
**MIDDLETON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2020**

The Middleton City Council meeting on May 20, 2020 was called-to-order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Steve Rule. The meeting was streamed live via the City Facebook page due to CDC/COVID-19 restrictions.

Roll Call: Council Members Carrie Huggins, Jeff Garner and Tim O'Meara were present. Council President Rob Kiser was absent and excused.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation: Mayor Steve Rule

Information Items

1. Status of pump and headwater gate at Middleton Rd and Crane Creek Rd. – Bruce Bayne

Mayor Rule called the item, Public Works Superintendent Bruce Bayne was not present. Mayor Rule explained that the head gate assembly that was installed is not approved by the Ditch company so the City will be required to lift it out, and put in a prefab concrete box from which a line will come off and onto Middleton property and there will be installed the pump box. This will avoid the trash that builds up in the ditch.

2. Update on Planning Position – Mayor Rule

Mayor Rule called the item and explained that the city has reposted for the planning position and increased the pay.

Discussion Item

1. When to open Splashpad – Mayor Rule and Becky Crofts

Mayor Rule called the item and introduced City Administrator, Becky Crofts who said that typically the Splash Pad is opened on Memorial Day. Staff is looking for guidance on how to proceed with the splash pad at this time given the state of COVID-19 and social distancing recommendations. Several other cities and communities have closed swimming pools, however the Splash Pad does not use a water recirculation system, so there is no concern of the water being contaminated. After some discussion by Council the Splash Pad will open on Friday, May 22, 2020, but will continue to monitor the situation and close it if need be.

2. Fourth of July Celebrations – Mayor Rule and Becky Crofts

Mayor Rule called the item and expressed his opinion. He said that many Cities across the board are cancelling festivities, rodeos and parades typically held for the Fourth of July. He would like to see the fireworks show this year but is concerned with the ability to social distance at a parade. He of course will do whatever Council decides. Becky Crofts stated her that if we have a parade and none of the other surrounding "sister cities" do, we may be very overwhelmed by the influx of people coming to Middleton looking for something to do. She and the Mayor have been working with the Chamber of Commerce and so that they can make a decision quickly. Councilman Tim O'Meara stated that the

Fire District has cancelled their annual breakfast on the 4th due to the amount of lead time it requires. He has been in contact with those in charge of the fireworks show, they just need to know the direction from the City. Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District is willing to create social distancing areas for families in the park during the fireworks show. Council discussed the keeping the fireworks display going, with food trucks and social distancing, and the concerns with the parade and wet zone. Mayor said his plan is to meet with the Police Chief, Fire Marshall and City Clerk May 26th to make a final determination on the parade.

Action Items

- 1. Consent Agenda (items of routine administrative business)**
 - a. Consider approving minutes for Council's May 6, 2020 meeting with correction of Resolution number from 441-20 Surplus Property to Resolution 442-20 Surplus Property.**
 - b. Consider ratifying May 8, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$74,066.41 and accounts payable thru May 11, 2020 in the amount of \$308,942.70.**

Mayor Rule called and introduced the item and explained the corrections needed to fix the Resolution number and accounts payable amount to \$139,853.67.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Huggins to approve consent agenda items a with the change to the Resolution number and b with the change to accounts payable to be \$139,853.67. Seconded by Council Member Garner and approved unanimously.

- 2. Consider accepting the 2019 Audit Findings as presented by Zwygart John & Associates, PLLC – Jordan Zwygart**

Mayor Rule called and introduced the item. Jordan Zwygart gave an explanation of the audit. He gave a brief overview of each of the funds (General, Water, Wastewater and Transportation) and discussed the changes and adjustments in control issues that the City Treasurer has put into place at the suggestion of the auditors.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Huggins to accept the 2019 Audit findings as presented by Zwygart John & Associates, PLLC. Seconded by Council Member O'Meara and approved unanimously.

- 4. Consider Re-Opening Boise/Murphy Street. – Mayor Rule**

Mayor Rule called the item and explained with the addition of O'Reilley's Auto Parts store, drivers have been trying to cut across that parking lot in an effort to avoid the baracade at Murphy Street. Council discussed the possibility of opening the street, but only with right in and right out turns only. Mayor Rule suggested that the directions for right in and right out be marked with paint and striping and not concrete curbing. Mayor Rule stated that there have been concerns brought to him regarding the concrete curbing on Highway 44 in front of O'Reilleys store. He has contacted ITD and asked them to address the concern.

Becky Crofts asked for clarification for minutes. Traffic headed north on Murphy Street will have a right turn only onto Highway 44, and traffic headed east on Highway 44 will have a right turn only onto Murphy Street. No through traffic or left-hand turns.

