

# MINUTES

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**McCall City Council  
Regular Meeting  
McCall City Hall -- Legion Hall  
January 28, 2016**

Call to Order and Roll Call  
Approve the Agenda  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Work Session  
Public Comment  
Business Agenda  
Consent Agenda  
Executive Session  
Return to Open Session  
Adjournment

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**Mayor Aymon called the regular meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 5:34 p.m. Mayor Aymon, Councilor Giles, Councilor Scott, Councilor Swanson, and Councilor Witte all answered roll call.**

City staff members present were Nate Coyle, City Manager; Bill Nichols, City Attorney; Linda Stokes, City Treasurer; Michelle Groenevelt, Community Development Director; Dennis Coyle, Parks and Recreation Director; Jay Scherer, Airport Manager; Eric McCormick, Golf Course Superintendent; David Simmonds, Information Systems Manager; Traci Malvich, Human Resources Manager; Peter Borner, Public Works Director; Nathan Stewart, City Engineer; BessieJo Wagner, City Clerk; and Lisa Kundraick, Deputy City Clerk.

## APPROVE THE AGENDA

**Councilor Scott moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.**

**Mayor Aymon led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

## WORK SESSION

### **AB 16-26: 2015 Annual Department Reports to Council**

**City Manager:** Nathan Coyle began by giving the City Manager's annual report. Mr. Coyle began by elaborating on the two new staff members he has hired. Erin Greaves is the new

Communications Manager. One of Mr. Coyle's goals is to standardize the way information is released to the Community, and Ms. Greaves will be a key player in this. Mr. Coyle thinks the City has already made great gains in a short amount of time. The other new staff member is Jay Scherer, the new airport manager.

Another priority for the City Manager has been to analyze options for wastewater reuse and disposal.

Staff have also looked closely at facility planning, identifying the need for office space at the City Campus. Funds were allocated in FY16 and FY17 for relocation of the Parks and Recreation Department and making room for the Transit Center, and this plan is on its way with a proposal and strong new partnerships to be formed.

Another goal is to restore order to the Fourth of July celebration. The public and the business community have been engaged and all agencies are involved. A comprehensive proposal will be forthcoming involving multiple agencies.

Fall of 2015 brought the passage of additional Local Option Taxes, and implementation is now underway. Staff are now working with businesses to ease the transition. The first revenue collections will start in late February. The first Streets project will be Commerce Street. Staff have added a transportation planning component to add to the Comprehensive Plan, and Nathan Stewart will have a stronger role in LOT revenue planning. LOT implementation will continue.

Staff are also finalizing the Capital Improvement Plan, and work is underway on revamping the Comprehensive Plan.

**Parks and Recreation:** Dennis Coyle, Parks and Recreation Director, gave some statistics on Parks and Recreation activities and growth in the past five years. Properties maintained have increased from 28 to 30. Staff have increased by one. Recreation programs have increased from 24 to 35 and participation from 1,300 to almost 1,450, primarily due to the efforts of Mark Pernell. Besides park maintenance and recreation programs, the department also creates and maintains holiday displays, public art displays, and facilities maintenance. Dennis Coyle stated he was very proud of the noxious weed program, which entails using fewer chemicals such as pesticides and herbicides and more biological controls. An arborist is on staff now and with the GIS department they were able to create a tree inventory. Mr. Coyle noted that staff is maxed out and there are no additional resources to take on more projects. Reconstruction of the boat ramp is almost finished. The Firewise project in Wildhorse Park turned out well. The design for Riverfront Park is almost finished and a plan is in place to complete the work. In 2016 they would like to schedule more fall events. The last project on the books for 2016 is to build a mountain bike skills park on School District property, and the grant was submitted today. Dennis Coyle thanked his staff for all their hard work.

When asked if he could choose what they could do with more resources, Mr. Coyle stated he would like to do more with Riverfront Park. If he had more staff he could also offer more recreation programs. Mayor Aymon acknowledged that the Parks Department works many hours and she worries about them getting overwhelmed. Mr. Coyle stated that it is a challenge, but they

have to learn to say no to some things. Mayor Aymon would like to find more funds in the future to add more staff. Mr. Coyle also suggested that they developed more projects that generate additional revenue, like concessions and events.

