

**MCCALL CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 6.04 p.m. Council Member Bailey, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, Mayor Robertson, and Council Member Scott answered roll call. A quorum was present.

Bill Nichols, City Attorney, was present.

City staff members present were Lindley Kirkpatrick, City Manager; Carol Coyle, Grant Coordinator; Kristi Foster, Finance Director; Michelle Groenevelt, Community Planner; Rick Harvey, Airport Manager; Brock Heasley, Parks & Recreation Director; Anne Kantola, Library Director; Bill Keating, Public Works Director; Brenda Loftis, Human Resource Director; Roger Millar, Community Development Director; Allan Morrison, Golf Pro; Jerry Palmerton, Golf Course Superintendent; David Simmonds, Network Administrator; Jerry Summers, Chief of Police; and Joanne York, City Clerk.

Mayor Robertson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

The consolidated monthly department reports were included in the Council packets.

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Lindley Kirkpatrick, City Manager, told the Council that employee evaluations had been conducted during the past two weeks. He said his intent was to finish those by the middle of next week and to get most of the merit increases on the next payroll.

Mr. Kirkpatrick informed the Council that he had been working with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), CH2M HILL, and Bill Nichols concerning expanding the acreage being irrigated with blended effluent. He said they are working to put together an amended consent order and will have something for Council very soon. Mayor Robertson asked if there was an estimate of the cost for the additional acreage. Mr. Kirkpatrick replied that the estimate was the same as what had already been discussed.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said there will be a meeting with the Payette Lake Watershed Advisory Group in late March, which will be a summit of agencies and groups interested in water quality issues.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said there was a golf work session scheduled for Thursday, February 16, and an airport work session scheduled for Wednesday, February 22. He reminded the Council that the airport master plan kickoff was on Tuesday, February 21, and would be noticed as a Council Meeting.

There was general discussion about the department reports.

PUBLIC HEARING

AB 06-32 McCall Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment, RES 06-07

Mr. Millar introduced Resolution 06-07, to amend the McCall Area Comprehensive Plan to include the Smart Growth Implementation report recommendations for future land use in Lardo and West Valley.

Mayor Robertson opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Paul Washburn noted a correction to the coloring on one of the maps.

Greg Pittenger spoke on behalf of M Resorts, which owns a significant amount of property in the Lardo area. Mr. Pittenger asked the Council for a minor revision in the wording of Section 1, deleting “The amendment of the McCall Area Comprehensive Plan to include”. Mr. Millar stated he had no problem with amending Section 1 per Mr. Pittenger’s request.

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Mr. Robert Carico commented on the West Valley Loop development and that adoption of the Plan would be good.

Mayor Robertson closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Robertson moved to adopt Resolution 06-07, with the deletion of the specified wording in Section 1, as recommended by Mr. Pittenger. Council Member Bertram seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Robertson, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Bailey, Council Member Kraemer, and Council Member Scott all voted aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Robertson called for public comment at 7:28 p.m.

Boyd Paulson, 331 CeCe Way, asked that his street be paved and that long-term parking at the airport be handled more efficiently.

Dean Martens, 321 CeCe Way, stated that he was in favor of raising the library fees. He also urged the Council to pave the streets in Rio Vista. Mr. Martens referred to a letter he had written to Council concerning snow plow issues, asked Council to reach agreement about them and then develop a news release to inform the public of their decisions. He specifically raised the following issues: 1) that snow plowing be done whenever there are three inches or more of new snow on weekdays and four inches or more on weekends; 2) that school bus routes be plowed before school buses arrive; 3) that roads be plowed to 25-foot width; 4) and questioned how the City could best utilize their equipment, considering they are short on both manpower and equipment. Mr. Martens stated he was willing to help in any way he could. Council Member Bailey mentioned the possibility of using Forest Service equipment to help with snow plowing.

Rick Fereday asked the Council to return to the issue of building a SH55 bypass around McCall. Mayor Robertson said he would like the Transportation Advisory Committee to reappraise this issue. Council Member Bailey stated the project is still on the State Road Plan. Mr. Kirkpatrick said the third environmental review has not yet been completed. Mayor Robertson said the Transportation Advisory Committee members should attend the Idaho Transportation Department meetings concerning this route.

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Hearing no further comments, Mayor Robertson closed the public comment at 7:41 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Robertson provided some minor corrections to the Minutes.

