

MINUTES

**McCall City Council
Library Expansion Special Public Meeting
McCall Public Library / Legion Hall
October 21, 2016**

Call to Order
Presentation
Discussion
Adjournment

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Aymon called the special meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 9:02 a.m. Mayor Aymon, Council Member Swanson, and Council Member Witte were present. Council Member Giles and Council Member Scott were absent

City staff members present were Nate Coyle, City Manager; BessieJo Wagner, City Clerk; Kurt Wolf, Parks and Recreation Director, John Powell, City Building Official, Delta James, City Planner; Traci Malvich, Human Resources Manager; Meg Lojek, Library Director, and Lida Clouser, Library Staff

Also in attendance were Dennis Humphries with Humphries Poli Architects and Dick Waters with Godfrey's Associates – Consultants; Members of the Library Board; the Library Expansion Committee; and Friends of the Library

PRESENTATION

Council Member Scott joined the meeting at 9:03

Council Member Giles joined the meeting at 9:06

Library Expansion Design Planning – In the Library

Library consultants, Dennis Humphries and Dick Waters, were engaged to study the current library space and community needs. The consultants conducted more than 20 meetings with the public, City staff, City Council, Library Expansion Committee, and Library Board of Trustees. This local experience, paired with extensive expertise and comparative research with national standards, makes the case for an expanded library on McCall's city campus. As directed by the City Manager, the Expansion Committee has chosen 2 possible designs. One addresses the City Campus needs among several departments; the other develops the Library site only. In this work session, the consultants presented a summary of their work, the preferred direction (Option A), and some development of the plan.

As part of their presentation Dennis Humphries and Dick Waters shared that the current library needed at least twice as much space than what they currently have. Even with twice as much space, within a short period of time, the space would be maximized. The Consultants' recommendation was to look 20 years into the future when designing a new library. The current building was built in 1972 and has many issues including ADA compliance issues, energy consumption issues, lack of daylight issues, and space issues. Also called out were the service desk location and the need for more windows.

The Consultants also stated that through their process they have discovered that the McCall Public Library is the most used public facility in McCall. As the community center the 4200 square foot building should be at least 12,000 square foot. There was some discussion on whether less space would be needed since there are more and more digital books available. The Consultants stated that the retention on print is greater than digital and, when surveyed, most people preferred a printed book over digital.

Library Expansion Design Planning – Presentation in Legion Hall

A visual presentation was continued at the Legion Hall. During the presentation the consultants covered the two options they rendered for review and the cost impact for each option. The cost for option A was \$5,839,924 plus \$630,000 to relocate the parks department. The cost of option B was \$4,956,989. There was much discussion regarding the need for funding and where that funding should come from including private donations, public donations, and bonding.

Heather Haines the Chair of the Library Expansion Committee addressed the Council. She stated that the Expansion Committee was very excited with the opportunity of expanding the library. The Expansion Committee's consensus was option A. She requested that the Council make a decision on which option to pursue by January 17, 2017 so the committee could continue their work and start "fundraising".

Council Member Giles recognized the good work of the consultants. He stated that he was not intimidated by the costs and recognized that those costs are real world costs. Council Member Scott felt that option A was the best long term solution, however, thought that the costs were very intimidating.

Council Member Swanson stated that after his initial review option A was a great concept for long term growth. He stated that he thought overall Library fundraising is pretty successful. Council Member Swanson did state that in looking at the City's overall priorities, where would the library expansion fit. He stated that the Council needed to look at the long term goals of the community and ask where they are willing to put their funds and priorities. He stated that people will generally donate to libraries but not to sewer. He recognized the need for a huge outreach to the community. He also thanked the Expansion Committee, the Library Board, and the Friends of the Library for their efforts and enthusiasm. He stated that there is much to consider when the community need for sewer updates and the associated costs is on the top of the priorities.

Bill Thomas, Expansion Committee Member, addressed the Council and stated that he recognizes the different needs of the City; however, he felt that this is a once in a life time

opportunity. He stated that with political courage the Council should be able to bond for both, the library and the sewer, and make both happen.

Mayor Aymon thanked everyone for their comments and stated that the Council would continue their discussion and make some decisions at a later date.

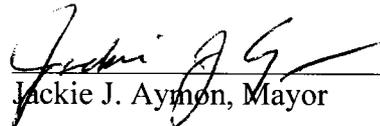
ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, Mayor Aymon adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

Bessie Jo Wagner, City Clerk




Jackie J. Aymon, Mayor