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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Colton called the regular meeting of the McCall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Colton, Council Member Arp (On Conference Telephone), Council Member Muller, and Council Member Eimers answered roll call. A quorum was present. City staff members present were City Attorney Susan Buxton, City Manager Robert Strobe, Community Development Director Lindley Kirkpatrick, Public Works Director Bill Keating, Parks and Recreation Director Brock Heasley, Librarian Anne Kantola, , Network Administrator Dave Simmonds, and Treasurer & City Clerk Barbara Bauer.

Mayor Colton announced that there is an addition to the Consent Agenda Invoice Approval List Dated August 232, 2003 for payment of a \$39,500 bill to Floyd Ayers contingent upon receipt of appropriate documentation. The Jet Ski Race agenda item has been pulled from the Business portion of the meeting and the Executive session will not be needed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Colton opened the Continued Public Hearing on Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 at 7:03 p.m.

Introductory staff report was provided by Robert Strobe, City Manager regarding the Council request staff to re-examine the proposed budget for possible changes to existing amounts in order to include additional funding for McPAWS. The staff recommendation did not change, but McPAWS was added on parity with the skateboard park funding for possible use of the 3% growth funds.

Bill Robertson, 1037 Bitterroot, raised some specific questions and commented about increases in the budget between FY 2003 and FY 2004.

Pat Wingard, 219 Margaret Way, asked that the Council not use the 3% increase.

Emerson Wingard, 219 Margaret way, stated that he is not a full time city resident, is paying a lot in taxes but he would like to see the City find ways to tax those who are visitors and part-time residents without taxing the full time residents.

Mayor Colton closed the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Appropriation at 7:15 p.m.

The City Manager answered the questions raised by Mr. Robertson. Mayor Colton asked the Council to make a decision on whether to use a 3% tax increase in order to

fund some of the unmet needs. The local option tax placed on the ballot last year would have raised another \$400,000 in new revenue plus a similarly sized property tax relief fund through a 2% room tax and 1% across the board sales tax. As items such as groceries and other sales are exempted from a new tax, the revenue drops dramatically. Council Member Arp supports taking just \$30,000 in new tax for paving, despite the importance of other items listed. Council Member Muller does not feel he knows the true views of the voters. He proposed using part of the 3% increase available now if there is support for an advisory ballot next May or August to get accurate information about people's views on potential tax options. Council Member Eimers would not go to 3% for any reason, but would support use of 1.5% in new tax increase now and support a motion by Council Member Muller.

Council Member Muller moved to approve a fiscal year 2004 budget of \$11,846,918, including \$31,377, or 1.5% in new tax revenue, and to hold an advisory vote on the August 2004 election date to get accurate information about people's views on the various property tax options available at that time. Council Member Eimers seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Arp, Council Member Muller, and Council Member Eimers voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Colton moved to suspend the rules, read by title only, one time only, Ordinance No. 782 as amended to reflect the appropriate dollar amount of \$11,846,918. Council Member Muller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Arp, Council Member Muller, and Council Member Eimers voted aye. The motion carried.

Council Member Arp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 782 as amended to reflect the appropriate dollar amount of \$11,846,918. Council Member Eimers seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Arp, Council Member Muller, and Council Member Eimers voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Colton opened the Public Hearing on AB 03-106 Septage Fee Rate Adjustment Resolution No. 03-09 at 7:45 p.m.

Public Works Director Bill Keating outlined the need for an increase of the septage rates charged for those outside of city limits who have pumping done to be closer to the current industry standards and rates.

No public comment was received. **Mayor Colton closed the Public Hearing on Resolution No. 03-09 at 7:50 p.m.**

Mayor Colton moved to approve Resolution 03-09 Colton. Council Member Eimers seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Arp, Council Member Muller, and Council Member Eimers voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Colton opened the Public Hearing on AB 03-109 Library Fee Adjustment Resolution No. 03-08 at 7:50 p.m.

Council Member Arp strongly disagrees with the definition of resident used in this resolution including only those whose primary residence is inside of city limits. She would support trying to limit the number of cards to one per residence, tracking renters and owners to enforce a one card per address limit and provide cards at no cost to those who own property inside City limits. City Manager Strobe reviewed many of the issues discussed at the staff level relating to the definition of resident and primary residency. After lengthy discussion, staff and the Library Board felt that using this definition, which mirrors that for voting and the definition used in the Recreation Fee resolution passed in December 2002 is the most appropriate. No one will be denied access to the library, but those whose primary residence is outside of McCall will be providing greater support for the service they receive and helping to assure that residents still have access to the resources they need. This definition will also help to track those who use the library and check out books while visiting for a weekend or a short visit but may be delinquent in returning them.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Colton closed the Public Hearing on at 7:55 p.m.

