
**MIDDLETON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2024**

The Middleton City Council Meeting was called to order on January 3, 2024, at 5:33 p.m. by Council President Rob Kiser.

Roll Call:

City Council: Council President Kiser and Council Members Huggins, Murray and O'Meara were all present.

Mayor-Elect Jackie Hutchison, City Attorney Mr. Waterman, City Administrator Ms. Crofts, Public Works Director Mr. Van Gilder and Deputy Clerk Ms. Reynolds were present.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation: Pastor David Ax, Calvary Chapel.

Recognition of Council Member Carrie Huggins – Ms. Crofts

Action Items

A. Approve Second Amended Agenda

Motion: Motion by President Kiser to approve the Second Amended Agenda posted January 2, 2024, 5:09 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member O'Meara and approved unanimously.

President Kiser called the Consent Agenda Items for consideration.

Action Item:

- 3. Consent Agenda (items of routine administrative business)**
 - a. Consider approving minutes for City Council December 20, 2023, Regular meeting.**
 - b. Consider ratifying payroll for December 29, 2023, in the amount of \$122,890.06.**
 - c. Consider approving accounts payable through December 22, 2023, in the amount of \$306,895.81.**

Council President Kiser called the items and stated that he had reviewed the accounts payable. Nothing was out of the ordinary.

Motion: Motion by President Kiser to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 a-c. Motion seconded by Councilman O'Meara and approved unanimously.

Action Item:

- 1. Swearing in of Jackie Hutchison as Mayor, and Tim O'Meara and Mark Christiansen as City Council members – Ms. Crofts**

City Administrator/Clerk conducted the swearing in of Ms. Jackie Hutchison as the new Mayor of the City of Middleton after which Mayor Hutchison gave a brief statement. (Exhibit 1).

Ms. Crofts conducted the swearing in of Tim O'Meara and Mark Christiansen as new City Council Members.

Mayor Hutchison took control of the meeting ~~ear~~ and called the information item.

Information Item:

1. Discuss draft school ordinance – Council Member Murray

Mayor Hutchison asked Councilman Murray to discuss his proposal for the school ordinance. After discussion by Council, Mayor Hutchison asked that Councilman Christiansen and Murray get two additional outside attorney opinions. She wanted the visits with the additional attorneys capped at \$1,000 each.

No final decision was made, and the ordinance will be brought before Council at a future meeting.

Discussion Item:

1. Consider unappointing Hamilton Michaelson & Hilty, LLP, and appointing Yorgason Law as the City Attorney. – Mayor Hutchison

Mayor Hutchison presented her concerns about the cost of the city attorney. She believes that Yorgason Law would be less expensive. Discussion ensued. President Kiser stated he had contacted Mr. Yorgason, and he indicated he was not looking for a job, and he may have potential conflicts with Wednesday night council meeting. Additional Council discussion. More information is needed for an actual cost comparison. No decisions were made. No action taken.

Action Item:

2. Swearing in of Officer Noah Palmer – Mayor Hutchison

Mayor Hutchison conducted the swearing in of Officer Noah Palmer as Middleton's newest police officer.

Public Comments:

Marty Denahm: Congratulations to Mayor. They love Middleton after moving here 4 years ago. He supports the by pass and looks forward for increased transparency.

Tyson Sparrow: Congratulations to Mayor. A word of caution about appointing Yorgason as the attorney. It could look like quid pro quo as he was advising her on her campaign.

Theresa Denham: Moved from Bend, Oregon to Middleton. Excited to have a mayor who looks at the overall culture of the community.

Mike Graefe: Concerned with Yorgason law and a potential conflict of interest as Mr. Yorgason is the attorney for Star. Star is encroaching on Middleton's Area of Impact. He supports the current city attorneys. He wants density of R-3 revisited.

Patty Crawford: Congratulate Mayor and new Council Members. Stated that "you" represent "us." Wants public comments taken before decisions are made. Concerned about schools.

Jennifer Rasmussen: Welcome to Mayor Hutchison. She looks forward for her vision, persistence and eagerness.

Carlene Thie: Congratulations to Mayor Hutchison. She gave her opinion of history and of what she considers corruption in city politics with "the Good'ol Boys Club". She raised

concerns and accusations against Council President Kiser and stated things have to change, or recalls will begin.