**Golf:** Eric McCormick, Golf Course Superintendent, stated that 2015 was a good year financially for the golf course. The course opened on May 1, 2015, the earliest date in 10 years. However, they opened without being fully staffed because of difficulty finding employees but ended the year with a full staff and even came out under budget on personnel. Three new ladies tee boxes were built in 2015. The exterior of the clubhouse was remodeled with funds from the raffle for a lifetime pass. A grease interceptor with a gravity line instead of a lift station was installed in the clubhouse. In 2015 a professional photographer was used to take photos of golfers and the grounds as well as an aerial photo, which will be an excellent marketing tool. Mr. McCormick noted that raising the rates did not seem to affect play as it remained steady.

**Information Systems:** David Simmonds, Information Systems Manager, discussed the significant projects accomplished by the department. The data center was a major purchase, and now they are actively moving the data center servers and storage from the old hardware to the new hardware. This will help prevent future downtime. Also, a new phone system was installed in 2015. In general, it seems to be working out well. Outsourcing the phone system has created additional benefit because the IS Department does not have to figure out problems on their own. The communications infrastructure will be enhanced to extend with the new campus. The big challenge going forward is video and the immense storage space that it consumes. There will be police car patrol video and body cameras. There will be constraints on how it can be handled and kept so storage will be a challenge. Storage of all data will be a challenge because of the explosion in media.

Mayor Aymon asked about the surveillance to be used by the Police Department and if there are plans for Public Works. Mr. Simmonds replied that the system has the capability to extend surveillance to anywhere it is needed, and the quality of the video is very good. Mayor Aymon asked if they spend several hours a day transferring data or if they will do it all at once. Mr. Simmonds stated that sometimes it happens instantaneously and other times they have to take down the servers to transfer. Mayor Aymon commended the IS Department for their work.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mayor Aymon called for public comment at 6:09 p.m.**

**Hearing no comments, Mayor Aymon closed the comment period at 6:09 p.m.**

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **AB 16-22 Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) Annual Report to City Council**

Presented by Dan Scott, Airport Advisory Committee Chair. Mr. Scott noted that the airport serves many different operations such as general and business aviation, charter operations,

aeromedical flights, and three different functions of the Forest Service. There are 103 base-assigned aircraft at the airport. The airport is also a gateway to the backcountry but also a significant transportation resource. The airport receives about 10,000 visiting aircraft with 30,000 visitors per year. A 2009 study showed the airport is responsible for about \$30M in annual economic output and directly and indirectly supports about 400 jobs. Hangar property tax revenue was about \$74K in FY14, so essentially the airport supports itself with its own revenue.

Some of the accomplishments for 2015 were that the entire runway was crack-filled, seal coated, and re-marked. The antiquated beacon was replaced, a \$225K project for about \$12K cost to the City. Land was acquired adjacent to the airport for a new taxiway. Acquisition was critical to the safety of the airport and to accommodate growth. A consultant study was commissioned to determine lease rates and charges, of which the final report will be forthcoming to Council. The process was started to do a five-year review on airport rules and regulations and minimum standards for commercial activity, which is a maintenance activity of "housekeeping documents." The airport along with the with local chapter of Idaho Aviation Association held an open house and fly-in in July, which brought lots of people to the airport. The event is being planned again for 2016. A safety project has resulted in work on the runway and lights, which was completed with in-house staff. A big accomplishment for 2015 was bringing sewer infrastructure to some of the hangars. Infrastructure is now in place to support that. Jay Scherer was hired as the new Airport Manager and the AAC is pleased to be working with him.

Priorities for 2016 will be to continue with the land acquisition and work on a five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The FAA requires mandatory use of their funds, and this will lead to either the land acquisition or the money may be used to acquire snow removal equipment instead. The third big expense may be to relocate the taxiway onto the newly acquired land. Another large scale project will be to rehabilitate the parking apron and the general aviation areas, which is a multi-year project. Mr. Scott reminded Council that the Airport receives 90% of its funding from Federal support with a 10% contribution from the City. Of that 10% the State matches a portion of around 3%, so the City will have to come up with about 7% of the project cost. Mr. Scott thinks that the money for 2016 will be spent on snow removal equipment and the land acquisition and taxiway relocation will get pushed out another year. Mr. Scott added that the FAA recognizes the logistic value of the McCall Airport, and if they choose to, they can donate discretionary funding that not every airport receives.

