

MINUTES

McCall City Council Regular Meeting February 8, 2007

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 4 p.m. Council Member Bailey, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, Mayor Robertson, and Council Member Scott answered roll call. A quorum was present.

Others present were City Manager Lindley Kirkpatrick, Bill Nichols, Kim Trout, and David Krueck.

BUSINESS AGENDA

AB 07-25 Canvass votes from Recall Election, Resolution 07-1

A municipal election was duly held on February 6, 2007, for the purpose of recalling Bill Robertson, Donald C. Bailey, and Bonnie Ann Bertram from the City Council of the City of McCall. The judges and clerks of the election conducted the election and made their return in the manner provided by law. The City Council examined the returns of the election and canvassed the returns of the election as follows:

The total number of votes cast at said election for Bill Robertson:

Total votes cast	327
For recalling	218
Against recalling	109

Majority votes cast for recalling
Minimum majority votes required for recall: 361

The total number of votes cast at said election for Donald C. Bailey:

Total votes cast 319
For recalling 131
Against recalling 188

Majority votes cast against recalling
Minimum majority votes required for recall: 313

The total number of votes cast at said election for Bonnie Ann Bertram:

Total votes cast 326
For recalling 202
Against recalling 124

Majority votes cast for recalling
Minimum majority votes required for recall: 363

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

Upon canvass, it is found that the results for the three council members are:

Bill Robertson – Not Recalled
Donald C. Bailey – Not Recalled
Bonnie Ann Bertram – Not Recalled

Council Member Bailey moved to proclaim the election results final and adopt Resolution 07-1. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Council Member Bailey, Council Member Scott, Council Kraemer, Council Bertram, and Mayor Robertson all voted aye, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:07 p.m., Mayor Robertson moved to go into Executive Session. Council Member Bertram seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Robertson, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, Council Member Bailey, and Council Member Scott all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Council discussed litigation pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(f) to consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

A recess was taken following the Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

City staff joining the meeting at this time were John Anderson, Airport Manager; Anne Kantola, Library Director; Steven Hasson, Planning Manager; Brock Heasley, Parks and Recreation

Director; Eric McCormick, Golf Course Superintendent; Brenda Loftis, Personnel Officer; Linda Stokes, Acting Treasurer; Dave Simmonds, Information Systems Manager; and Joanne York, City Clerk.

Mayor Robertson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

Lindley Kirkpatrick, City Manager, presented his report to Council.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Comprehensive Plan process was moving forward and that the next round of design dialogue was scheduled for April 16-19. He said that the timeline for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan was still on schedule.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said the bids for the Boydston Street Project were opened on January 30 and were about \$800,000 higher than anticipated. He said that staff was working with the Local Highways Technical Assistance Committee (LHTAC) and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to identify additional funds. He said there was a possibility that LHTAC might delay one of their projects to next year and transfer those funds to the City. He explained that if that happened, then the City would have to pay a match of \$55,000 to \$60,000, which was not in the line item budget for this year. He said another option would be to re-bid the project and hope to get better bids, but he added that now was the better time to ask for bids because the contractors were not too busy and were still looking for work.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said the only two bids received were from DEBCO and MASCO. He said that DEBCO was the lower bid and that MASCO's bid was about \$250,000 to \$280,000 higher. He said that Toothman Orton would be the engineer used to find any discrepancies and possibilities of change orders. He explained that change orders would occur only after the City committed to the project and could result from unanticipated elements in excavation, retaining walls, sub-base, oil for the asphalt, and other issues related to the road construction. Council Member Bailey suggested using large boulders instead of retaining walls.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the goal was to have the project completed by the end of September or October. Mayor Robertson noted that the monies would have to come out of this year's budget. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that delaying the project would mean the money would come out of next fiscal year but could also result in higher costs.

Council Member Bailey said this project was very important and urged Mr. Kirkpatrick to get it done.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that a supplemental agreement would be required if LHTAC supplied extra funds, which would require Council action.

