

# City of McCall

## Local Option Tax Commission

### Meeting Minutes

#### June 6, 2005

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#### Call to Order

The Local Option Tax Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Those present were Steve Gleason, Sherryl Graham, Don Bailey, Roger Snodgrass, and Lance Daniels. Rob DeMore was excused.

#### Old Business

Dan Irwin, City Clerk, explained that the City Council had approved \$161,309 in funding as recommended by the Local Option Tax Commission at their last meeting. He said that the City Council eliminated the \$29,500 that was recommended to the Chamber of Commerce for the ITC Travel Grant. He said that the Council directed the Commission to reconsider the requests for funding and come up with an additional recommendation. He stated that the Council strongly encouraged recommending funding to the Chamber for the Fourth of July fireworks display. Mr. Irwin said that he and Mr. Snodgrass had developed a new funding matrix that would meet the directives of the Council and allow the Commission to recommend funding an additional \$19,000 worth of projects.

Richard Coontz, McCall Transit, gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the funding for McCall Transit. He explained that Treasure Valley Transit has lost 60% of their funding from the State of Idaho. He said that as a result, Treasure Valley Transit will have to ask the City of McCall for \$55,000 for operation costs and come up with an additional \$30,000 in order for McCall Transit to continue operations in McCall. He said that the ability to advertise on the bus would substantially assist Treasure Valley Transit in obtaining the shortfall in funding. He said that ridership is up 200% and includes many visitors that stay at the local hotels and the Airport fly-in events. Mr. Coontz explained that Treasure Valley Transit's grant doesn't allow for private donations and the LOT funding would help out substantially. He said that the McCall Comprehensive Plan promotes public transportation and the bus serves many people in the community including people with illnesses and disabilities. He stated that the bus has been designed to provide for advertising and the brackets would be able to be easily installed. He said that ridership on the bus system is high even though the public may not see riders on the bus at all times.

Mr. Gleason stated that he was initially against the idea of advertising on the bus, but would support the project as long as it was tastefully done.

The members of the Commission agreed that the funding to McCall transit for the advertising brackets should be included in the amended recommendation.

Mr. Snodgrass said that it appeared that the Council strongly encouraged the DVD project.

Ms. Graham said that she opposed including the DVD project as part of the recommendation. She stated that the project would be better suited for completion by the Chamber of Commerce under the ITC Travel Grant so the publisher didn't retain the copyrights.

After a lengthy debate it was determined not to recommend the DVD project as part of the LOT Commission recommendation.

Mr. Gleason suggested that the Commission was planning on recommending for next year's budget. He suggested that the McCall Nordic Ski Team's request for equipment be included in the amended recommendation and placed at the end of the funding matrix.

The members of the Commission agreed that the funding to the McCall Nordic Ski Team should be included in the recommendation.

Ms. Graham stated that she would like to see an additional \$5,000 given to McPAWS for operating the animal shelter.

Mr. Daniels stated that he opposed giving additional funds to McPAWS. He said that he thinks the LOT funding should be used to support other projects instead.

**Mr. Snodgrass moved to recommend to the City Council modifying the FY05 LOT matrix to include a disbursement of \$289.38 in June to McCall Transit for advertising brackets, \$5,000 in June to the McCall Chamber of Commerce for the fireworks display, \$5,000 in June to McPAWS for shelter funding, and \$12,000 to the McCall Nordic Ski Team for equipment. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Bailey, Ms. Graham, and Mr. Gleason voted aye. Mr. Daniels voted nay. The motion carried.**

### **New Business**

Mr. Irwin stated that the Commission needed to establish a meeting date for hearing the FY 06 funding requests. He explained that the City Council will adopt the tentative budget at the end of July, and the Commission needed to have a recommendation for inclusion into the budget.

**Mr. Snodgrass moved to establish June 24, 2005 as the deadline for applicants to submit their requests for FY06 funding consideration, and July 5, 2005 as the next**

meeting for the LOT Commission to consider the requests. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further discussion, Mr. Gleason adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Steve Gleason, LOT Commission Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Irwin  
City Clerk