Mayor Aymon asked if there is a sunset on the taxiway relocation. Mr. Scott replied that the funding priorities for projects are set with congressional work, every five years, but there is a lot of discretion within the District offices. Projects that support safety will always receive top priority.

The Council thanked Mr. Scott and the AAC for their work in supporting the Airport.

### **AB 16-14 City of McCall Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Annual Report and Air Quality Report**

This was presented by EAC member, Sean Gould. The Green Brochure Project has been completed and they are waiting for feedback from the Chamber of Commerce. The other project

is the Air Quality Report, which they will report on tonight. A future project will be to address noxious weed control in City Limits.

Mr. Gould responded to an earlier question about the environmental costs of curbside recycling. An analysis of energy expended to recycle and greenhouse gas emissions of manufacturing versus using recycled materials have shown it to be more beneficial to recycle. However, Mr. Gould noted that they need to meet with the City Manager for a better idea of how much the City is willing to pay to support recycling, noting that a great deal of transportation is required to offset the gains in recycling.

Mayor Aymon asked about weed control options. Mr. Gould replied that the County does some biological control with nursery populations, and the High School has been working on methods with biological controls. The EAC will have a future meeting with the County Weed Supervisor. Mayor Aymon also suggested a "weed day" for City residents to work on abating knapweed in a public setting.

EAC member Steve Goodall talked about the Air Quality Assessment done in McCall. The EAC investigated issues with health quality using numbers from the State and the monitoring system at the Airport. There were 18 days that McCall was in the Moderate to Unhealthy category, and much of this was due to fires. Thankfully McCall does not have many inversions, and if it did there would be more issues. Mr. Goodall noted that Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are ranked the 7th, 8th, and 9th worst air polluters in the Country because these states burn wood for heating and many households use outdated wood stoves. Mr. Goodall talked about programs that exist in other cities that provide financial incentives to help citizens upgrade their wood stoves to more efficient models. The other solution to smoky air is an expansion of the Woody Debris Program. This program provides assistance in the transport of woody debris to a central location instead of having multiple fires to destroy it. In a further step the debris could be burned in a manner that it creates benefit, such as generating electricity.

Mayor Aymon commented that she liked the Woody Debris Collection Program that the Fire Department provides; however, currently it is only operated in June. The problem with multiple collection sites is that the burn piles often get contaminated with garbage. Mayor Aymon would like to expand the program to operate for a longer period of time.

Mayor Aymon asked about processed slash and clean pine needles. Mr. Goodall confirmed that there is a program from Lake Tahoe where pine needles are collected and used for ground cover in construction areas for erosion control.

Councilor Witte acknowledged that great and practical ideas were shared tonight. She would like to have a work session in the future to see what can be implemented.

Council thanked the EAC members for their presentation.

**AB 16-23 Willow Creek Campground - Request for Letter of Support to Seek Grant/Scholarship Funding for Sewer Connections**

This was presented by John Lee from Southwest Idaho Senior Citizens Recreation Association (SISCRA). He gave history of SISCRA and the creation of Willow Creek Campground located 2 miles south of Donnelly on Lake Cascade. The land is leased from the Bureau of Reclamation, who has asked SISCRA to put in a sewer system, but the organization cannot afford the cost. Therefore they are looking for grants that may be able to help. They have started a process to apply for an Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant but need letters of support from other government entities in the area. Currently they have letters of support from Senator Risch, Governor Otter, Valley County Commissioners, and Mayors of Cascade and Donnelly.

**Councilor Scott moved to approve the enclosed letter of support for SISCRA's pursuit of grant and scholarship funding to enable sewer connections at the Willow Creek Campground. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Councilor Scott, Councilor Giles, Mayor Aymon, Councilor Swanson, and Councilor Witte all voted aye and the motion carried.**

**AB 16-28 Request for approval of the purchase of a Crack Seal Trailer – Bid Number PW 16-07 Award**

Peter Borner, Public Works Director, presented a request to approve bid number PW 16-07 for a crack sealing trailer. There were a number of iterations on the bid specifications and two bids were received. The bid from Metroquip was an alternate bid in that it only provided 150-gallon capacity versus a 230- to 250-gallon capacity that was specifically requested. There was about \$7,000 difference. Mr. Borner pointed out that Ray Smith from Metroquip attended tonight's meeting to explain the benefits of the smaller machine. However, Mr. Borner explained that the Streets Department specifically requested a 230-gallon machine. In the past they had rented a smaller machine (Magma 150) and had problems with it. The Streets crew complained that it did not hold enough material and there was a substantial temperature drop when adding additional material. The Streets Department also borrowed a larger crack sealing machine from Valley County, a Magna 230, and it performed well. From the previous bids, one was a \$49,000 machine and the other one from Specialty Construction was for \$42,000, and so the recommendation from Public Works was to award the bid to Specialty Construction for the larger machine.

