

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MIDDLETON CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Middleton City Council on September 21, 2016 was called to order by Mayor Darin Taylor at 6:43 p.m. The room was full of Middleton High School students attending as a requirement of the government class at school, and others.

Roll Call: Council Members Beverlee Furner, Carrie Huggins, Rob Kiser were present and Council President Lenny Riccio was absent, but arrived at 7:23 pm.

Mayor Taylor introduced the City Attorney Chris Yorgason of Yorgason Associates, City Planning and Zoning Official Randal Falkner, and Deputy Fire Chief Victor Islas.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Kiser to approve the amended agenda, including item "4) C." being added today because the traveling salesman stopped today and acting foreman Stevan Rogers said the city could use the equipment at that good price, and including item "4) D." because Mayor Taylor remembered to include notice of the public meeting about renaming roads in the September 2016 issue of the FrontPage but forgot to include it on the agenda when first prepared and posted on September 2, 2016, was seconded by Council Member Furner and carried unanimously.

3) **Administrative Action/Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Taylor introduced the item and answered questions.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Kiser to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Huggins and carried unanimously.

4) **New Business:**

4) A. **Consider waiving terrorism insurance coverage through Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP).**

Mayor Taylor introduced the item, answered questions, and asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak to this item: none.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Kiser to waive extra terrorism insurance coverage through ICRMP was seconded by Council Member Huggins and carried unanimously.

4) B. **Consider confirming Mayor's appointment of a City Treasurer and a City Clerk.**

Mayor Taylor introduced the item saying the city interviewed 15 very applicants, six of which could be hired and would be a solid fit as the city's treasurer. Mayor described Edward Karass' financial experience when employed in several positions by the State of Maine and when employed as city treasurer for Lisbon, Maine. Mayor Taylor answered questions, appointed Ed Karass as the City Treasurer and Becky Crofts as the City Clerk, and asked council to confirm the appointments.

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Motion: Motion by Council Member Kiser to confirm the appointment of Edward Karass as the City Treasurer and Becky Crofts as the City Clerk was seconded by Council Member Huggins and carried unanimously.

4) C. Consider ratifying purchase of generators, etc. from Capital Equipment/Northwest in the amount of \$6,770.00.

Mayor Taylor introduced the item, answered questions, and asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak to this item: none.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Kiser to ratify the purchase of generators, etc. from Capital Equipment/Northwest in the amount of \$6,770.00 was seconded by Council Member Huggins and carried unanimously.

4) D. Consider changing about 40 confusing public road names throughout the city.

Mayor Taylor introduced the item and answered questions. Mayor Taylor then introduced the Middleton Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Deputy Fire Chief Victor Islas, and Middleton Postmaster Renee Ackerman, and asked each to speak to council and the audience and answer the question, "Why is renaming these roads important to your agency?" Then Mayor Taylor asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak to this item: Brenda and Scott Pickerell, Mike Fitzryk, Scott Brock, Jay Walker, Leah Davis, Janis Fallert, Herb and Janis Fitzpatrick, Garrett Barnes, and Council Member Kiser provided comments to city council.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Riccio to continue this item to the next regularly-scheduled meeting was seconded by Council Member Furner and carried unanimously.

Mayor Taylor declared a recess at about 8:05 pm, and reconvened the meeting at 8:23 pm.

6) Consider approving an appeal by Idaho Power from the Middleton Planning and Zoning Commission's denial of Idaho Power's application for a conditional use permit to construct, operate and maintain a 138-kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line on poles over 55 feet tall, through downtown Middleton along State Highway 44 and north on Hartley Ln.

In the alternative, if the City does not approve the downtown route, Idaho Power proposes the following alternate route: a 138-kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line on poles over 55-feet tall on a line south on Murphy Avenue to a point approximately 1,000 feet south of State Highway 44 then west on a line approximately one mile south of State Highway 44 perpendicular to and across Middleton Rd., Crane Cr. Way, and Whiffin Ln. to a point, then north along the east side of Hartley Rd. alignment to Willis Road.

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Mayor Taylor declared the public hearing open and explained the hearing process. Jeff Maffucio, an Idaho Power representative, presented the applicant's application and answered questions. Planning and Zoning Official Randall Falkner presented the staff report and answered questions.

Mayor Taylor asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak to this item: Mike Fitzryk, Jay Walker, Marcie Higginson, Herb and Janis Fitzpatrick, Janis Fallert, and Leah Davis. Mayor Taylor asked Mr. Maffucio to respond to questions raised by residents and offer final comments.

Mayor Taylor closed the public comment portion of the public hearing at 9:55 pm after everyone who wanted to speak had had an opportunity.

Motion: Motion by Council President Riccio to deny the appeal and approve the proposed alternate route with the conditions recommended in the Staff Report was seconded by Council Member Huggins and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

Mayor Taylor stated because the alternate route approved by city council is substantially different than the route requested by Idaho Power, a second public hearing is required by law and is scheduled on October 5, 2016 in the City Hall public meeting room starting at 6:30 pm. The Public Hearing sign(s) along the downtown route will be relocated to the approved route, and the city will mail written notice to landowners within 300 feet of the 138 kV transmission line along the proposed route. Mayor Taylor declared the public hearing concluded.

5) A. Consider approving a contract with Health Insurance Associates for benefits administration services.

Mayor Taylor introduced the item. Lindsay Clarke Youngwerth and Lori Outen of the Shandro Group presented information about past and present benefit-administration services provided to the City of Middleton. John Bucy of Mutual of Omaha presented information about present benefit-administration services provided to the City of Middleton.

Don Howell and Jeff Cotterell of Health Insurance Associates presented information about benefit-administrations services provided by their company.

Mayor Taylor asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak to this item: none.

Motion: Motion by Council President Riccio to retain Shandro Group to administer benefits at the City of Middleton was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

5) B. (Continued Public Hearing) Consider approving Resolution No. 377-16, a resolution of the Middleton City Council, Middleton, Canyon County, Idaho, to repeal and replace the city's comprehensive plan text and maps.

Mayor Taylor declared the public hearing open, introduced the item, answered questions, and asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak to this item: none.

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Motion: Motion by Council President Riccio Member Kiser to approve Resolution No. 377-16 and the applicable comprehensive plan and maps, but without the capital improvement plans for city parks and roads, was seconded by Council Member Furner and carried unanimously.

- 7) **Public Comments:** none.
- 8) **Department Comments**
- 9) **Mayor's Comments**
- 10) **Council Comments**


Adjourn:

Motion: Motion by Council President Riccio to adjourn was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously. Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at midnight.

ATTEST:



Mayor Darin Taylor


Kandice Cotterell, Deputy City Clerk
Approved: October 5, 2016