Council Member Bertram moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. Council Member Bailey, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, Mayor Robertson, and Council Member Scott voted aye. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA

AB 06-39 Treasure Valley Transit Request for City Support of FY07 Grant Application.

Terri Lindenberg, Executive Director of Treasure Valley Transit, and Butch Ragsdale, of the Idaho Transportation Department, presented a request for City support in the FY07 budget for Treasure Valley Transit's application for federal funding. If their application were to be approved, the City would pay \$31,362 more than the amount paid in FY06, for a total of \$86,362. There was discussion concerning services offered by Treasure Valley Transit and the amount of funding being sought.

Council Member Kraemer moved to have the Mayor write a letter of support for Treasure Valley Transit and to approve the commitment of the additional dollar amount in the FY07 budget. Council Member Bertram seconded the motion. All in favor voted aye. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AB 06-35 An Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting Title III, Planning and Zoning

AB 06-36 An Ordinance creating Title IX, Subdivision and Development Regulation

Roger Millar, Community Development Director, introduced these two items. There was a lengthy discussion about the height requirements in the zoning code amendments. The Council decided to continue the discussion to a special meeting on Thursday, February 16th, at 4 p.m. No decisions were made.

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AB 06-37 Community Housing Ordinance

AB 06-38 Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

Roger Millar, Community Development Director, introduced these two items. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the housing requirements in the inclusionary zoning ordinance, specifically the percentage of community housing units that should be required in any new developments. The Council decided to also continue this discussion in the February 16th special meeting.

AB 06-43 Airport Master Plan Contract

Rick Harvey, Airport Manager, discussed the planning services contract from Mead & Hunt for the Airport Master Plan. He explained that the cost of \$237,000 would be shared between Federal Aviation Agency (95%); the State (2 ½%) and the City (2 ½%)

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the contract between the consulting firm of Mead & Hunt and the City of McCall for the new Airport Master Plan. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Robertson, Council Member Bailey, Council Member Bertram, and Council Member Kraemer voted aye. Council Member Scott abstained. The vote was four ayes and one abstention. The motion carried.

AB 06-29 Utility Hardship Payment Policy

There was some discussion concerning amendments that had been proposed for this item.

Council Member Bailey moved to remove the pending motion to adopt the proposed utility hardship payment policy from the table for further discussion. Council Member Bertram seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Council Member Bailey moved to amend the proposed utility hardship payment policy as recommended by staff and described in the Council packet. Council Member Bertram seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the amended utility hardship payment policy and the February hardship payments. Council Member Bertram seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

AB 06-41 Appointment of a Representative to the Valley Adams Regional Housing Authority

Mayor Robertson moved to appoint Greg Lovell as the City of McCall representative to the Valley Adams Regional Housing Authority Board of

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Directors. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Mr. Millar stated he was organizing a work session with major employers in McCall to discuss affordable housing. He said he and Mr. Kirkpatrick would schedule a meeting date and notify Council.

AB 06-40 Discussion of the Creation of an Environmental Advisory Committee

Lindley Kirkpatrick, City Manager, introduced this item. Council Member Bailey said that noxious weeds, trees, vegetation, etc., should be included as issues to be addressed by an environmental committee. There was discussion of which employees were or should be certified to spray for noxious weeds; Mr. Kirkpatrick informed the Council that Monika Trapp, Parks Supervisor, is getting her certification.

Debbie Fereday introduced herself as the teacher for Environmental Sciences at the high school. She stated she is in favor of creating an environmental advisory committee and would like to have the high school students involved at some level.

Council Member Bailey suggested combining the Tree Committee with an environmental advisory committee.

Ms. Fereday volunteered to draft a Mission Statement for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated he would like the committee to address local solutions for local problems.

REPORTS, CONTINUATION

Mayor Robertson noted that the Council needed to do the City Manager's evaluation. There was discussion concerning the evaluation process. The Council asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to prepare a self-assessment and developmental goals for him to be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a general discussion concerning the turning lanes at Deinhard, library fees, and the need for getting an update on the LOT budget.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:02 p.m., Mayor Robertson moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345(1f) concerning litigation. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Robertson, Council Member Bailey, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, and Council Member Scott voted aye. The motion carried.

The Council discussed litigation issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, Mayor Robertson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

William A. Robertson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanne E. York, City Clerk