



Middleton City Council Meeting Minutes 06-05-2024

Middleton City Council Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers - 1103 W Main Street

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation

- Mayor Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll was taken by Deputy Clerk Reynolds. Councilmembers Murray, Christiansen and O'Meara, were present. Chairman Kiser was absent.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Pastor Jeremiah Campos of Calvary Chapel Middleton gave an invocation.

Action Items:

A. Approve Amended Agenda

- Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Councilmember O'Meara and seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Public Hearing Items of City Business (3 min each)

- Mayor Hutchison Stated that comments on Agenda items would not be allowed.
- No Comment.

Information Items

1. Special Meeting Workshop to Discuss Sewer Rates Analysis is scheduled on 6/18/2024 at 4:00 p.m. – Mr. Van Gilder

- Public Works Director Jason Van Gilder announced a Special Meeting Workshop to discuss Sewer Rates Analysis scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

2. Comprehensive Plan Updates can be found on the City Website. Upcoming on July 4th, see the vendor booth at Middleton Place Park.- Ms. Hobbs

- City Administrator Monica Hobbs mentioned Comprehensive Plan updates can be found on the City website and encouraged visiting the vendor booth at the July 4th celebration at Middleton Place Park.

Action Items:

1. Consent Agenda (items of routine administrative business)

- Consider approving minutes for City Council May 15, 2024, Regular meeting.
- Consider ratifying payroll for May 17, 2024, in the amount of \$166,821.00.
- Consider ratifying payroll for May 31, 2024, in the amount of \$120,448.46.
- Consider approving accounts payable through May 24, 2024, in the amount of \$157,564.47.

e. Consider approving application for firework stand Outlet Fireworks LLC beginning June 24, 2024 through July 5, 2024. – Ms. Hobbs

- Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilmember O’Meara and seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Motion passed unanimously.
(City Administrator/City Clerk noted the fireworks permit application for Outlet Fireworks LLC was being approved for the record.)

2. Regarding: Middleton Chamber of Commerce July 4 Events

Consider approving Middleton Chamber of Commerce Special Event Permit for the 4th of July Celebration and Parade and waive fees. - Ms. Fearn

-Ms. Zimmerman from the Chamber of Commerce presented the application and asked for the fees to be waived.
- Motion to approve the Middleton Chamber of Commerce Special Event Permit for the July 4th Celebration and Parade and waive fees made by Councilmember O’Meara and seconded by Councilmember Murray. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Regarding: Cemetery Cross Walk Discussion

Revisit the proposal from previous years provided from Precision Engineering and decide if the council wants to proceed with updating the proposal- Mr. Van Gilder

-Public Works Director Jason Van Gilder presented a proposal to install a lighted pedestrian crosswalk system at the Cemetery on Cemetery Road. After discussion, Council decided more information was needed before approving the proposal. Staff will provide updated costs and details at a future meeting.

4. Regarding Roadside Park Signs

Consider approving the design of signs at Roadside Park. – Mayor Hutchison

- Mayor Hutchinson presented design options for new signs at Roadside Park. Council discussed and agreed on the design to approve. Councilmember O’Meara asked Mayor how these signs were being paid for. Mayor responded with her “salary money”
- Motion to approve the Roadside Park sign design made by Councilmember Christiansen and seconded by Councilmember Murray. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Public Hearing items of City Business (3 min each)

Elizabeth Weaver: She is concerned with the speeding traffic on Cemetery Rd. Something needs to be done.

Randall Mitchell: Is upset that the Veterans Sign was taken down before the new one was ready to be installed. He thinks the new sign needs to be up before July 4th. He also stated that speeding on North Dewey is a problem.

Mikell Galloway: Can’t understand how the Mayor and Council can listen to the public if the public is not allowed to speak.

Patty Crawford: Wants the Mayor and Council to listen to the public before they make decisions.

Mike Graefe: He believes an emphasis needs to be put on safety, especially at the Cemetery. He thinks the City could get some grants to help pay for the cost. He believes this project should be at the top of the budget considerations.

Mayor and Council Comments: Summary of Comments

Mayor Hutchison gave updates on various city events and projects.

“I would like to commend our public work staff for completing and submitting the lead and copper service timeline inventory. This was a recent federal mandate requiring us to inventory all of the water service lines in the city to determine if any work constructed with lead pipe. After considerable effort, staff completed the effort well ahead of the October deadline. We did not find any indication that any of the service lines in the city were constructed of lead pipe. So that's a good thing. Thank you very much. It was 1000 hours or more.”

“The next thing I wanted to talk to you about is we're having a groundbreaking for the signal cemetery and Highway 44 on June 25 at 10:00 a.m. and just for an update, this is all new to me with how government works. In February, I was told that the signal would be in by October. And then last month I was told it's on Backorder, and it will be in by next spring. But we're going to start the process and get it up and running and getting all the foundation and everything started and a ribbon cutting on June 25, if anybody would like to be there.”