Council Member Scott asked if the number of bids received was unusual. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that receiving only two bids was considered low, but was also a reflection of the construction climate in McCall.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for Legacy Park concessionaires had been worked through the committee and staff levels and could be scheduled for Council. Council Member Bailey asked that this be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that a surprise luncheon was held today to honor Curt Spalding who was moving to Everett, Washington. He said that Mr. Spalding had been very involved in community service, including serving on the McCall Improvement Committee and the Tree Committee. He said Mr. Spalding had been a major contributor to the original sign ordinance and had worked on the downtown improvement project and design guidelines, as well as serving the community in a lot of other ways including the music society, hockey, construction of the ice rink, just to mention a few. He said the City recognized his efforts by presenting him with a plaque.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Public Works remodel was now essentially complete and that it had been funded from the existing budget and completed with staff labor.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said the Streets and Public Works Department was working with Idaho Power to convert City lights to comply with the Dark Sky Ordinance and was also working with a vendor to choose the correct lights for the downtown area. He said the conversion should be completed in the next few months.

Mayor Robertson asked if the City needed approval from the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) to have a holding tank at the airport. He said that a \$450,000 sale of one of the hangars had fallen through because of that. The situation was also affecting the contractor and blame was being directed toward the City. Council Member Bailey added that the reason the City was being blamed was because the Krahn Lane sewer line extension through the airport was never completed due to a decision that was made many years ago.

Referring to the Consolidated Department Head Report, Mayor Robertson said the information from the Police Department was very interesting and helpful. Council Member Bailey noted that the incident rate had stabilized somewhat and that might be related to the additional number of police officers. He noted that the City's statistics were in contrast to the statewide statistics which indicated incident rates were up. Mayor Robertson commended Chief Summers for the job he was doing.

Council Member Scott requested that Council receive reports of projects in progress and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick when the next one would be done. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he would update the report on Fridays. Mayor Robertson added that it was a very helpful report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Robertson called for public comment at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Robertson thanked all City staff involved for taking care of Art Roberts Park during Winter Carnival to maintain a safe environment for the children sledding there.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Robertson closed the public comment at 6:39 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Staff recommended approval of the following items:

- ❖ Minutes – January 11, January 17, and January 25, 2007
- ❖ Warrant Register printed on January 26, 2007
- ❖ Payroll Reports for Pay Period ending January 26, 2007
- ❖ AB 07-26 Alcohol Beverage Catering Permits
- ❖ AB 07-27 Alcohol Beverage License Report
- ❖ AB 07-24 Citizen Proclamation – Patsy Miller

Corrections were provided for the Minutes. The Minutes for January 17 were pulled so that more details could be added. There was also some discussion about items on the Warrant Register.

Council Member Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected, not including January 17th Minutes. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Council Member Bailey, Council Member Scott, Council Member Bertram, Council Member Kraemer, and Mayor Robertson voted aye. The motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA

AB 07-28 Treasure Valley Transit (TVT) Report

Terri Lindenberg, Executive Director, made a presentation to Council and requested the annual Letter of Support for TVT from the City of McCall in order to meet the local support requirements for the 5311 Rural Grant application, due on March 15, 2007.

Ms. Lindenberg reported that ridership continued to increase. She said that advertising on the sides of the buses had sold out immediately and was bringing in some additional revenue. She said that TVT had received some additional grant funds which would help fund additional commuter service from Cascade to Donnelly to McCall, running in the morning and again in the afternoon. She said that Tamarack had committed to match these funds and to also match a bus, and that TVT would not need to ask for additional funding from the City of McCall. She said they would like to start the additional service in July of this year.

Ms. Lindenberg said she had been asked to speak at a workshop at the Community Transportation Conference in Reno, Nevada, in May. She said that since McCall had been a very successful rural example for public transportation, she had been asked to make a presentation on how TVT had been funded here. Mayor Robertson requested that she place an article with *The Star-News* so that people in McCall would learn about it, and Council Member Bertram asked that she also report back to Council after the conference.

