

City of MIDDLETON Front Page

June 2012

Tuesday, June 12th **Community Forum**

Open Discussion

**Seniors 10:00 a.m.
All residents 6:30 p.m.**

The purpose of these meetings is to meet with residents and listen to their ideas and concerns about Middleton.



Election Results!

Middleton downtown streets were lined with people in support for the Middleton School District, and Middleton Rural Fire District levies on election day. The community showed their support in passing these two levies. Other election winners are below:

- Legislative District 11 Senators: Patti Lodge
Victoria Brown
- Legislative District 11 State Rep. B: Christy Perry
- County Commissioner First Dist.: Steve Rule
- County Commissioner Third Dist.: Craig Hanson
- County Sheriff: Kieran Donahue
- Prosecuting Attorney: Bryan Taylor

Minot Road Closed June 4 - June 8



The City has contracted with Qualitree to remove the trees in public right-of-way on Minot Road. An arborist determined that the trees and root systems are badly decayed, compromised, and need to be removed before another limb falls like the one

shown above. Council approved this action at the May 16, 2012 City Council meeting.

City Considers Credit and Debit Card Utility Payment Options

On June 6, City Council is scheduled to consider entering into a contract that would allow residents the ability to pay their utility bills with debit or credit cards. This new service would allow residents the ability to create an account online, view current statement, statement history, and make a payment on-line. Additionally, a telephone number would be provided for phone payments. Below is a summary of the current and proposed payment options.

There will be a merchant processing fee charged per transaction, the fee is charged by the card processor. None of the fees charged will be collected by the City or refunded to the City.

A public hearing will be held on June 6, 2012 during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting for residents to give input to council members regarding the credit and debit transaction fees. See example below:

Current Payment Options

- Cash, check, money order
- Drop box at City Hall, mail
- Checking auto draft - \$1.00 per month City administrative fee