Mayor Aymon asked for questions. Councilor Witte asked how long this equipment is expected to last. Mr. Borner confirmed that it would probably last 10 years.

Council agreed to hear the representative from Metroquip. Ray Smith, 1953 E Commercial Street, Meridian, of Metroquip took the floor. He explained the history of his dealership that has been in Meridian for 28 years and explained that they have done business with the City of McCall for about 20 to 25 years. Mr. Smith explained that in the last six or seven years Metroquip has facilitated in excess of 150 solicited bids. Municipal bids are about 95% of their business, so Mr. Smith is very familiar with the processes.

Mr. Smith noted that the first bid published was on or about November 12, requested to be submitted by November 19. Mr. Borner went through a fairly extensive process of establishing a

bid specification and there were two bids submitted -- one by Metroquip and one by a competitor. Mr. Smith noted that there was a recommendation to award that piece of equipment to Specialty Construction Supply, which is his competitor. Mr. Smith stated that their machine was \$42,915 and Metroquip submitted a bid for \$49,970. Mr. Smith emphasized that his bid met all specifications as published while the competitor's bid did not. Mr. Smith pointed out that both bids were rejected, apparently due to the specifications. Mr. Smith surmised that the \$7,000 in cost difference "probably raised some eyebrows." The bids were re-issued on December 1, they were requested back on December 9, and that Council meeting took place on December 17, again, not changing the prices. They had already been published, so Mr. Smith and his competitor both were aware of each other's bids, and the same bids were submitted. Mr. Smith noted that again the bid specifications had been changed slightly, which essentially took out some of the criteria that Metroquip met but the competitor had not met. Mr. Smith acknowledged that there was a bid specification that if not met would not be accepted and the bidder would be deemed nonresponsive. His competitor did not meet that specification and Metroquip did, and once again, Council rejected those bids as well.

Mr. Smith continued, stating that the third Request for Proposal was issued on January 18, and that bid was due January 21, which is three days; prior to that the interested parties were allowed approximately seven to nine days to supply those bid responses. On January 19 at about 7:45 a.m. there was an addendum issued by Mr. Borner to move the delivery date from February 29 or 26 to March 29 or 26, or to move it out 30 days. Mr. Smith believes that his competitor could not deliver in that amount of time, yet Metroquip could make that delivery on schedule. Mr. Smith emailed Mr. Borner later that afternoon and requested to have the response date extended to January 29, which would be the day after this Council meeting. That would allow seven days to put a response together and submit it to the City. Mr. Smith did not get a response from Mr. Borner regarding that request, so therefore he attended tonight's Council meeting so he could submit supporting information with the bid response.

Councilor Giles asked Mr. Smith to address the issue with the gallons and how it relates. Mr. Smith stated that the original bid specification was for 230- to 250-gallon capacity. That is the range of the material tank that Mr. Borner and his team had requested. On their first and second bids the 230-gallon minimum was met. As Mr. Smith saw the bid specifications being changed to what is referred to as a "vanilla" or a generic spec, it occurred to him that the City of McCall has rented their machine for the last three years. He referred to the requirement that alternate bids would be considered unless otherwise stated, only if the alternate is described completely and comparisons can be made, so he felt it reasonable to bid with a similar machine that could be shown to do the same job. Mr. Smith did not have time to put all of this detailed information in his bid packet because he stated it is simply not feasible in three business days. He decided on the third bid to quote a 150-gallon material tank.

Mr. Smith explained in detail why the 150-gallon tank would do the job of the 230-gallon tank and actually perform better if filled properly. He gave numerous examples of other municipalities that use this same machine to repair many more miles of road than McCall has. Mr. Smith recognized that the cost savings was important to the City, so hence he bid the job with a machine that would cost \$7,000 less than his competitor's product.

