



## Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday March 14, 2017  
 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
 City Hall - 1103 W. Main St.

### Tour New City Hall

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## Emergency Preparedness/ Disaster Response Training

Saturday, April 8, 2017  
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Middleton Middle School - Gym

Everyone is invited to this public service open house event. Hot-dogs, chips, water, cookies, popcorn, and cotton candy will be provided at no charge.

Please contact Mayor Taylor at [dtaylor@middletoncity.com](mailto:dtaylor@middletoncity.com) by April 3, 2017 if you would like to have a booth.

Free 100-level and 200-level Incident Command training will be provided, no pre-registration is necessary. Officials will role-play an emergency operations center for a pretend earthquake event.

## City Hall Has Moved to 1103 W. Main Street

City Hall moved from 21 N Dewey to 6 N Dewey Ave. because more space was needed. City Hall moved to 1103 W Main Street on February 3, 2017 for the same reason. The conference room had been converted to the Building Official's office, the public meeting room doubled as the conference room, and all office and cubical spaces were used.

The city selected and purchased the building at 1103 W. Main St. in 2015 because it was ready for use and added about 1,200 square feet of space. It has a conference room, six offices, 19 cubicles, three restrooms, a small kitchen, was wired for phone, electricity and internet, has separate entrances for the police department and city hall, and has an 1,800 square foot storage shed.

City Hall and the shed out back are constructed from durable, low-maintenance metal or block. Access and parking are easy from Highway 44 or Whiffin Ln. City Hall should be at this location for about 20 years, if not indefinitely.

## Drive-thru Payment Drop Box

About 25% of residents pay monthly utility bills using a drop-box or at the front counter. The drop-box at city hall (1103 W Main Street) is a drive-thru on the west side of the building for residents' convenience. Payments in the drop-box are gathered and processed throughout each business day. Look for the "Drop Box →" sign on the right side of the building when facing City Hall from Highway 44.



## What is Happening with the Old City Hall?

The city is retaining ownership of the former city hall and police station. The library is expanding into the old city hall building and intends to use the space for programs, meeting rooms, some materials, and initiate a business development center. Years ago the city paid \$165,000 for the former police department building, which is about 1,000 square feet, and the city would like to rent that building to recoup some of its acquisition expense.

## Problems Changing Road Names or Addresses?

The city, county, post-office, emergency services, and most delivery-service and utility companies have updated records to reflect the new road names and addresses in the city. Many of us are waiting for, Google, mortgage and insurance companies, etc. to update their internal systems to match United States Post Office or Canyon County records.

Continue writing the new road name, and address if applicable, on the back of the stub when submitting a payment. It may take a cycle or two, but the post-master assures us the vendors and service providers' systems will catch up.

## Open House Public Hearing Idaho Transportation Department



### US 20/26 Corridor Study Junction of I-84 to Eagle Road Environmental Assessment

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Thomas Jefferson Charter School  
1209 Adam Smith Ave.  
Caldwell, ID 83605

## Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	March 1
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	March 13
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	March 15
Emergency Preparedness / Disaster Response Training 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Middle School Gym	April 8

## Local Government Taxing Districts

The city is made up of many different governing districts. It is important to understand that different districts have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxing abilities. This information should help when you have questions. Each of these districts has open meetings that can be attended to understand issues and provide input.

### City of Middleton 585-3133

City Council meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., City Hall. The City owns and manages the building, planning and police departments, library, city water and wastewater systems, roads and drains, and the following parks: Roadside Park, Centennial Grove, Middleton Place Park, and Piccadilly Park.

### Cemetery District 585-9394

Cemetery Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Cemetery District Office. Owns and manages the Middleton Cemetery.

### Fire District 585-6650

Fire District Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Owns and manages Middleton Rural Fire District.

### Greater Middleton Parks & Rec. District 585-3461

Park & Rec. Board Meetings: 1st Thursday at the Parks and Rec. office. Owns and manages Hawthorne Park, Foote Park, and Ed Payne Park.

### School District 585-3027

School Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the School District Office. Owns and manages all public schools in the Middleton area.



**Emergency 911**  
**Non-Emergency Phone**  
**208-585-0008**

## Resident Survey

Please return with your utility bill or drop off at City Hall:  
1103 W. Main Street, Middleton ID 83644

**Question 1:** The city received about 35 inches of snow this winter and struggled to keep roads clear so that postal and trash services were not interrupted. Cars parked along roads rather than in driveways impeded efficient snow removal

What should the city do to help resolve this problem (check below)

- Pass a law prohibiting parking along roads November through February so leaves and snow can be cleared from roads and tickets be issued to those who violate the law
- Pass a law that schedules sweeping leaves or clearing snow from the even-addressed side of a road on even dates, from the odd-addressed side of a road on odd dates, and tow vehicles or trailers obstructing a road in violation of the law
- Not worry about it since it is unlikely the city will have this much snow in the future

**Question 2:** This winter, the city received many calls from concerned residents during snow storms. In the future, the city would like to quickly and easily disseminate information to as many residents as possible.

