



City of

# Middleton FrontPage Newsletter

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## Candidate Forum

A forum to meet, hear from, and ask questions to candidates for mayor and city council is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2019 at Trolley Station, 310 Cornell St., Middleton, Idaho. Candidates should arrive at 6:45 p.m. to receive instructions and be seated.

Questions from residents may be asked at the meeting or submitted in writing to the forum facilitator ([middletonexpress1@gmail.com](mailto:middletonexpress1@gmail.com)) between now and the forum.

## Successful Save

Opioid overdoses are rare in Middleton, but Middleton police responded to two calls in the past two weeks. Both "victims" were visiting town and are not residents of Middleton. One victim was dead on arrival, and police successfully saved the other by administering Narcan spray that officers carry with them. Thank you Sergeant M. Barley!

## House Prices

Average new home price \$376,000\*  
Average existing home price \$314,000\*

\*Middleton area, not only within city limits

## Candidate Filing Deadline

Individuals who would like to be a candidate for mayor or city council (three council positions open) in the City of Middleton and have their names on the ballot November 5, 2019 election should file a declaration of candidacy with the city clerk at City Hall (1103 W. Main Street, Middleton ID) a declaration of candidacy sometime August 26 – September 6, 2019.

Any person is eligible to hold the office of mayor or city council who is a qualified elector (voter) of the city at the time the declaration of candidacy is submitted to the city clerk and remains a qualified elector during that person's term of office.

A qualified elector (voter) is a person at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election at which the person desires to vote. Felons who lost their right to vote are not qualified electors and cannot be a candidate for an elected office.

Each mayor or council member elected holds office for a term of four (4) years and is installed at the first meeting in January following election (Idaho Code 50-601 and 50-702).

Regular city council meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Meetings last about three hours. The agenda and other information are provided to council members the Friday prior to the Wednesday council meeting.

Starting January 2019, the mayor's salary is \$3,000 per month (down from \$4,333 per month), council members are paid \$550 per month (up from \$400 per month), and city council president is paid \$750 per month (up from \$600). Medical benefits paid by the city for city employees are also paid for mayor and council members.

Please contact Wendy Miles at City Hall (208-585-3133) if you have questions.

All electors must register before being able to vote at any municipal election. The county clerk is the registrar for all city elections and shall conduct voter registration for each city. Call 208-454-7562 or [canyonco.org/elections](http://canyonco.org/elections) for more information.

## Mayor Duties

The mayor is the chief administrative official of the city, presides over city council meetings and determines the order of business (prepares agendas), votes only when the council is equally divided, has superintending control of all the officers and affairs of the city, preserves order, and takes care that the city ordinances and state code provisions about cities are complied with and enforced (I.C. 50-602).

## Mayor Duties continued

The mayor communicates to the city council such information and recommends such measures as may, in the mayor's opinion, tend to the improvement of the finances, the protection, the health, the security, the ornament, the comfort, and the general welfare and prosperity of the city (I.C. 50-603).

The mayor has and exercises such powers, prerogatives and authority as is conferred by the laws of the state of Idaho and administers oaths, signs contracts and conveyances in the name of and on behalf of the city.

## Council Duties

The legislative authority of the city is vested in a four-member council, one half (1/2) of whom are elected at each general city election. Councils have the powers and duties provided under the general laws of the state of Idaho (I.C. 50-701).

A vacancy on the city council is filled by mayor's appointment with consent of council, which appointee shall serve only until the next general election at which such vacancy will be filled for the balance of the original term (I.C. 50-704).

At least once in each quarter of each year, the council shall examine by review of a quarterly treasurer's report included upon the city council agenda the accounts and doings subject to management by the chief financial officer of the city. Such report shall be completed no more than thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter for inclusion on the next available city council agenda (I.C. 50-708).

The affirmative vote of a majority of council members is required to adopt or pass every ordinance, resolution or contract (I.C. 50-902).

The city council of each city shall, prior to passing the annual appropriation ordinance (aka annual budget), prepare a budget, estimating the probable amount of money necessary for all purposes for which an appropriation is to be made, including interest and principal due on the bonded debt, itemizing and classifying the proposed expenditures by department, fund or service, as nearly as may be practicable, and specifying any fund balances accumulated under section 50-1005A, Idaho Code. To support such proposed expenditure, the council shall prepare an estimate of the total revenue anticipated during the ensuing fiscal year for which a budget is being prepared classifying such receipts by source as nearly as may be possible and practicable (I.C. 50-1002).