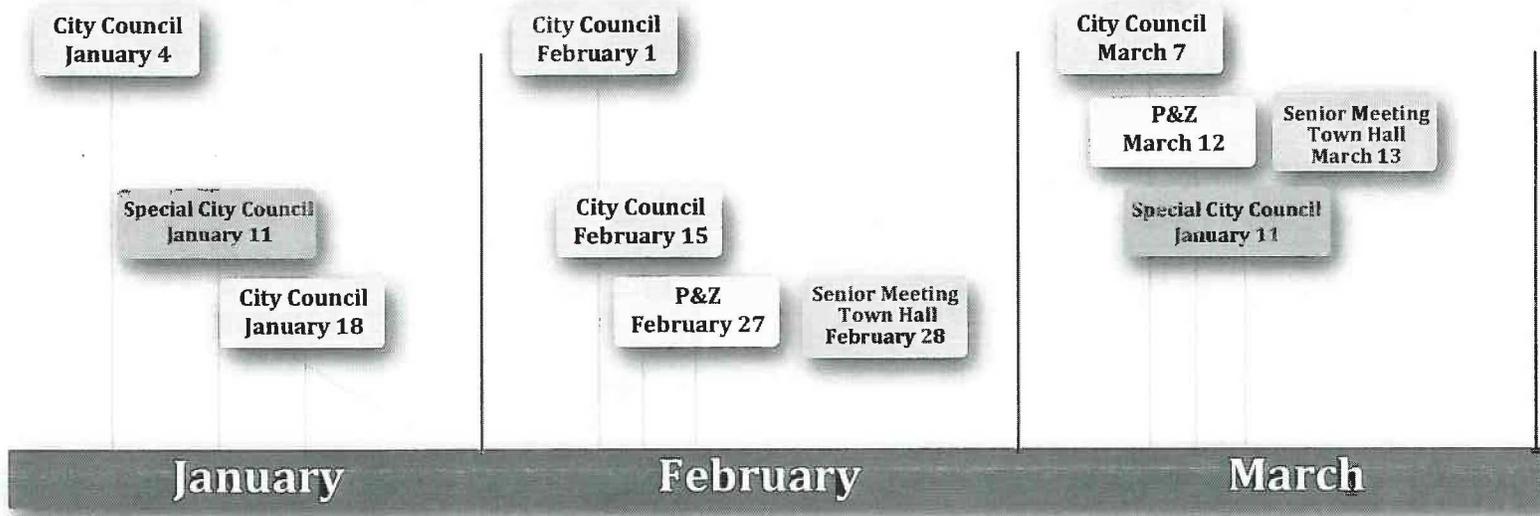
Proposed Payment Options

- Debit or credit card - 3.5% +\$1.00 per transaction merchant fee
- Phone payment - \$1.50 per transaction merchant fee

If your utility bill is. . .the fee would be:

\$39.00	\$2.37
\$49.00	\$2.72
\$59.00	\$3.07
\$69.00	\$3.42
\$79.00	\$3.77
\$89.00	\$4.12
\$99.00	\$4.47

2012 City of Middleton



Council Action:

Mayor Taylor and Council Members Huggins and Spencer sworn into office.

Mayor appointed new City Engineer, City Attorney, Public Works Superintendent, and City Clerk.

Approved contracts for engineering with Civil Dynamics, City legal services with Yorgason Law Offices, and Whitman & Associates for plan review and building inspection.

Waste water treatment plant construction suspended for 7 days.

Suspended construction of waste water treatment plant for up to 60 days.

Information:

Deficiencies identified in City shop, cost to correct \$15,689. (Lighting, heating, move propane supply, exhaust fans, wall panel and exterior trim)

Request for qualifications published for waste water treatment plant independent review.

Public works employees identifiable by City uniforms - cost \$2,165.82.

Adopted dress and grooming standards for City employees.

Council Action:

Approved contract for Borton-Lakey Law Offices to provide litigation services.

Approved contract for RIMI, Inc. to perform mechanical inspections.

Approved City employee organization chart.

Approved contracting with Brown and Caldwell for waste water treatment plant independent review.

Approved Resolution 321-12 People's Rights to Self Determination.

Approved Resolution 320-12 amending fees for late payment of water and sewer bills.

Approved Ordinance 475 adding a 3-day grace period for paying utility bills, shutting off water and adjusted fees.

Planning and Zoning Action:

Recommend City Council approve request by Eel Lane to vacate a subdivision plat.

Recommend City Council approve de-annexation of lot 4 Block 3 in Whisper Creek Estates subdivision.

Information:

City employees complete ICRMP training; saving five percent on insurance rates annually.

Camera monitoring in City Hall lobby turned off to avoid unnecessary intrusion for customers.

City employees answer phones within two rings rather than voice menu system.

Council Action:

Amend Ordinance 476 to increase speed limit on Middleton Rd. between Hwy- 44 and Boise River.

Approve purchase for 9th Street right-of-way \$23,584.50.

Ratified Brown and Caldwell contract for waste water treatment plant design review \$41,831.11.

Approved Sanitary Sewer request for qualifications advertising for firm response.

Approved de-annexation of lot 4 Block 3 in Whisper Creek Estates subdivision.

Approved Storm Water request for qualifications advertising for firm response.

Planning and Zoning Action:

Approved design review for Middleton Village Center (old Ridley's location)

Recommend City Council approve preliminary plat for Middleton Village Center (old Ridley's location)

Information:

City shop occupancy permit received, total construction cost \$592,344.08 (Original budget: \$400,000 5/11, increased to \$568,500 7/11; deficiencies identified \$15,689 1/12).

Vandalism in Tank Park and City well house #8; Repair cost \$300-\$400.

Trees in Tank Park trimmed and public restroom doors locked at 10:00 p.m. to help minimize the risk of vandalism.

Six Month Review



Council Action:

Confirmed Mayors appointment of Cindy LoPiccolo as City Clerk.

Approved Resolution 323-12 vacation of Eel Lane Estates subdivision plat.

Approved to resume construction on the waste water treatment plant.