Motion: Motion by Council Member O'Meara to Re-Open Murphy Street with a right in and right out traffic direction as discussed. Second by Council Member Garner and approved unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing (Table to June 3):** Consider an application from Jed Wyatt to rezone 1.06 acres from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to M-U (Mixed-Use) and acquire a special use from Middleton City Code 5-4-1, Table 1 (Land Use Schedule). The subject property is located at 1121 W Main St., South of Main Street (State Highway 44), Middleton, Idaho, commonly referred to as Canyon County Parcel No. 1760920.
6. **Consider awarding bid to AME Electric to provide and install seven Sun Valley Lighting decorative pole lights at Piccadilly Park in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00.**

Mayor Rule called and introduced the item and explained that the pole lights although not exactly the same as the poles on main street downtown are very similar and will keep the same feel as downtown, with a much lower cost. Becky Crofts stated that the lights will be casting down on the pathway to light it. The City did request three bids and received two. The lowest bid was a shoebox style light, the city chose to go with a more decorative light since it was just a couple thousand-dollar difference to keep the same theme moving through the city in the downtown area. Council Member Huggins stated that it is well worth the cost to go with the decorative poles in this area and confirmed the lights will use LED bulbs.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Huggins to award a bid to AME Electric to provide and install seven Sun Valley Lighting decorative pole lights at Piccadilly Park in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00. Seconded by Council Member Garner and approved unanimously.

3. **Consider approving City Beer and Wine Licenses for Garbonzo's Pizza, The Vault 21 Club, Ridley's Family Market, Chaparral Sports Bar & Grill, and Casa Mexico – Becky Crofts**

Mayor Rule called the item and Becky Crofts explained that all applications and payments with the exception of Casa Mexico have been received. The City received Casa Mexico's Idaho state license but not the City application or payment. Staff made phone calls and did their best effort to move their application along, but Casa Mexico has not been able to connect with the City at this time. Becky stated that the beer and wine license expires on May 31, 2020. All Council Members agreed that in order to not set a precedent, they want to see Casa Mexico follow the process and procedure set in place, and will review the application on June 3rd for Casa Mexico if it comes in.

Motion: Motion by Council Member Huggins to approve City Beer and Wine Licenses for Garbonzo's Pizza, The Vault 21 Club, Ridley's Family Market, Chaparral Sports Bar & Grill, less Casa Mexico (because they have not applied properly). Seconded by Council Member Garner approved unanimously.

Public Comments, Mayor Comments, Council Comments:

No public comment due to CDC/COVID-19 restrictions.

Council Member Huggins said she is getting a little nervous for the next meeting. She is concerned that it may be long and wondered if the additional Council members or staff are open to the idea of an additional meeting.

Council Member Garner gave a report on the Middleton School District. The board did vote to go to a 4-day school week. Based on the survey that was sent out about 70 percent of participants want to go a 4-day work week. There was discussion of change of rate of pay for staffers as they will have less workdays. Discussed the levy that is up for election. The board voted to renew Dr. Reberry's contract for another year.

Council Member O'Meara gave a report for Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District. He had a meeting with the School Districts Maintenance Director and the gentleman they are using from Design West to re-evaluate their buildings. The possibility of the Greater Middleton Parks and Rec District acquiring the Community Center from the School District is still an item of discussion. Parks and Rec has already been working with the City to store some of the items from the LAB in classroom one of the Community Center and are hoping to get some of the programs that were in the LAB up and running with the summer season with the coordination through Jennifer Kuhn.

Mayor Rule said the City is still working with the School District to get more room for the programs at the Community Center, it is just taking some time. Mayor Rule said things are very busy at City Hall, no serious issues, there is just a lot to do. Meetings in June are stacked deep, but he will talk to staff about possibility of additional meetings, or a pizza break mid meeting.

The City did have a meeting with the ditch company, there is an irrigation blowout at the end of Murphy Street. The City will assist the ditch company in removing a tree right and old garage there on the corner of Murphy in order to repair a culvert that is aged and collapsed. There is a lot of work being done on River Park, and S Cemetery Road Extension projects as well as other projects.

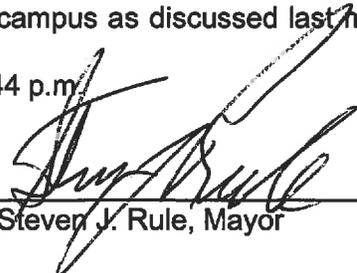
Becky Crofts stated that reducing the agenda could be a little difficult. There are a lot of applicants that have been waiting for the social distancing restrictions and the notices have been sent out. Staff will work to run public hearings effectively and efficiently.

Mayor stated that the way that public hearings will be run a little differently. But everyone will have an opportunity to testify, the information will be purged, and the process will be fair.

Becky Crofts reported that the previous mayors' pictures had been found. They were with the Historical Society and are now back at City Hall and we are preparing a place for display.

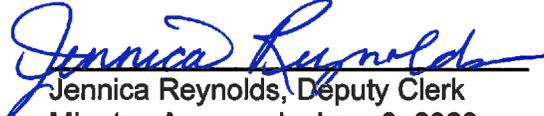
Mayor stated there is no update on expanding the campus as discussed last meeting, but they are still doing the base work on that.

Adjourn: Mayor Rule adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Steven J. Rule, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennica Reynolds, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: June 3, 2020