



Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday August 12th
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. City Hall
Discussion: FY15 Capitol Projects

Budget Hearing - August 6, 2014

Real property tax is the primary source of revenue for local governments (county, cities, school and other districts, etc.). When budgeting, Idaho law requires cities to use an October 1 thru September 30 "fiscal year" instead of a "calendar year" because of the real property tax assessment and collection processes.

Middleton City Council is scheduled on August 6, 2014 to consider and approve the City budget for Fiscal Year 2015. The proposed budget includes grants that have been awarded to the City, and grants that may be awarded during FY2015.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting on August 6, 2014 and comment on the proposed budget. Written comments may be submitted sooner.

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Fund Report FY2014 As of 6/30/2014

	FY2014 Expenditures	FY2014 Budget	% Remaining	Current Cash Balance	FY15 Proposed Budget
General Fund					
General	\$ 1,022,542	\$ 1,229,558	17%	\$ 1,022,869	\$ 830,558
Parks	\$ 374,037	\$ 847,010	56%	\$ 239,369	\$ 952,113
Library	\$ 114,759	\$ 172,496	33%	\$ 256,277	\$ 718,321
Total General	\$ 1,511,338	\$ 2,249,064	33%	\$ 1,518,515	\$ 2,500,991
Garbage Fund	\$ 346,772	\$ 500,481	31%	\$ 181,496	\$ 515,545
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,547,138	\$ 2,512,924	38%	\$ 1,776,296	\$ 1,752,378
Street Fund	\$ 636,633	\$ 2,427,880	74%	\$ 904,084	\$ 2,006,358
Water Fund	\$ 347,969	\$ 853,525	59%	\$ 2,098,605	\$ 805,428
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$4,389,850	\$ 8,543,873	49%	\$ 6,478,996	\$ 7,580,700



Roadside Park Playground Equipment

The playground equipment in Roadside Park was replaced in time for the 4th of July with new equipment meeting current standards, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. Thank you Kim at Recreation Today and Jim at Haemker Construction.

Project Details

Project Design:	Recreation Today
Construction Contractor:	Haemker Construction
Construction Schedule:	June – July 2014
Project Cost:	\$50,000 (\$25,000 from Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation High 5 Grant)



Crosswalk Relocation

The crosswalk on Middleton Road west of Mill Creek Elementary School is being relocated from the south to the north side of Ridge Street to allow students a safer crossing and easier right turns from Mountain View Subdivision onto south-bound Middleton Road.

Project Details

Project Design:	Civil Dynamics
Bid Awarded:	July 15, 2014
Construction Contractor:	Guho Group
Contract Date:	July 16, 2014
Construction Schedule:	August 2014
Project Cost:	\$7,582



Middleton Place Park New Restrooms

The new facility is under construction and will have three parts: restrooms, an outdoor shelter, and a multi-purpose room that can be used as part of a summer recreation program or for a communications/first-aid center in case of an emergency or disaster.

Project Details

Project Design:	Cole Architects
Design Authorized:	March 21, 2014
Design Complete:	April 10, 2014
Bid Awarded:	May 7, 2014
Construction Contractor:	Haemker Construction
Contract Date:	May 12, 2014
Construction Schedule:	July – August 2014
Project Cost:	\$179,064.76



Middleton Place Subdivision Stormwater Pipe Cleanout (photos at right)

The irrigation and drainage pipe in Middleton Place Subdivision was designed to collect high groundwater, and stormwater run-off. The pipe had not been cleaned since it was installed in 1976, and was clogged with sediment, debris, and tree roots. Water backed up and covered the streets in some places (see photos at top right). Resident Kandy Winters is seen years ago when the water created "Campbell Ponds."



The Middleton Place Water Users Association was responsible for pipe maintenance and tree removal. Drainage District No. 2 was responsible for conveying the irrigation and drain water. The City is responsible for public roads so Mayor Taylor talked to residents and coordinated the effort to clear the easement as necessary to clean out the pipe. Now the water no-longer floods City streets, and stormwater has stopped eroding the road base and causing the roads to crack, sink and fail.

Thank you to the landowners, residents, Water Users Association, tree-removal companies, and Drainage District No. 2 (DD2) for the cooperative effort that achieved something not done for almost 40 years. A special thanks to Alan Funkhauser at DD2 and Brad Green at the City for their extra effort to clean the 30-inch diameter concrete pipe. The cost to City residents was about \$7,000 plus employee time and use of the City's vacuum truck.

