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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Council President Bailey called the regular meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 6:06 p.m. Council Member Bailey, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, and Council Member Scott answered roll call. A quorum was present. Mayor Robertson was absent.

Bill Nichols, City Attorney, was present.

City staff members present were Lindley Kirkpatrick, City Manager; Roger Millar, Deputy City Manager; Rick Harvey, Airport Manager; Brock Heasley, Parks & Recreation Director; Anne Kantola, Library Director; Brenda Loftis, Human Resource Director; Jerry Palmerton, Golf Course Superintendent; David Simmonds, Information Services Manager; Pete Rittenger, Police Lieutenant; and Joanne York, City Clerk.

Don Bailey, Council President, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

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

Lindley Kirkpatrick, City Manager, informed Council that the building permit allocation schedule had been revised to reflect today's demand, and that permits were not longer available on a walk-in, on-demand basis. Mr.

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Kirkpatrick noted that the attached list was from last year, and he would email the correct form to Council.

Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that the Community Housing Requests for Qualifications were due May 12. BAILEY will assist in the selection process. The contract will be for the entire project.

Mr. Kirkpatrick informed Council that the advisory committees would be presenting their annual reports to Council on a rotation basis at the second meeting of each month.

BERTRAM asked to have a work session with the Local Option Tax Commission to go over applications before the final selections were made. After some discussion, a work session was scheduled for Thursday, June 8th, at 4 p.m., before the regular 6 p.m. Council meeting.

BAILEY asked why Mead & Hunt were having problems contacting Tamarack personnel concerning the airport project. Rick Harvey, Airport Manager, said he had also been experiencing problems having telephone calls returned from Tamarack. Council suggested that Mr. Harvey contact Tamarack management to make sure the project was moving along. BAILEY also suggested Mr. Harvey contact the manager at Brundage. SCOTT asked if there was a cost impact because of the slow communication, but Mr. Harvey replied that the costs had not been affected.

BAILEY asked if anyone tracked why so many businesses closed this year, but no one knew of any official records. BERTRAM asked that the current businesses be itemized according to the type of business.

BAILEY voiced his support for the Community Development Outreach Program. Mr. Millar said the list will be developed and posted on the website as well as distributed as an informational sheet to the public. BERTRAM stated that the downtown looked wonderful during the past weekend and thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the area so clean. Mr. Millar stated that the Parks and Recreation staff was also involved.

Mr. Millar described the ChlorTek machine and how it operated.

SCOTT asked why the pond was so full. Mr. Millar explained some of the reasons that had contributed to this. Mr. Millar said plans were to start draining the pond through the J Ditch in early June.

Mr. Millar reported that Chad Olsen had started work on Boydstun.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

BAILEY called for Public Comment at 6:30 p.m., stating he would return to the Report section after Public Comment.

Joe Dague discussed the efforts of Waaf, Inc., a non-profit organization, to qualify for a YMCA charter. He extended an invitation to Council to their free dance and concert on May 26, at which time Waaf, Inc., would announce the results of their feasibility study. They hoped to have their provisional status with the YMCA by then. They will also be asking for donations and volunteer help

Hearing no further comments, BAILEY closed the Public Comment at 6:35 p.m.

REPORTS

At this time, BAILEY returned to the Reports section.

BAILEY asked Jerry Palmerton, Golf Course Superintendent, about the status of the contract for their building project. Mr. Palmerton explained he was still in discussion with one party.

SCOTT asked about the progress on the Environmental Committee's charter. Mr. Kirkpatrick replied that Debbie Fereday was contacting people who might be interested in serving on this committee.

BAILEY asked about the current planning application for Whitetail Phase II. Mr. Millar explained that the application had been recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission with some conditions which Whitetail was addressing. Staff was planning to present the application to Council the first meeting in June. There was a brief discussion with Mr. Millar concerning several of the items on the current planning applications list.

SCOTT asked about the number of building permits issued. Mr. Millar said that twenty-four permits had been issued and four permits were denied.

BAILEY referred to the City Manager's report and asked about the city facilities plan. Mr. Kirkpatrick said the City was waiting for progress on the Wausau litigation before moving any further on the facilities plan. BAILEY requested a

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work session as soon as staff heard from the attorney concerning the status of the litigation.

BAILEY asked when budget amendments would be addressed; Mr. Kirkpatrick said they would be addressed separately during the budgeting process.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was a brief discussion concerning the Warrant Register.

BERTRAM moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. KRAEMER seconded, and the motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA

AB 06-99 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy project list for 2006-07.

Roger Millar, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item, explaining the projects on the list for McCall for the 2006-07 DECS document. There was some discussion concerning the projects.

KRAEMER moved to approve the lists of projects for McCall for the 2006-07 DECS document. BERTRAM seconded, and the motion carried.

AB 06-101 SUB-05-10 Denali Court Final Plat and related Development Agreement.

Roger Millar, Deputy City Manager, stated this plat was ready for final plat approval. BAILEY provided a few clerical corrections.

SCOTT moved to adopt the draft Findings and Conclusions and approve the final plat for SUB-05-10, Denali Court, and approve the related Development Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. BERTRAM seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, SCOTT, BERTRAM, BAILEY and KRAEMER voted aye, and the motion carried.

AB 06-102 Lease Agreement for the Rental of a Three Bedroom Unit for the Purpose of Housing Seasonal Workers

Jerry Palmerton, Golf Course Superintendent, stated that although this housing was not needed at this time, he wanted to have this preliminary step

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accomplished so that the housing would be available when and if needed. He said this apartment would house three employees.

SCOTT asked Mr. Nichols, City Attorney, what would happen if employees trashed the house and then were not able to pay for repairs. Mr. Nichols explained that if the employee's final paycheck was not of a sufficient amount to pay for damages, there would not be much the City could do other than attempt to get payment. Mr. Palmerton assured the Council that if his employees used the housing, he would check periodically to see the condition of the apartment.

KRAEMER moved to approve the lease agreement for the rental of the three-bedroom unit for the purpose of housing seasonal workers. BERTRAM seconded, and the motion carried.

The Council scheduled a tour of the golf course for Thursday, May 18th at 4 p.m.

Mr. Millar announced that the Public Works Department would host several open houses during the Public Works Appreciation Week, May 21 – 27. The open houses would be conducted at the water plant, the waste water plant, and the public works yard. He had invited school groups, day care groups, as well as the general public. He was also planning to issue a news release.

Mr. Kirkpatrick informed the Council that he would schedule their tour of City facilities on either June 12th or June 19th, and that the tour would take most of the day.

Mr. Kirkpatrick distributed the Public Involvement Plan to the Council.

Mr. Millar informed Council about ten non-conforming lots on Dawson Street. He explained that the developer was currently building ten houses in a row, all in conformance to the old Code. The developer had been required to extend Dawson a block further and to provide water and sewer. The developer had also cut all the trees on his lots, and although there had been complaints from neighbors, the developer was within his rights.

BERTRAM reminded Council that the court services had been moved away from McCall and that Council should keep working to get the services back. BAILEY suggested writing a response to the County expressing Council's input to the decision about taking services away from McCall. He asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to add that to the agenda for the next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, BAILEY adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Donald Bailey
Council President

ATTEST:

Joanne E. York, City Clerk