Mike McDougal: Welcome to Mayor Hutchison. He believes this is a group of people who have the best interest of Middleton in mind.

Jeremy Rudolph: Congratulations to those who won. He is happy that Liquor by the Drink passed and asked that people drink responsibly. Thanked Councilman Murray for his work on the school ordinance and asked that Councilman Christiansen move quickly on the additional legal opinions.

Councilman Murray clarified this ordinance is not intended to slow growth, the goal is protect the education for the kids.

Todd Ognibene: Thinks city needs a better way to get information out. There is a collective group of people to make voices heard on social media.

Greg Baker: Welcome Mayor Hutchison and Councilman Christiansen. Purple Sage school needs to be excluded from the ordinance.

Theresa Klinger: Congratulations to Mayor Hutchison

Janet Gibson: Congratulations to Mayor Hutchison, and Councilman Christiansen. She likes the out of the box thinking from Councilman Murray.


Mayor, Staff and Council Comments:

Mayor Hutchison: Reminded everyone about the ITD meeting January 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Middleton Middle School. This will be where people can ask questions and receive information and understand timelines.

Ms. Reynolds, Deputy Clerk stated this will be posted as a special meeting because there will likely be members of P&Z and City Council present.

Adjourn: Mayor Hutchison adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Jennica Reynolds, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: January 17, 2024


J. L. Hutchison, Mayor



Exhibit 1

I want to thank my family that happens to be with me here tonight .I want to thank all of the wonderful families that invited me into their homes and hundreds of passionate, caring new friends I made along the way.

I am requesting my statement to become part of the meeting minutes tonight, word for word. During the last five months the voters and I narrowed down to the must haves for my first year in office.

1. Raises for Middleton Police Officers.
2. Make changes to our building codes to slow down growth to a manageable pace.
3. Install a signal at Highway 44 and Lansing and Highway 44 and Duff. I will work very hard on completing these items, safety is all important to me and the citizens.
4. I promised to deliver the opportunity to the citizens of Middleton to hear from Idaho Department of transportation for the opportunity to bring back the bypass, also known as the alternative route? We as citizens and voters must decide Bypass Alternative route or widening of Highway 44. A meeting will be held January 11, 2024 at the Middle School at 5:00, I encourage everyone to attend and let your voices be heard.

I received 68% of the vote, the people spoke in a landslide, I invite City Council to work with me to achieve what the people want. I invite the City Council to understand that my loyalty is to the voters of this city, not to get reelected.

I ask the voters of Middleton, if I don't do the peoples work, recall me. If the City Council

doesn't do the peoples work, recall them. The city of Middleton doesn't have five or 10 years to get it right, the time is now.

I want to thank each and every person who attended tonight, my heart is so full.

Jackie Hutchison, Mayor of Middleton



Public Comment Sign In

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	Name	Address	Phone or Email	Topic/Agenda Item #
1	MARTY DENHAM	25381 Rington Dr. Middleton	541.410.2624	General Comments
2	TYSON SPARROW	211 N CAMPBELL AVE. Middleton ID	208-515-4221	General About Attorney
3	Theresa Denham	25381 Rington Dr Middleton	208 505 7675	General
4	MIKE BRACFE	1889 RIDGE WAY MIDDLETON	208-527-6227	MISC.
5	Irene Ayres	8541 Telaga Way Middleton	510.299.7070	"
6	DOMINIK BRANDON	2495? MINT LN MIDDLETON ID 83601		
7	Patty Crawford	8259 Spring Creek way	206 276 6779	GENERAL
8	Mike Galloway Rasmussen	8425 SPRING CREEK way	208-891-5018	GENERAL
9	Marc + Jennifer	1032 N. Buffalo Way		
10	Carlene	1030 Overland Trail	9518183694	general



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	Name	Address	Phone or Email	Topic/Agenda Item #
11	Mimi McDermott	13037 GREENWICH	209 606 2273	GENERAL
12	JEREMY RUDOLPH	507 TRIUMPH		GEN
13	TODD OGNIBENE	1973 SCOTCH PINE	916 549 0342	GEN
14	Greg Baker	9863 ^{Park} Meadow	512 992-7295	Gen
15	Theresa King	24547 Blackbird	916-548-4000	Congrat
16	Janet Gibson	945 Harnes +		General
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