N. 2nd Avenue Paving / Hawthorne Park Speed Humps

Road grading and other preparation, including work to lower an irrigation line that crosses N. 2nd Ave. is scheduled to begin August 4, 2014. When complete, seven of the City's eight roads that were gravel in 2012 will have been paved. Two speed humps will be installed on N. 2nd Avenue, and three speed humps will be installed on N. Hawthorne near Hawthorne Park.

Project Details

Project Design:	Civil Dynamics
Bid Awarded:	June 26, 2014
Construction Contractor:	C. Wright Construction
Contract Date:	July 7, 2014
Construction Schedule:	August 2014
Project Cost:	\$72,595

Canyon Villa Subdivision Road and Sewer Reconstruction

The roads in Canyon Villa Subdivision failed because there is no base or sub-base gravel material underneath the existing two layers of asphalt. The roads are being reconstructed and, while they are "open," the City is installing new pvc sewer main-lines under the roads and abandoning old clay main-lines in many back yards. Wastewater will then drain toward roads instead of back yards for twenty-seven lots. A speed hump will be installed on Skyline Dr., and a new gravity sewer main-line will be installed in Middleton Road.

Project Details

Project Design:	Precision Engineering, Streets J-U-B Engineering, Sewer
Design Authorized:	November 21, 2013
Design Complete:	June 23, 2014
Plans and Specifications:	June 27, 2014
Bid Awarded:	July 15, 2014
Construction Contractor:	Warrington Construction
Construction Schedule:	August – December 2014
Project Cost:	\$571,275

Law Enforcement Contract with Canyon County

The City of Middleton was chartered on April 20, 1910. According to Canyon County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) records, the City of Middleton has contracted with Canyon County to provide law enforcement services to the City since 1997.

"Law enforcement services" include dispatch, jail, trained and equipped officers, emergency response to 911 calls, patrol to enforce Idaho state laws. Counties provide courts, judges, and prosecuting attorneys who prosecute felony crimes. Cities pay to prosecute misdemeanor crimes.

Last year the Sheriff's office anticipated the City signing a contract and paying \$260,608.36 for law enforcement from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014). The amount increases about \$30,000 per year, and is in addition to the real property taxes landowners in Middleton pay to the County.

On March 4, 2014, the City received a letter from Sheriff Kieran Donahue saying, "I will need to withdraw my officers from special City service on Monday, March 10, 2014, until this matter can be resolved." The City had not signed a contract paid the Sheriff. Idaho law is clear, county sheriffs are responsible to provide law enforcement services to all county residents, whether in a city limits or not.

The City requested, in several letters over three months, that the Sheriff identify the services his office provides Middleton residents that are required by Idaho law and paid for with real property taxes, and the additional services for which the Sheriff sought additional payment. The Sheriff never provided the two lists or explained the additional special services provided to Middleton residents.

The City signed the contract and paid the County for Fiscal Year 2014 because of the circumstances, but is reluctant to pay the \$292,923.90 demanded by the Sheriff for next year without knowing what Middleton residents get for their money that State law does not already require. City Council adopted a proposed budget that does not include payment to Canyon County for law enforcement services during FY2015.

Middleton could contract like the City of Star. Star pays just over \$600,000 to Ada County, in addition to real property taxes paid by landowners. In exchange, the City receives four officers, a chief, and a detective that are all Ada County deputy sheriffs assigned to the City of Star, fully trained and equipped, in cars marked

"Star City Police," they report to the Mayor rather than the Ada County Sheriff, and never leave Star city limits. Middleton requested this type of law enforcement arrangement, but the Sheriff declined. Please contact Mayor Taylor at 697-4354 if you would like more information.

True: Idaho law requires the Canyon County Sheriff to provide the same law enforcement services to all county residents. Middleton may contract with the County, another city, or any other willing law enforcement agency if a majority of Middleton residents would like "Middleton Police Department" officers and cars.

False: Middleton will have to hire police or contract with Canyon County for law-enforcement services.

True: Idaho law requires the sheriff to provide services whether or not the City pays money in addition to real property taxes already paid by landowners in the city.

False: If a city without a police department does not pay the County Sheriff for law enforcement, the Sheriff can withdraw officers and withhold legally-required services from city residents.