Councilmember Christiansen commented on the Cemetery Crosswalk and Public Comment Protocol.

“Nobody here wants to be dispassionate to the safety issue, but it is a two part deal that has to be considered, the price of which, and I think that's a good thing to investigate. If there's an opportunity with the veterans or some other avenue to get some public money for a light, I think that's a great opportunity to take a look at that. But we can't ignore the funds to the city. We can't ignore the safety. So to what the mayor said, we're going to look at opportunities.”

“To your comments, Mike and Patty. On the public comments, there's one of the things that I've learned in getting involved in city business and meetings, public meetings, is that there's protocols that you have to use. Public hearings are the places where public comments can be made during the public hearing, generally around subdivision approvals, things like that. In this case, this particular item is not a public hearing. And the rules around public meetings don't allow necessarily for public comment during things that are labeled like this. And I don't know if Monica or the mayor, we can look at other opportunities for things like this where we can have public comment during that and still be in compliance, which is what Mayor Hutchinson said. It isn't that anybody is trying to ignore you or ignore the public comments.”

Councilmember Murray commented on the signs at Roadside Park and the LID Committee Ordinance and Food Trucks.

“Well, honestly, I don't even think that vote is binding because the signs go under the mayor's purview, just like the painting of the bathrooms and many other things. So really, in my mind, it was a showboat. So if you would like to sit down with Jackie and give your opinion, I believe it is well within her purview to make alterations. If you make suggestions.”

“I'm looking at suggesting that we resend our ordinance, creating a LID committee simply because I'm worried that we will harm the school's ability to pass there. After this last election, the primary, and seeing the failure of bonds across the valley, I'm worried that this hanging out there may cause people to vote no on the school bond, and I don't want to be the cause of that.”

“I wanted to throw it out there to make it, make everybody aware. Also, Latte’Da notified the public, and I was notified over the weekend, they will be shutting down daily operations in town and only doing events due to our ordinance requiring moving every night. So I would like at our next meeting to look at altering or rescinding that portion of that code that we passed because we have officially run a small business out of town with our ordinance, which was obviously not the intended effect of that.”

Councilmember O’Meara commented on the Cemetery crosswalk issue.

“First off, I’d like to see us pursue the cemetery crosswalk issue. Quite frankly, I think that there’s got to be something a little less expensive that we can do even if it doesn’t cover our backsides. As far as. As lawsuits go, I still think we need to move forward with something there. There’s quite a few things in place on cemetery Road now that are not the most legal option or the legally protected option. But I would rather see us have people enter the cemetery by natural causes than by accident. So I’d like to keep that discussion going during our session.”

Budget Workshop:

• **Discussion of Capital Projects/Engineering, City Staff. – Treasurer, Ms. Miles**

-Mayor Hutchison opened the Budget workshop at 6:48 p.m.

- City Treasurer Wendy Miles led a discussion reviewing the proposed FY2025 Capital Projects list and budget. After questions and discussion, the Council decided to continue the budget workshop at a Special Meeting on June 12th to allow for Councilmember Kiser’s input, as he was absent from this meeting.

Executive Session: Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code and possible decision(s) to follow: 74-206(1)(c) Land acquisition

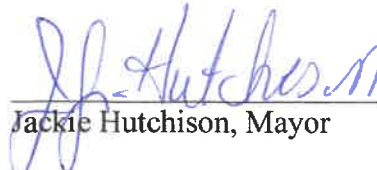
Executive Session

- At 7:11 p.m., Mayor Hutchison made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) regarding land acquisition matters. Seconded by Councilmember Murray. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

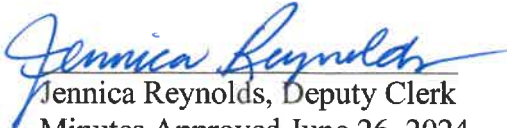
Discussion by Council, no decisions made and no action was taken.

-At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Hutchison made a motion to end the Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember O’Meara. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

-Mayor Hutchison adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Jackie Hutchison, Mayor


Jennica Reynolds, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved June 26, 2024





Before

City Council Public Comment

June 5, 2024

	Name	Address	Phone or Email	Topic/Agenda Item #
1	Elizabeth Weaver	16778 Hollow Road	2088607941	Crosswalk
2	Frank M. Hill	123 3rd		Spin Veterans
3	Michelle Galkoway	Spring Creek way	—	Segways
4	Patty Crisful	"		Mag order
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After

City Council Public Comment

June 5, 2024

	Name	Address	Phone or Email	Topic/Agenda Item #
1	MIKE GRAEFE	1889 RIDGE WAY	708-527-6277	
2	Miki Halberg	Spring Creek		Spans
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