

August 13, 2014

The Honorable Christopher Koch, Mayor
Grant Horne, Planning and Zoning Chairman
Bellevue City Hall
P.O. Box 825
Bellevue, ID 83313-0825

Re: Eccles Flying Hat Ranch, LLC, Annexation Application

Dear Mayor Koch and Chairman Grant Horne:

On July 28, 2014, the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on the annexation application by the Eccles Flying Hat Ranch, LLC. During that hearing, the applicant's attorney, Evan Robertson, made a statement to the effect that the Eccles property would be annexed into one city or another, thereby suggesting that Hailey would annex the property if Bellevue did not. This statement is not only untrue, it was a threat and a shameless attempt to pit one city against the other.

Hailey has not been approached about an annexation of the Eccles property since 1998. As you may recall, the applicant withdrew its application of this property in 2001 after Hailey agreed to Bellevue's request for the two cities to form a joint *ad hoc* committee. Moreover, Hailey is not interested in considering any voluntary annexation, particularly one that would be opposed by Bellevue. In addition, Hailey is not legally able to pursue an involuntary or forced annexation of the Eccles property.

In short, there is no basis for a statement that Hailey would annex the Eccles property. Bellevue need not fear that it must defensively annex the property before Hailey does.

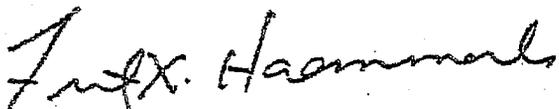
The Hailey City Council and I ask Bellevue to slow down the process and, beginning with the Planning and Zoning Commission, thoroughly review and critically analyze the impacts on your city, its services, infrastructure and existing business community as well as on the greater Wood River Valley. We have requested that the applicant disclose whether a retailer is interested in the area designated as a business zoned district in the annexation application. The applicant has ignored that request. Once more, in the spirit of full disclosure and transparency, we make that request. Simply put, more time and information are needed.

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We again request that Bellevue appoint an *ad hoc* committee consisting of, at least, the applicant, Bellevue officials, a Hailey representative, a County representative, a FMAA representative and other stakeholders to review the application. This committee is precisely the request Bellevue made and Hailey honored when Eccles sought annexation into Hailey. We ask that the same well thought out approach be adopted by Bellevue. We have worked closely with Bellevue in the past and there is no reason we cannot work together again. Collaboration can only improve the project for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Fritz X. Haemmerle
Mayor

FXH/jrs

cc: Evan Robertson
Hailey City Council

**AGENDA OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday September 15, 2014 * Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER - Open Session for Public Concerns

CONSENT AGENDA:

- CA 000 Motion to approve Resolution 2014-___, ratifying Change Order to Woodside Boulevard Project for chip seal in the amount of \$ _____
- CA 000 Motion to approve Resolution 2014-___, declaring bicycles collected by police department as surplus property.
- CA 000 Motion to approve Resolution 2014-___ authorizing city officials to sign Lease Agreement with New Deer Creek Ranch for snow storage.....
- CA 000 Contracts & Bids
- CA 000 Special Events
- CA 000 Findings of Fact and Ordinance Summaries
- CA 000 Motion to approve minutes of December 16, 2013 and to suspend reading of them.....
- CA 000 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of August, 2014, and claims for expenses due by contract in September, 2014
- CA 000 Motion to approve Treasurer's report for August 2014

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

MR 000

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

PP 000

APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS

- AA 000 Library Board appointments: reappointment of Ron Hayes term expiring 9/2014 and appointment to fill Gretchen Kafka's vacated seat/

PUBLIC HEARING:

- PH 000 Consideration of a City of Hailey initiated text amendment to Ordinance 532, the Zoning Ordinance, by amending section 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 to clarify the General Provisions and Specific Standards for regulating fences, by amending 8.2.2 to revise the definition of Animated Sign and add a definition for Electronic Message Display, by amending 8.2.6 to prohibit Electronic Message Display Signs, by amending 8.2.7 to revise Design Guidelines and Standards for all signs, and by amending 8.2.8 with the addition of a Sign Matrix.....
- PH 000 Sunburst Hills Subdivision
- PH 000 Cedar Shake Roof amendment
- PH 000 Public Hearing on Environmental Impact Document for the Wastewater Master Plan, which identifies the treatment alternatives for wastewater

NEW BUSINESS:

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NB 000

OLD BUSINESS:

- OB 000 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1158 – Castle rezone.....
- OB 000 2nd and 3rd Readings of Annual Appropriation Ordinance.....
- OB 000

STAFF REPORTS: Staff Reports Council Reports Mayor's Reports

- SR 000 Resignation of Gretchen Kafka from Hailey Library Board.....
- SR 000

