

MINUTES

**McCall City Council
Regular Meeting
McCall-Donnelly High School Commons
401 North Mission Street
November 17, 2016**

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Aymon called the regular meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Aymon, Council Member Giles, Council Member Scott, Council Member Swanson, and Council Member Witte all answered roll call.

City staff members present were Nate Coyle, City Manager; Bill Nichols, City Attorney; BessieJo Wagner, City Clerk; Shay Tyler, Deputy Clerk; Carol Coyle, Grant Coordinator; Kurt Wolf, Parks and Recreation Director; Nathan Stewart, Public Works Director; Cris Malvich, Streets Supervisor

Mayor Aymon led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Council Member Witte moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

AB 16-267 Contractor Snow Removal Administrative Policy and Code Changes

Public Works Director Nathan Stewart presented the snow removal administrative policy and code changes. As initially introduced via the City Manager's Department Report, Public Works staff and the City Clerk have been reviewing and revising both the administrative policy and City code pertaining to snow removal contractor licensing. This agenda bill presents staff's recommended revisions based on feedback from snow removal contractors and observations made during winter 2015/16, when such license requirements were first adopted.

In general, these are intended to streamline the business application process and remove unnecessary requirements that are currently in force. Additionally, staff is proposing to issue snow removal contractor identification stickers this year. These stickers will help to identify properly licensed snow removal contractors from those that are not properly licensed.

Existing snow removal contractors have been notified of these recommended changes through a letter included in the business license renewal notification from the City Clerk issued November 10, 2016. The letter also explained public comment to the City Council would be received.

In answer to Mayor Aymon's question regarding snow removal operators being properly insured against damage to property, Director Stewart stated that providing proof of insurance is part of the business licensing process. In the past, that had not always been the case. A letter has gone out to all snow removal operators that the City is aware of.

Public Works will come to the next Council meeting with an ordinance to make these changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Aymon called for public comment at 5:41 p.m.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Aymon closed the comment period at 5:41 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Staff recommended approval of the following items:

1. City Council Special Minutes – July 15, 2015
2. City Council Special Minutes – July 17, 2015
3. Payroll Report for Period Ending November 4, 2016
4. Clerk's License Report
5. AB 16-270 Surplus Property – Resolution 16-22

Council Member Swanson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Council Member Giles seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA

AB 16-265 Historic Preservation Commission Annual Reports to Council for 2015 & 2016

Gary Thompson, Jr., Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, presented the annual reports for 2015 and 2016. The Historical Preservation Commission is responsible for conducting a survey of local historic properties and recommending methods necessary to preserve, maintain and restore historic properties. The Commission also conducts educational and interpretive programs and reviews nominations of properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Thompson spoke about how in McCall the Certified Historical District SIPA site is the Historical Museum. He stated that this is very special and unique for this area. Very few small cities have a historical district. He went over the status of several completed projects, grants applied for, and gave an outline of the 2017-2018 future projects. The Commission would like to recognize historical structures in McCall and encourages the City, the Council, and the community to keep this in mind when looking at structures, especially if the structure is being considered for remodel or demolition. Mayor Aymon asked about the Sheep Bridge being a historical item, and Mr. Thompson responded not likely since it had been moved from its original location.

AB 16-268 Commerce Street Reconstruction: Street section selection

Public Works Director Nathan Stewart presented the Commerce Street reconstruction street section selection. On 11/3/16, the project Team (staff and Horrocks) updated City Council on feedback received during property owner meetings conducted during October. In general, although property owners preferred unlimited access, they were accepting of the proposed accesses and overwhelmingly preferred a street section that does not include full depth swales/ditches and did not include sidewalks (i.e. section #3)

This agenda bill represents the fifth work session with City Council regarding this project. The Council reviewed 4 alternative sections. Staff is requesting that Council select a preferred streets section. Once selected the project team will proceed with final engineering design.

Mayor Aymon opened the floor for public comment at 6:02 p.m.

Lex Bernstein, owner of 225 and 325 Commerce Street, expressed gratitude for all the effort the City Staff has made to work with the business owners. He favors Option 3 and hopes that all the work and headache of this process will make it easier for other areas that are next on the list for improvement.

Brian Nelson of Nelson Plumbing asked if there was any additional considerations that need to be made prior to final decision, and made some suggestions on design. He was concerned about rushing forward prematurely, felt there still needed to be more compromising on the design in regards to the ditches/storm drains, and wanted to make sure the project was not overpriced.

Public Works Director Nathan Stewart addressed the question on access management and Horrocks Engineer Brian Foote addressed the question of which street section is being recommended by the engineering team and staff. Director Stewart then addressed the concern of final design stating that there is some flexibility when they go to construction. He also addressed the question concerning sidewalks and parking as there will be no on-street parking, and spoke on ditches versus an urban storm drain system.