True: Cities establish police departments because: 1) cities want more and/or better law enforcement services than a sheriff's office provides, 2) cities want to be able to direct law enforcement day-to-day schedules and assignments, and 3) Cities want to increase accountability of law enforcement.

False: Cities have police departments because they are required to provide police protection once a city is formed.

True: City landowners pay the same real property taxes that landowners in the County pay, and should receive the same law enforcement services without having to pay extra. This would be double taxation. All residents of the County are to receive due process and equal protection under the law, whether a resident lives inside city limits or not.

False: City residents should pay the sheriff more than county residents for the same law enforcement services.

True: Idaho law requires the Sheriff to provide services to all county residents.

False: The Sheriff provides law enforcement services to City residents because the City does not have a police department.

True: Idaho law requires the Sheriff to provide dispatch, a jail, patrol and incident response ... all services needed to enforce Idaho state laws.

False: The Sheriff is only required to provide City residents certain law enforcement services but not others.

True: The Sheriff cannot withhold state-required services without violating Idaho law and maybe being personally liable.

False: The Sheriff can withdraw officers and not provide law enforcement services to City residents if the City does not pay the amount demanded.

City of Middleton Impact Fee

City Council in April 2014 appointed the following individuals to the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee: Chris Yorgason (Chairman), Nathan Clayville, Jennifer Barr, Alan Mills, Paul Watson, Jennifer Mikel, Tyson Sparrow, and Tyler Ashton. Idaho law requires at least two committee members be builders, developers, or real estate representatives.

The Committee was asked to consider the City's draft capital improvement plan for City parks and make a recommendation about whether or not the City should have a City park impact fee and, if so, how much.

The Committee Chairman on June 9, 2014 presented Findings and Recommendations to City Council, which accepted the recommendations and adopted a \$1,485 impact fee to be paid by an applicant each time a building permit is issued for new residential construction.

Residential additions and remodel projects, and commercial and industrial development, are exempt because they do not add users to City parks. The fee goes into effect about September 15, 2014. Thank you to Becky Crofts at the City and Justin Walker at Keller & Associates for preparing the capital improvement plan (\$6,300), and a special thank you to the Committee members.

Impact Fee Committee Findings and Recommendations to City Council June 9, 2014

The Middleton Impact Fee Advisory Committee has met and reviewed the City of Middleton Park Pathway/Trail Capital Improvement Plan and the Middleton Park and Pathway/Trail Impact Fee Study. Having reviewed and discussed the Plan and Study, the Committee makes the following findings and recommendations according to the duties described in the Idaho Code:

Findings

1. The formula for calculating the development impact fee is fair and reasonable.
2. The City should implement the impact fee in an amount of \$1,485.00 (the recommended fee in the fee study when adding the value of exiting pathways/trails).
3. The need for expansion and improvement of the City's park system is necessary to maintain the existing levels of service and is attributable to the capacity demands generated by new development (based upon a twenty-year implementation plan).
4. The Committee further finds that the City park system is distinguished from the Greater Middleton Park and

Recreation District park system in that the City's parks are generally leisure parks and the GMPRD parks are generally team-sport athletic fields/parks.

5. The development impact fee formula in the Study is reasonable, though the value of existing pathways/trails needs to be added to the park value per household to reach the appropriate development impact fee.

6. The impact fee will be the only impact fee collected by the City and is competitive when compared to impact fees of surrounding communities:

Caldwell:	\$1,419 total fees (about \$800 in parks)
Star:	\$2,050 parks impact fee
Eagle:	\$1,331.41 parks impact fee
Nampa:	\$2,268 total fee (\$1,143 parks)
Meridian:	\$1,767.51 total fee (\$1,080.72 parks)

Recommendations

1. The City should avoid creating a reputation that its impact fees deter new development. The City should work to create a positive image of the impact fees, demonstrating the benefits to residents of the park impact fee as a funding source for capital improvements in City parks.
2. The City should implement the impact fee in an amount of \$1,485.00 (the recommended fee in the fee study when adding the value of exiting pathways/trails).
3. The fee should be implemented upon Council adoption with the 30-day waiting period required by Idaho Code and the City should ensure that the implementation schedule is appropriately publicized.
4. The impact fee should apply to all new residential construction (single- and multi-family) and be should collected with the payment of building permit fees.
5. The City should look closely at the future projects contained within the Plan with a focus on infrastructure and then concentrating on improvements of existing parks. Before spending impact fee funds on improvements for parks to be acquired in the future, the City should develop a new study establishing accurate and specific costs.
6. The City should make sure that the development plan, including the use of funds, is publicly available and well known. At this time, impact fees should be focused solely on parks to learn the impact this fee would have on the volume of new residential construction if, and before, the City would consider adding additional impact fees.

