidewalk, away from mailboxes so the Post Office will deliver mail. The City has requested that Republic Services return emptied carts to the curbside in an effort to maintain unobstructed sidewalks.