Approved redesign not to exceed \$50,000 on sequential batch reactor basin walls for waste water treatment facility.

Approved seepage test at the raw sewage lagoon.

Approved Resolution 324-12 acknowledging support for Middleton School District supplemental levy.

Approved waste water roster firms: Keller and Associates, Brown and Caldwell, J-U-B Engineering.

Approved Canyon County Sheriff's Office contract for \$200,000; estimated cost savings of \$30,000 annually.

Approved revised Personnel and Procedures Policy as advised by City insurance provider ICRMP.

Approved Admin. and Communications Coordinator position (part time)

Terminated contract with Holiday Engineering as construction manager of the waste water treatment project.

Planning and Zoning Action:

Approved revised preliminary and final plat for Middleton Village Center (old Ridley's location)

Council Action:

Executed contract with Keller and Associates, Inc. for waste water treatment plant construction management engineering.

Approved selection committee recommendation to hire Horrocks Engineering as consultant for South Cemetery Rd. project.

Approved Middleton Village Partners preliminary and final plat (old Ridley's location) as recommended by Planning and Zoning.

Approved removal of trees on Minot Road and stumps on E. Boise Ave.

Approved storm water rostered firm SPF Water Engineering for storm water management and permitting consulting services.

Approved Transportation and Floodplain request for qualifications advertising for firm response.

Information:

Jerry Smith General Manager of the Boise Generals presented ceremonial football to Mayor and City Council.

Resident's Choice survey results presented to City Council and posted to City website.

Planning and Zoning Action:

Public hearing scheduled to consider:

Amending City code provisions reducing permit requirements for fences and adjusting the setbacks for fences; update the street and utility improvement requirements; update the final plat and small plat requirements; update the design review district regulations.

Proposed Council Agenda Items:

Public hearing scheduled to amend City code provisions reducing permit requirements for fences and adjusting the required setback for fences. June 6, 2012, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Public hearing scheduled to amend City code provisions to update street and utility improvement requirements. June 6, 2012, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Public hearing scheduled to consider credit card transaction processing and fees. June 6, 2012, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

City Council to review interim appointed positions. June 20, 2012, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Information:

June 12. Community Forum - Open discussion; seniors meeting at 10:00 a.m. and all residents at 6:30 p.m. These meetings offer residents time to meet with the Mayor to discuss ideas and concerns, about Middleton.

June 28. Bryan Raybon, representative from Senator Crapo's office will be hosting a Senator Community Forum for Middleton residents at City Hall.

Survey Comments:

Full survey results can be viewed at the City website at www.middleton.id.gov.

Comments: Alternate Route – Highway 44

City	There is nothing wrong with what we have.
City	Don't know enough about it.
City	Don't have enough info.
City	Complete traffic study. Fix existing system around Middle School.
County	Would hurt local business and less tax \$\$ stays in Middleton
Unidentified	Certainly not! Why? Would kill Middleton.

Comments: City Police Force

City	Would be nice but what we have seems to work okay.
City	Don't have enough info.
City	Canyon County Sheriff.
City	Canyon County charging too much for too little!
City	Yes - with a code enforcement !!!!
City	County works great.
City	What is cost for Sheriff now?
City	Great idea, would prefer to see 4x4 trucks rather than sedans.
City	More to pay for more officers thru County. Also what about drug force.

Comments: Library Consortium

City	This would be nice if affordable.
City	This is long over due !!!
City	Yes! Middleton is far behind!
City	I thought our library could already do this. They did for me.
City	Already can get book thru other libraries.

Comments: Dog Park

	If this was not listed "all other parks would be off limits to dogs, even on a leash" it would be important.
City	Yes please!
City	Keeps dogs out of current parks? NO!
City	Look for civic improvement grants
City	Needs to be enforced, if implemented.
County	Dogs really!!!

Comments: Renovate Civic Center

City	Where is this?
city	Need to check it for termites first signs of damage.