Council Member Eimers moved to approve Resolution 03-08. Council Member Muller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Eimers, and Council Member Muller, voted aye and Council Member Arp voted nay. The motion carried.

Mayor Colton opened the Public Hearing on AB 03-112 Building Permit Fees Resolution No. 03-10 at 8:00 p.m.

Lindley Kirkpatrick outlined changes to the fee schedule.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Colton closed the Public Hearing on Building Permit Fees Resolution No. 03-10 at 8:05 p.m.

Council Member Muller moved to approve Resolution 03-10. Council Member Muller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Muller, Council Member Arp and Council Member Eimers voted aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Colton called for public comment.

Christie Gorsline pointed out an article in the current Star News regarding the possibility of the Steelheads coming to McCall for training purposes because of the ice rink and the municipal golf course. She provided copies of the article to the Council.

Pat Wingard commented on the difficulty of Seniors paying property taxes.

John Parker thanked Robert Strobe for working on a fuel reduction plan on city properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

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AB 03-125 Health and Vision Insurance Policy Changes

Council Member Eimers moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Muller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mayor Colton, Council Member Arp, Council Member Muller, and Council Member Eimers voted aye. The motion carried.

BUSINESS

AB 03-122 McCall Transit Report and Proposal for Continued Service

Lindley Kirkpatrick reviewed the staff recommendation that the Council approve the continuation of the Transit Demonstration project to review the possibility of a year around operation, and offer a letter of support from the City for a grant to fund this proposal, including the intention of the City to Local Option Tax funds as a match, subject to voter approval. Terry Lindenburg, Director of Treasure Valley Transit

presented a more detailed description of the program, including the need for between \$30,000 and \$50,000 as matching funds to maintain the service into the future. Butch Ragsdale from ITD described the funding process and noted that funds are allocated on a first in- first funded method, so the funding should be available since McCall is an early project..

Council Member Muller moved to continue the demonstration transit project on a year-round basis and endorse the use of Local Option Tax funds as at least partial match for grant applications submitted by Treasure Valley Transit, subject to voter approval of a Local Option Tax. Council Member Eimers seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Agenda Bill 03-126 Transfer of Property to the Cemetery District

City Manager Robert Strope reviewed information provided to the Council Members on Agenda Bill 03-126 Transfer of property to the Cemetery District and indicated that staff supports this request on condition that the property can only be used for cemetery purposes.

Tom Kerr reviewed his involvement with the Cemetery District and this land over the past twenty years and his belief that if the property south of Deinhard is not used for a cemetery it should be returned to the Brown family. The actual deed that was recorded between the City and the Brown family did not include any reversionary language.

Council Member Eimers moved to declare the value or minimum price of the property to be conveyed to transfer both parcels to the Cemetery District at no cost, with a restriction that the property can only be used as a Cemetery, transferred back to the City or the land reverts to the City. Direct the City Clerk to publish a summary of this action and provide notice of a public hearing on September 25, 2003 to consider an Ordinance effecting this transfer. Council Member Muller seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. The motion carried.

REPORTS

City Manager – Robert Strope

Idaho Code related to City passage of an Override Property Tax Levy is difficult to review, but it appears to require passage by a simple majority. He will have the City Attorney review the code language again.

Council Member – Allan Muller

Raised concern about the timing for review of options relating to future of the Golf Course and asked for an update on the progress of the Aspen Ridge project and the water storage facility.

Council Member – Kirk Eimers

Asked for a consultant to review the option of having the City hire a manager to run the Golf Course for the City.

Mayor - Ralph Colton

Expressed support for having a U of I or AGA consultant review the operations and make recommendations concerning the ongoing operation of the golf course by the City.

The City Attorney will review the original deed between the City and the Chamber of Commerce for the original golf course property to determine if there are any restrictions to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, Mayor Colton moved to adjourn. Council Member Eimers seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. The motion carried. The Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Ralph Colton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Bauer, Finance Director & City Clerk