Mr. Smith acknowledged that his company presented a machine that did not meet specification, which falls into the alternate bid category, but he did so because of the cost savings it would offer to the City. Mr. Smith went on to explain the science behind the melt rates and how it relates to the capacity of the machine, and he asked that Council consider this machine as one that would fulfill the needs of the Streets Department.

Councilor Giles thanked Mr. Smith and said it was helpful to hear his perspective. He acknowledged the importance of fairness in the municipal bid system and the perception of how those bids are carried out.

Mr. Smith again stated his company's familiarity with the municipal bid process, but he again expressed his disappointment that he was not given the opportunity to adequately present an alternate product. Mr. Smith stated that with the knowledge and the confidence that his alternate machine will easily perform to the City's expectations, he felt it was important to come share those thoughts and their position with the Council tonight.

Mayor Aymon asked for any comments from Staff or Mr. Nichols. Councilor Swanson said he would prefer to hear from Staff.

Mr. Borner took the floor. He stated that the first bid that was put out was a set of specifications that was based on the Cimline Magma product from Metroquip. He admitted to his lack of knowledge about crack sealing machines and the ability to write a clear bid specification for this. Mr. Borner stated he actually received five bids, not two. Three were from the same company, the same identical product, and two other bids were received, one from Specialty and one from a company in Oregon. Neither of those companies met the specifications. After discussing with the City Attorney, Mr. Borner had the impression that this would be sole-sourced because the specification was so tight. The original bids were rejected and re-issued to that bid specification.

Mayor Aymon asked if he rejected the first set of bids because he thought that the specs were too rigid. Mr. Borner confirmed that was the case.

Councilor Witte stated that she was having difficulty following the discussion without anything in writing to review. She stated that if we are questioning the process, then maybe we should go with Mr. Nichols' advice. She suggested the decision be deferred for now until more information is available to review.

Councilor Giles stated he did not feel comfortable making a decision tonight based on information on hand.

City Manager Coyle thought it would be helpful if the staff provided a summary of the process.

Mr. Nichols stated it would also give Mr. Borner a chance to respond to the email that he received today. Mr. Nichol's recommendation was to table the discussion until the first meeting in February.

**Councilor Scott moved to table this discussion until the first meeting in February. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.**

**AB 16-25 Approval Request for Consent to Assignment of Lease for Hangar 204, Mike and Beverly Anderson**

Presented by Jay Scherer, Airport Manager. Mike and Beverly Anderson, owners of Hangar 204, are coordinating use of this privately owned hangar as collateral through Idaho First Bank. Idaho First Bank has requested consideration for issuance of a Landowner's Consent to Assignment for completion of this process. A Landlord's Consent to Assignment of a lease allows a lender, Idaho First Bank in this case; to step into the position of the lessee should the lessee default or be in danger of defaulting upon the lease agreement for this hangar. In the scenario of a default, the lender then becomes the lessee until the defect is cured, and the lender fulfills the terms of the lease agreement. The consent form was prepared by Idaho First Bank.

**Councilor Scott moved to approve the Landlord's Consent to Assignment of Hangar 204 for Mike and Beverly Anderson and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents. Councilor Swanson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Councilor Scott, Councilor Swanson, Mayor Aymon, Councilor Giles, and Councilor Witte all voted aye and the motion carried.**

**AB 16-21 Request for Approval of the Contract for the McCall Comprehensive Plan Update and McCall Transportation Plan**

Presented by Michelle Groenevelt, Community Development Director. Community Development went through the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for a consultant team to complete a McCall Area Comprehensive Plan Update. Qualified consultants were required to be experienced in land use planning, transportation planning, economic development, fiscal analysis, park planning, and other relevant experience in undertaking such planning efforts in unique mountain and resort communities. After reviewing and scoring the qualifications and proposals and conducting in-person interviews with two consultant teams, the review committee unanimously selected the Logan Simpson team. The team consists of professionals from Agnew Beck, Kittelson & Associates, and Harmony Design and Engineering.

Through the review process, staff identified the overlap and efficiencies that would be created in combining the Comprehensive Plan Update and specific components of the Transportation Master Plan. Once the Transportation Plan scope was finalized by the City Engineer and vetted by the Logan Simpson team, City staff ensured that the proposed process, scope, and budget were modified to incorporate transportation tasks accordingly. The result is one proposal and one contract for Logan Simpson.