Council Member Bertram mentioned the importance of having the bus service available for children needing transportation after school. Mayor Robertson also noted that public transportation would be in demand during the 2008 Masters, and asked that Ms. Lindenberg put that in their budget for this next year.

Council agreed they would send the letter of support by February 22.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Library Board of Trustees Minutes of December 13, 2006, and the Tree Advisory Minutes of November 8 and December 13, 2006, were included in the Council packets for review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kirkpatrick asked if Council wanted to meet with the Local Option Tax (LOT) committee before the process of designating LOT funds started. He said the committee might benefit from knowing what items were important to the Council. Council Member Bertram said it would be very helpful. There was discussion about whether a work session with the LOT committee would be beneficial.

Council Member Bailey said that the issue of whether to fund many small projects or one large project with LOT monies might be worth revisiting.

Council Member Bailey noted that the Valley/Adams County Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan had been received and distributed to Council. He asked Council members to read the executive summary and business development summaries and said that at some future meeting Council needed to discuss and make a decision as to what they wanted to do with this document and with VAPP. He said this project was funded by the County through a grant and now it would be the responsibility of the different communities to take the process further.

Council Member Bailey discussed the merit of adding an assigned spot on the Planning and Zoning Committee for a high school student, adding that this would bring a good balance to the committee discussions.

Council Member Bailey also discussed the issue of City Code codification, explaining that there was no requirement that a separate organization do that task. He asked that Council take a serious look at the service provided by Sterling Codifiers and whether the City could get the product they wanted for the same or less money from another organization.

Council Member Bailey asked if a formal letter had been sent to the Strode family. Mr. Kirkpatrick said a letter would be sent to them.

Council Member Bailey asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to report on a meeting he had attended put on by the Payette Lakes Recreational Water & Sewer District. Mr. Kirkpatrick said it was an open house format. He reported that those in attendance while he was there were mostly homeowners from Payette River Subdivision and Blackhawk Subdivision areas, with some other people who were curious about what was happening with the land proposed to be purchased by the District.

Mayor Robertson said the City Manager's evaluation would be an agenda item for the next council meeting.

Mayor Robertson said he would like to have the City Manager confirm that MCPAWS was utilizing a consistent method for identifying origin, similar to what the Library utilizes, on what percentage of animals came from McCall.

Council Member Bertram asked Mr. Hasson for a report on his meeting with the Department of Commerce (DOC) in Boise. Mr. Hasson noted that other attendees besides himself included Carol Coyle, Greg Seibert, Pat Madarieta, Susie Davidson, and Jerry Miller. He said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether or not the City of McCall would be in a good position to ask for a grant for purposes of trying to improve the block between the Woodsman and Alpine Village. He said they were told the City would be eligible for a grant through the Department of Commerce, the purpose of which would be road improvements, curb, gutter sidewalk, channeling water, and removing and burying the power poles. He mentioned that franchise fees could also be used for burying the power poles. He said they would be meeting with the developers of both Alpine Village and the Woodsman to come up with a theme that could be integrated between the two developments and the lot in between to set the format for presentation on the street. He said this plan would also help to frame and define Third Street and the businesses located there. Council Member Bertram asked if municipal funds could be combined with grant monies. Mr. Hasson replied that DOC had one particular grant pursuit that they believed would be appropriate for the City, and that they were very supportive of the City's efforts.

Mayor Robertson asked Mr. Kirkpatrick for a report on his trip to Breckenridge. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the meeting had been very informative. He reported that mountain resort communities across the western United States and western Canada were present. He noted that many communities were impressed with the actions that the Council had recently taken regarding Zoning Code amendments, development standards, and community housing requirements. He commented that all of the communities present, whether large or small, were dealing with the same issues and problems.

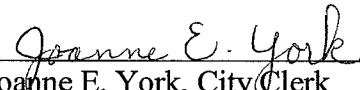
ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



William A. Robertson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanne E. York, City Clerk