City should communicate with the Greater Middleton Park and Recreation District to avoid duplication of effort and inefficient use of tax dollars. Fees should be prioritized towards new facilities before duplicating existing facilities.

Tony Hawk Foundation awards \$7,500 Challenge Grant to Middleton



So what is a Challenge Grant? The challenge grant requires that the City fundraise an additional \$5,000 to be used as a matching source by January 26, 2015 in order to receive the \$7,500. The skate park will be located in Middleton's newest park – Piccadilly Park across the street from the Middle School. Phase I includes the skate park, grass and irrigation, a compacted gravel parking lot with a paved approach from Highway 44. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2015.

The City is excited to be among the elite group of cities that receive funding from the Tony Hawk Foundation. Grants from the foundation are highly competitive as hundreds of applications are received during the grant cycle. The Tony Hawk Foundation seeks to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on supporting and empowering youth. The Foundation favors programs that clearly demonstrate that funds received will produce tangible, ongoing, positive results.

How can you help? Participate in the **"Pave the Path to the Park"** brick campaign. Whether you have lived in Middleton your whole life or chose to make Middleton your home, now is your opportunity to mark your place in Middleton's history. Bricks ordered through this fundraising program will be placed alongside the skateable pathway that leads to the skate park. The pathway to the park is 20 feet wide, the outside edges (3 feet on both sides) have been reserved for the bricks, leaving a 14 foot skateable cement surface for riders. Bricks can be ordered by individuals, families, businesses, churches, organizations, memorials, or given as gifts. The City and skatepark committee will continue to seek grants, corporate, material, and in-kind service donations to help fund the skate park. To make a donation contact Becky Crofts at 585-3133.

"Pave the Path to the Park" donation form can be found on the back cover

New Park Signs



The Middleton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council & Republic Services present



SPONSORED BY REPUBLIC SERVICES

Just saying "Color Rama" is fun (you just said it, didn't you?) but trust us, being a part of it is even better! This is not a race, it's a color 5K run, walk or stroll community event. The event is designed so that anyone and everyone can participate at their pace. Enter as a family, group, or individual and you will have a great time.

Color Rama this year will start and stop at Middleton Place Park. There will be several color stations along the route to ensure you are completely covered in color by the end of the race. But wait, the fun doesn't stop there, more color, dancing, food and vendor booths will be at the end of the race! The Saint Alphonsus Women's Wellness Mobile Clinic will also be onsite.

We would like to thank the AWESOME sponsors who have helped fund the race and keep the entrance fees low: Republic Services, The MYNT, Pioneer Federal Credit Union, Performance Auto, Cable One, Grizzly Sports, Just-A-Wick Away and Spencer's Music.

Sponsorship opportunities available.
Contact Kandice Cotterell at 585-3133.

5K run, walk or stroll



September 6th

11:00 a.m. at Middleton Place Park

\$20 for an individual

\$50 for a family of 4

\$15 each for families or teams of 4-10

SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.ACTIVE.COM

Registration ends August 23rd





See article on page 6 about the \$7,500 Tony Hawk Challenge Grant Award

Pave the Path to the Park

Donation Form



Name _____ Phone _____

Address (City, State, Zip) _____

E-mail _____

Use the spaces below to write your inscription. One character per box - spaces and punctuation count as characters. Any standard keyboard character is acceptable. Please use a separate order form for each brick order.

Brick options and costs:

- 4" x 8" with up to 3 lines of text \$ 50.00
- 8" x 8" with up to 6 lines of text \$ 75.00
- 8" x 8" child art with up to 2 lines of text \$125.00
- 8" x 8" custom logo with up to 2 lines of text \$200.00

Fill in these boxes for the 4" x 8" brick

Fill in these boxes for the 8" x 8" brick

Make checks payable to City of Middleton. Attach check and mail to: City of Middleton, P.O. Box 487 Middleton ID 83644, return with utility bill payment or place donation form in the drop box at City Hall, 6 North Dewey Avenue. For questions contact City Hall at 208-585-3133. All contributions are IRS tax deductible.