Some work has gone into the contract and the City Attorney has reviewed it. Some changes have been made and they have accepted it. Ms. Groenevelt reviewed Exhibit A, Scope of Work, with Council and showed that there are very clear expectations. She also thought it was very important that the Comprehensive Plan is integrated with the Transportation Master Plan. Exhibit C is the Project Schedule. In the end there will be two separate plans. There will be two phases.

Funds of \$115K are dedicated to do the Comprehensive Plan. Up until now there has not been a Transportation Plan in existence. This would be useful for budgeting and grant writing. Phase 1 of the Transportation Plan, \$36,183, would be covered within FY16 and that is what Council would be committing to at this point. When Staff is ready to look at phase 2 there will be a contract addendum for FY17.

Ms. Groenevelt talked about the format of the new plan and that it will be a much more useful document in strategic planning with templates and criteria. They were impressed that the consultants were thinking of new ways to get the public engaged that were fun and outgoing instead of just showing up at a community meeting. The consultants also will be going through the codes and seeing where it conflicts and will recommend code changes.

Council was excited about starting work on the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Witte expressed concern about using the Streets budget for FY17. City Manager Coyle commented that there could be cost savings by working simultaneously on both plans and that he does not anticipate a funding issue with this. He added that the number allocated for Phase 2 is not obligated and not exact yet, but it will return as part of the budgeting process.

**Councilor Witte moved to approve the contract for the McCall Comprehensive Plan Update for \$115,000 and the Transportation Plan for \$36,183 and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilor Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Councilor Witte, Councilor Scott, Mayor Aymon, Councilor Giles, and Councilor Swanson all voted aye and the motion carried.**

#### **AB 16-20 Land Use Code Enforcement Process Review**

Michelle Groenevelt, Community Development Director, presented a review of City Code Title 3, Chapter 17, which outlines the code enforcement procedure for Planning and Zoning violations within City Limits or the Impact Area. For minor violations within City Limits, the Code Enforcement Officer typically handles complaints regarding violations. More significant violations, like failure to comply with a development agreement, are handled using the procedure outlined in Chapter 17. In the Impact Area, City staff are required to follow this procedure for any complaint while working with the County Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Groenevelt noted that once it gets to this point the offender usually starts to get serious about compliance.

Ms. Groenevelt reviewed the steps as they are outlined in Title 3, Chapter 17. Through these steps they have mostly been able to get compliance. The offender can always appeal to Council. In the past they have gone into the settlement agreement process when they start negotiating and come to a settlement that works for both parties. In any case, the City has the ability to do civil or criminal actions, at the discretion of the Prosecuting Attorney. Ms. Groenevelt added that although they try to get voluntary compliance, sometimes it does not work out.

Mayor Aymon asked what kind of violations get to this point. Ms. Groenevelt replied that it is usually regarding property that is required to have stormwater management or a development agreement completed. Community Development will set dates, and if they still have outstanding

conditions they will be sent notices or warnings that no improvement has been seen. The development agreement can also be amended to allow them more time to get projects done.

Councilor Giles commented that it seems like a fair process and asked if Community Development is satisfied with the process. Ms. Groenevelt thinks it has actually worked well for the County. In the past the Prosecuting Attorney was not very serious about following it, but now that they are on board it seems to work well.

Council was satisfied with the document as presented and is ready to move forward.

#### **AB 16-24 Sewer Planning Options Update**

Peter Borner, Public Works Director, updated the Council on the continued sewer planning efforts. At last week's District Board meeting they chose to proceed with Alternative #2 of the two options presented at the December Board meeting. Mr. Borner provided a memo to address some of the issues discussed. Option #2 had an initially higher capital cost including a new reuse pipeline to avoid entanglements with Simplot or Lake Irrigation District easements.

City Staff are continuing to review costs associated with reuse implementation, which include costs to update the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Winter Storage Pond. Some factors have changed since this was last examined, such as land costs, disposal options, and land prices are currently higher.