Scott Bowes of 195 Commerce Street expressed his opinions on the drainage, access, and safety. He is supportive but would like to see the costs come down.

Lex Bernstein made an additional comment about the snow removal and asked the Council to be clear on what is trying to be accomplished.

Brian Nelson asked Engineer Brian Foote if all property owners know what their access width will be and Mr. Foote stated that all property owners have the information.

Patrick Phillips of 135 Commerce Street spoke about permeable pavers that he had seen at Riverside Hotel in Garden City recently and thought that maybe permeable pavers could be considered in this project or elsewhere in the city where there is an issue. He also did not feel that snow removal was that big of an issue at Commerce Street.

Director Stewart addressed permeable pavers, and stated that they are meant to be driven on and the swales are not. He addressed the pedestrian sections.

Staff addressed the different questions raised by the property owners and Council. There was a lengthy discussion about the drainage choices and ditch depth issues. The Council's general consensus was to move forward with Option #3.

Hearing no more public comments, Mayor Aymon closed the public comment at 6:40 p.m.

Council Member Giles moved to approve street section #3 for the Commerce Street reconstruction project. Council Member Swanson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Council Member Giles, Council Member Swanson, Mayor Aymon, Council Member Scott, Council Member Witte all voted aye and the motion carried.

AB 16-269 Air Quality Report Follow-up - Environmental Advisory Committee

Steve Goodall of the Environmental Advisory Committee gave an update of the air quality report. The mission of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) to the City of McCall is to identify and promote a unifying policy of objectives for environmental stewardship and sustainability across all city departments and for the ultimate benefit of the community. At the April 29, 2016 City Council Work Session, Mr. Goodall presented the City Council the committee's Air Quality Report for discussion. Although there was no formal direction at that work session there was general Council consensus to take an additional look at the following:

1. Wood Stove Replacement Promotion (involving local retailers).
2. Removal and replacement of old wood stoves upon sale of home with an EPA certified device.
3. An ordinance to Ban Non-EPA certified wood stoves in new construction
4. Year-round burning permits required for residential yard waste burning.
5. Expansion of the existing Woody Debris Program to lower emissions from yard waste
6. Initiate a Prescribed Fire Coordination Program for possible lower emission on days when thresholds are high.
7. Revisit the plan to build a bio-fuel

Mr. Goodall asked for direction about how the EAC should move forward regarding this subject; ie; more research, action, etc. He also pointed out that there is specific Idaho State code

addressing any burning of yard waste unless there is a specific ordinance that allows for burning in the city limits. There was discussion about having Mr. Goodall work with City Communication Manager Erin Greaves about creating an educational piece to put out to the public through the City's website, and asking Fire Chief Mark Billmire come speak about the issue brought up in the #4 item. Also, discussed was adding requirements to the building permit process and possibly requirements when the property is sold to upgrade to more efficient stoves. At the very least, creating an incentive program to promote volunteer stove replacement.

Mayor Aymon recommended that the EAC develop a comprehensive climate change strategy for the City to adopt and codify. Council Member Swanson suggested some recognition within the community of advanced construction projects focused on energy efficiency or passive building, net zero, advanced wall assembly, and solar ray. Mr. Goodall stated that all city and school buildings should have passive building construction which is 10% more in construction but brings down the heating costs significantly.

Council directed City Staff to work with the EAC on educational information, draft an ordinance for banning Non-EPA certified wood stoves in new construction for consideration, evaluate the burning ordinance with Fire Chief Mark Billmire, and bring back information to the Council.

City Attorney Bill Nichols advised to put together an agenda bill for each item if there is the potential for multiple code changes so each item would be discussed more thoroughly, and to create a cohesive plan in moving forward.

Upcoming Meetings Schedule Discussion

Council discussed upcoming meetings. There is a special work session meeting tomorrow, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Aymon reminded that she will be absent at the next regular Council meeting on December 1st.

Warrant Registers

Staff presented the Warrant Registers for approval.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the Warrant Registers as submitted. Council Member Swanson seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, Mayor Aymon adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Aymon reopened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to receive a public comment from someone who had not heard for the call for public comment earlier.

Roseana McCauley of 1011 Bitterroot made the comment that there needs to be more accessible public commercial kitchens for those who want to make products to sell. She stated that the Senior Center does not allow the public to use the kitchens. She suggested using the City Golf

Course during the winter for this purpose. She asked if she could bring a proposal to the next Council meeting.

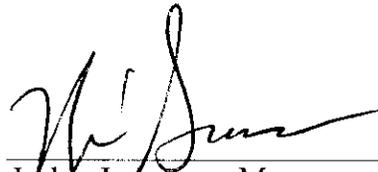
Hearing no more comments, Mayor Aymon closed the public comment at 7:23 p.m.

Without further business, Mayor Aymon re-adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


BessieJo Wagner, City Clerk




Jackie J. Aymon, Mayor
McSwanson, Council President