Certify to county commissioners the total amount required from a property tax upon property within the city to raise the amount of money fixed by the council's approved budget.

## Council Duties continued

The amount that may be certified, assessed and collected shall not exceed the maximum levy provided by I.C. 50-235 (three percent 3% of the highest property tax requested the previous three years) to defray general expenses for either the current or the ensuing fiscal year (I.C. 50-1007).

Audit city financial statements (I.C. 50-1010).

Transfer unexpended balance in one fund to the credit of another fund (I.C. 50-1014).

All claims against the city shall be approved by the city council prior to the payment of such claims and the city council shall establish and maintain an adequate and reasonable system of internal accounting controls. No costs shall be recovered against such city in any action brought against it for any unliquidated claim which has not been presented to the city council for payment, nor upon claims allowed in part, unless the recovery shall be for a greater sum than the amount allowed with interest due (I.C. 50-1017).

Acquire by gift or purchase and to construct, reconstruct, improve, better or extend any "works" [i.e., road, bridge, pedestrian, drinking water, storm water, sanitary sewer, park, communications, etc. infrastructure improvements] within or without the city, or partially within or partially without the city, or within any part of the city, and acquire by gift or purchase lands or rights in lands or water rights in connection therewith, including easements, rights-of-way, contract rights, leases, franchises, approaches, dams and reservoirs ... (I.C. 50-1030(a)).

Exercise the right of eminent domain for any "works," purposes or uses of a city (I.C. 50-1030(c)).

Operate, maintain, and issue revenue bonds to finance the cost of "works" (I.C. 50-1030(d and e)).

Prescribe and collect rates, fees, tolls or charges for the services, facilities and commodities furnished by such "works" (I.C. 50-1030(f)).

Pledge an amount of revenue from such "works" to pay bonds and interest (I.C. 50-1030(g)).

Plan comprehensively for "works" in the city and area of city impact (I.C. 67-6508 and -6509).

Consider applications to annex, zone, and subdivide land (I.C. 67-6511, -6512 and -6513).

### City Parks

The city designated certain city-owned land as city parks: Centennial Grove, Crane Creek Park, Davis Park, Magic Park, Meadow Park, Middleton Place Park, Piccadilly Park, River Park and Roadside Park. **Target shooting and hunting are prohibited in city parks.**

State law allows sportsman, i.e., hunters and fishers, access on the river up to the ordinary high-water mark. Signs along the river notify hunters and fishers to conduct their sporting activities between the river and the ordinary high-water mark signs. Hunters and fishers further from the river than the ordinary high-water mark signs are in River Park and violating city and state codes.

Boise River flows in Middleton:  
 2,500 – 5,999 cubic feet per second - normal  
 6,000+ cubic feet per second - ordinary high-water  
 7,000+ cubic feet per second - flood

### Pay City Utility Bills Online

Please follow the instructions below if you would like to pay city utility bills online.

- Step 1: Go to [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com)
- Step 2: Click "Sign Up" on the top of the screen
- Step 3: Fill in your email and password, then click in the "I'm not a robot" box and follow prompts
- Step 4: Complete the short registration form and click "Next"
- Step 5: Go to your email inbox and open the verification email from expressbillpay, click "Verify Email" and "Continue" to log in
- Step 6: Select "City of Middleton"
- Step 7: Enter your account number and last name, then click in the box to opt in for paperless and select "Locate Bill" and select "Locate Account"

### 2019 City Budget Status

2018-2019				
Revenue	Budget	Actual	%	
General	\$ 2,793,512	\$ 2,778,349	99%	
Transportation	\$ 1,321,118	\$ 1,161,192	88%	
Library	\$ 465,300	\$ 415,891	89%	
Solid Waste	\$ 640,404	\$ 584,683	91%	
Water	\$ 1,227,746	\$ 1,136,806	93%	
Waste Water	\$ 2,194,579	\$ 2,206,829	101%	
Storm Water	\$ 53,968	\$ 45,233	84%	
Impact	\$ 617,000	\$ 521,818	85%	
Capital	\$ 3,204,098	\$ 972,134	30%	
Fleet	\$ 81,165	\$ -	0%	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 12,598,890</b>	<b>\$ 9,822,935</b>	<b>78%</b>	