How should the city share information as it's updated? (check all that apply)

- Facebook and the city's website
- 1-800 phone number residents can call to listen to a recorded message
- Email – ask residents to provide an email address

**Question 3:** The International Residential Code (IRC) contains minimum standards to assure buyers, appraisers, lenders, and county assessors that houses are safe and will last for at least 30 years (the term of a typical residential loan).

The IRC was adopted by the State of Idaho, and therefore every city and county in the state.

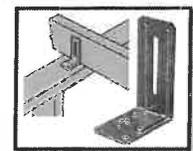
Builders, contractors, and the building official are obligated to know and follow the IRC, however, some builders do not. For example:

Allowing a house to be occupied by a homeowner without getting a final inspection or certificate of occupancy;

Building a patio that does not slope away from the house at a 2% slope to keep water away from the foundation, or keep it from ponding and freezing on porches or patios;

Installing a bollard that is too small, not filled with concrete, or is removable instead of a permanent bollard to block a car from running into a furnace or hot water tank; and

Using a single truss tie to attach a truss to the inside of a bearing wall plate rather than stacking a stud directly underneath a truss and using one truss tie to connect the truss to a plate and another tie to connect the plate to the stud.



Why? Some builders say it cannot be done, they can't get the right materials, certain IRC provisions don't apply in southwest Idaho, there has never been a problem with the way they do it so why require it, or the result is ugly, not functional, or unsellable.

Some builders say they will not build in Middleton anymore or that they will have to pay a contractor more to work in Middleton because of the requirements and that will increase the cost of houses.

What should the city's building official do?

- Continue enforcing the code
- Be lenient and let each builder decide how to follow the code and build a house

## Resident Survey-continued

**Question 4:** The city purchased 56 acres and was given 42 acres for a 98-acre park along the Boise River. What should the park be named?

Please rank your answers. 1 = favorite, 5 = least favorite

- River Park
- Riverfront Park
- Riverside Park
- Riverview Park
- Suggestion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:** Some features are standard in city parks, like restrooms, drinking-fountains, picnic tables, shelters and garbage cans. Please rank which special features you would like to see in the new 98 acre park. Please rank your answers. 1 = favorite, 4/5 = least favorite

**Group 1**

- BMX bicycle track
- Greenbelt along the river
- Promenade with benches
- Pedestrian trails
- Boardwalk with rental shops (bikes, tubes)

**Group 2**

- Public art
- Community vegetable garden
- Flower and plant gardens
- Veteran's memorial
- National memorial

**Group 3**

- Sports fields (baseball, softball, soccer etc.)
- Stocked fishing pond / swimming hole
- Float ramps for rafts and tubes
- 3-hole golf course, putting green, range

**Group 4**

- Nature course
- Wildlife habitat reserves
- Dog park
- Equestrian trails, hitching posts

**Question 6:** There are many parcels in town that are under five acres and have not been annexed and are surrounded by city limits. Canyon County Sheriff's Office deputies have jurisdiction of and respond to calls at these properties.

Should the city consider initiating the notice and public hearing process to annex these properties?  Yes  No



**Question 7:** Middleton has several miles of canal banks that irrigation and drainage districts use when they clean out the canals. Poisonous Hemlock, Thistle, or other weeds often grow taller than five feet on the opposite side of the canal.

Should the city work with landowners and the districts to keep the weeds down on canal banks in exchange for the right to construct and maintain an asphalt pathway network throughout town for pedestrians and cyclists?  Yes  No

**Question 8:** Middleton Middle School students often dart across Highway 44 to access Piccadilly Park rather than use crosswalks or the nearest intersection. The city and the school intend to determine the feasibility and cost to fund a 17-foot minimum-height enclosed skywalk supported by an elevator on each side of the road, much like the skywalk at the Boise airport between the parking garage and the terminal. If installed, two ground-level pedestrian crossings would be removed from Highway 44: the crossing guard at Piccadilly Ave. and the Hawk Light near Cemetery Road.



Example photo

If the city is awarded a grant to help pay for the skywalk, should the city and school pursue it?  Yes  No

**Question 9:** The city is reviewing its bill paying structure for utilities like water, wastewater, and trash. Residents with smaller households would pay more, and residents with larger households would pay less. However, the overhead cost of meters, installing them, and reading them each month would be eliminated.   Would you prefer to be billed based on the actual use of the utility or a flat fee?

Based on actual use  Flat rate