City Manager Coyle added that the Board is aware that the City is compiling total costs and comparing with alternatives. Kathy Cooper is also looking at data and it appears reasonable. She will still identify the cost of all the back-end support components that will give us a total cost, including the treatment process. Linda Stokes, Treasurer, and City Manager Coyle are comparing costs but are building the data for financing options if it should come to that. More will be forthcoming after a teleconference with Zions bank on Friday, and Dale Caza will sit in on that. Staff are also trying to "think outside the box" for other solutions. The data on the treatment plan is still needed, but based on the comparable options, land application was selected as a cost effective choice and it still appears to be the best choice.

Councilor Witte asked to see a lifespan on the plans.

Mr. Borner provided an update that the legislation for the merger moved forward today; it was approved for printing.

#### **AB 16-27 Legislative Meeting and City Officials Day at the Capitol Update**

On December 4, 2015 Mayor Aymon attended the Legislative Committee Meeting in Boise and on January 26, 2016 Mayor Aymon attended City Officials Day at the Capitol. Mayor Aymon provided Council an update on items discussed. Mayor Aymon highlighted some things she thought were important to watch for in future legislation. There is proposed legislation to change how urban renewal districts conduct business. Instead of appointing members to a board the representatives would be chosen by election. Also, Mayor Aymon found out that if an urban renewal boundary is amended it will reset the base assessment, and that could be problematic. City Attorney Nichols expanded on this but he said it is contrary to the Tax Commission's rules.

The notion started from an opinion letter from the Deputy Attorney General, as they do not want urban renewal money to be used for municipal buildings because they want it to spur economic development. Mayor Aymon hinted that a campaign may need to be launched to show whether Council supports this or not. Another proposal is to not require school parking lots to comply with community landscaping requirements. The Legislative Committee also wants to adopt a preemptive bill that would disallow cities from regulating grocery bags or specific containers. Another proposal would restrict a city's ability to access foregone balances. Other things that will not be pursued are Medicaid expansion and also they are not going to "add the words" to anti-discrimination ordinances. There is going to be another preemption law about the minimum wage.

### **Upcoming Meetings Schedule Discussion**

Council discussed upcoming meetings. The Fourth of July discussion will be added to the February 11 Council agenda. There will be a recap of feedback received and a proposal will be outlined for Council to review. There will be follow-up at a later meeting with a proposal from agency partners. State Parks is also having a discussion about North Beach. There will be a work session about campus facility planning on February 26. The Library Planning Committee will also attend this meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Staff recommended approval of the following items:

1. Special Council Minutes – April 16, 2015
2. Special Council Minutes – May 11, 2015
3. Special Council Minutes – June 9, 2015
4. Regular Council Minutes – July 09, 2015
5. Regular Council Minutes – July 23, 2015
6. Regular Council Minutes – December 17, 2015
7. Special Council Minutes – December 18, 2015
8. Regular Council Minutes – January 14, 2016
9. Alcohol and Catering Licenses Activity Report
10. Payroll Report for Period ending January 15, 2016
11. Warrant Registers

**Councilor Swanson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.**

**Councilor Giles seconded the motion.**

**In a voice vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 8:29 p.m. Councilor Scott moved to go into Executive Session for:**

- **Land Acquisition - 74-206 (1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.**

- **Personnel - 74-206 (1)(b)** To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

**Councilor Witte seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Councilor Scott, Councilor Witte, Mayor Aymon, Councilor Giles, and Councilor Swanson all voted aye and the motion carried.**

Council discussed a possible land acquisition at the airport and the City Manager's evaluation.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

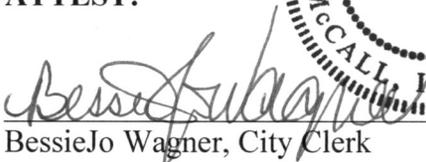
**At 9:12 p.m. Councilor Swanson moved to return to Open Session. Councilor Scott seconded the motion. In a voice call vote, all voted aye and the motion carried.**

There were no motions upon returning to open session.

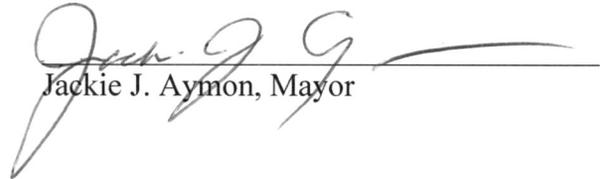
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Without further business, Mayor Aymon adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.**

ATTEST:

  
BessieJo Wagner, City Clerk



  
Jackie J. Aymon, Mayor