Expense	Budget	Actual	%	
General	\$ 2,793,512	\$ 2,306,650	83%	
Transportation	\$ 1,321,118	\$ 736,342	56%	
Library	\$ 465,300	\$ 364,610	78%	
Solid Waste	\$ 640,404	\$ 524,262	82%	
Water	\$ 1,227,746	\$ 928,664	76%	
Waste Water	\$ 2,194,579	\$ 1,575,939	72%	
Storm Water	\$ 53,968	\$ 18,454	34%	
Impact	\$ 617,000	\$ 617,000	100%	
Capital	\$ 3,204,098	\$ 668,601	21%	
Fleet	\$ 81,165	\$ -	0%	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 12,598,890</b>	<b>\$ 7,740,522</b>	<b>61%</b>	

### Fiscal Year 2020 City Budget Starting October 1, 2019

2019-2020	
Revenue	Budget
General	\$ 1,308,784
Police	\$ 1,226,219
Parks	\$ 419,395
Transportation	\$ 2,482,314
Library	\$ 396,576
Solid Waste	\$ 720,093
Water	\$ 1,623,638
Waste Water	\$ 2,817,436
Storm Water	\$ 60,764
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,055,219</b>

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## Pending and Anticipated

### Subdivisions

- Black Acres; 26 half-acre lots
- Blue Meadows; 25 one-ten acre lots
- Crescent Lake 105 8,000 sq. ft. lots
- Crossings 2 and 3; 95 8,000 sq. ft. lots
- Faison Pointe 11 one acre lots
- Falcon Valley 5 - 7; 104 8,000 sq. ft. lots
- McKinley Meadows Townhouses 2 and 3; nine 4-plexes
- Middleton Industrial Park
- Sawtooth 2 and 3; 102 8,000 sq. ft. lots
- Stonehaven 2 and 3; 243 8,000 sq. ft. lots
- Valhalla Subdivision 1-5; 73 one-third to half-acre lots
- West Highlands 9, 10 and 11; 147 5,000-10,000 sq. ft. lots
- Western Pines; 17 one half acre lots

### Development

- 34 acres across Emmett Rd. from high school
- Commercial 3 acres NW corner Highway 44/Hartley Ln.
- Commercial 9 acres SE corner Highway 44/Hartley Ln.
- RV Park 16 acres north of Rule Steel/south of Boise River
- Winding River 71 acres across highway from Greenlinks Ave.
- 60 acres west of Winding River 71 acres
- 750 acres north east of Foothill and Kingsbury hill

### Businesses

- Clarity Credit Union new building
- Clock Tower Orthodontics
- Eagle Land Surveying new building
- EMJ Metals
- Middleton Physical Therapy new building
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts

## Pending and Anticipated Permits from Other Agencies

- Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) to approval of the city's sanitary sewer master/facilities plan
- IDEQ permit for the city's pollutant discharge elimination system (wastewater treatment plant)
- IDEQ permit to manage stormwater
- Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) permit for interim two-way stop at Highway 44/Hartley Ln.
- ITD permit for roundabout at Highway 44/Hartley Ln.
- Army Corp of Engineers permit for pathway along Little Drain in Blue Meadows and Falcon Valley subdivisions
- Army Corp of Engineers permit to bore beneath Boise River and connect Wells 7 and 10 south of the river with the city's water system north of the river.
- Idaho Dept. of Water Resources permit to divert Mill Slough water across sandy area for economical natural filtration treatment to remove nitrates and phosphorus from 10,000-12,000 farmed acres of irrigation runoff in anticipation of offsets or pollutant credit trades.

## Calendar

City Hall Closed Labor Day	Sept. 2
City Council Meeting 6 N. Dewey Ave. 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 4
Planning and Zoning Meeting 6 N. Dewey Ave. 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 9
City Council Meeting 6 N. Dewey Ave. 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 18

## Pending Claims and Litigation: None

## City Debt

- 2002 \$253,653 at .045% interest (Sewer Plant Bond 1)
- 2013 \$2,539,087 at .0275% interest (Sewer Plant Bond 2)

## Building Permits Year-to-Date

Fiscal Year	Residential	Multi-Family	Commercial Industrial School, Church	Total
1995				11
1996				57
1997				75
1998				76
1999				144
2000	44	0	1	45
2001	48	0	1	49
2002	132	0	1	133
2003	115	0	1	116
2004	68	4 (34 Units)	7	84
2005	132	0	5	137
2006	184	0	6	190
2007	46	10 (30 Units)	4	60
2008	85	0	4	89
2009	31	0	4	35
2010	34	0	1	35
2011	23	0	2	25
2012	52	0	0	52
2013	140	0	3	143
2014	143	0	0	143
2015	119	0	0	119
2016	90	0	3	90
2017	166	0	3	187
2018	164	0	8	172
2019	152	6	7	165