Comments: Renovate Trolley Station

City	Update air conditioning.
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Comments: Historic Museum

City	Look for grants.
City	Middleton has done a bad job of keeping historical sites.
City	I think this would be good at Civic Center or Trolley Station.

Comments: Pave 4th Avenue

City	Don't have enough info.
City	Choose one most used - if \$ then do it first.
City	Why do we spend so much on initial paving and allow such lousy patch jobs when they access utilities below??
City	Need estimate.
City	Why waste \$\$ on street less driven when we need sidewalks for kids to walk to school safely.
City	Need cost.
County	All Gloria Road neighbors had to pay for our paving.

Comments: Pave Whiffin Lane

City	Don't have enough info.
City	Why do we spend so much on initial paving and allow such lousy patch jobs when they access utilities below??
City	Why waste \$\$ on street less driven when we need sidewalks for kids to walk to school safely.
County	Only a few houses -- waste of \$\$
county	All Gloria Road neighbors had to pay for our paving

Comments: Pave Minot Street

	This street has much traffic. The dust is very bad. It is a shame that there is a dirt road that carries so much traffic not even a mile from your City Hall.
City	No gravel roads in city limits!
City	Choose one most used - if \$ then do it first
City	Why do we spend so much on initial paving and allow such lousy patch jobs when they access utilities below??
City	With numerous speed bumps.
City	Why waste \$\$ on street less driven when we need sidewalks for kids to walk to school safely.
City	Need cost.
County	All Gloria Road neighbors had to pay for our paving.
County	Priority for better access to Hawthorne Park.
Unidentified	Just because Lonnie Perry lives there, other streets need it too.

Comments: Recreation/Senior Center

	Love this! Can "rentable rooms" be here? Basketball. Use Civic Center and Trolley for museum. Source of income for City?
City	Community pool needed first.
City	Should have built pool with High School. Definitely.
County	Combine with Civic Center, multi-use Civic Center?

Comments: Splash Water Park

City	For seasonal use only.
City	We really need kid friendly areas!
City	Not for this cost - look for grants.
	This could be a part of City pool. This would bring business to our restaurants and town possibly as people come from other cities to attend it.
City	Joint with Parks and Recreation?
City	Fun but not necessarily important.
City	What a "dream" this would be !!! Especially for a family oriented community.
City	Good idea but how to justify when we might lose our fire fighters? What about alternate funds. Raise community \$, plus biz/private, matching grants etc?
City	Thought this was already happening at Foote park.

Comments: General

City	Love the newsletters :) Thanks :)
	I do not believe any existing older downtown buildings are worth putting any money into. Also, until the economy picks up, I don't believe we should be spending any money at all !!
City	Thanks for asking input!! Nice change.
City	Plus a raise for the Mayor who's doing a great job!!!
	Why aren't we trying for grants for some of these things? This survey very upsetting. Looks like more into spending lot's of money on unnecessary things when we do not have sidewalks in all of down town for kids to walk to school safely. Should look at things that bring people to down town t help it grow. Like bike paths, park with pool, green belt trails etc.
City	We can't afford higher taxes. The valley has lost over 10,000 jobs, don't make it even harder on good folks that are trying to make it.
City	Need stop lights at Hawthorne and State, Cemetery and State
City	I think it is VERY important that we create a place for our youth to have something constructive to do in their little town.
City	In this economy I can't believe you would consider any of these projects
City	Thanks for the newsletter -- I like being informed about what's going on.
City	Make sure bathrooms in current parks are in working order with T.P and soap!!
City	Needs should be considered before wants.
City	How about paving some of our dirt streets! Like 5th Street North. Stop spending so much!
	Wouldn't it be nice if all these items were developed? Then emergency services were needed, some one calls 911 and we don't have a Fire Department!!!!
City	I have limited resources!
County	Please do not waste tax dollars. Save first then spend. Thank you. The fire department is already wasting enough tax dollars.
Unidentified	No more taxes! Where is the money coming from? This is a small town and we like it that way.
Unidentified	Postpone all these extravagant visionary ideas until the economy turns around. Then use "wise" judgment.