

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The regular meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Davis. Present were Council members Martha Burke, Carol Brown, Don Keirn and Fritz Haemmerle. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson and City Administrator/Clerk Heather Dawson.

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

PUBLIC CONCERN

Geoffrey Moore, 1250 Woodside Blvd spoke regarding the Landlord Tenant Agreement. Moore does not agree with the bottom line on the agreement saying "I understand that the City of Hailey may be unable to collect amounts due from the tenant and agree to pay any unpaid fees assessed against my account". Moore does not want to sign this agreement and wants to know what he can do. Mayor Davis said that he would get back to him later in the week.

Bob Wiederrick, 1120 Quigley Road, advised that he is lobbying for a traffic light on Woodside and Highway 75. Countryside is also in need of a light but he feels Woodside and Highway 75 is a greater concern. Wiederrick is also circulating petitions for the deletion of the Business License Ordinance and the Development Impact Fee Ordinance. He asked council not to spend any collected development impact fees until a later time when he has the signatures required and all documents in order.

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA 103 Motion to approve The Sun Valley Center for the Arts special event application at Hop Porter Park on 7/17/08
- CA 104 Motion to approve BCRD – The Big Wood 12K Special Event at Lions Park on 9/20/08
- CA 105 Motion to approve Girls on the Run – Wondergirl 5K & Healthy Living Expo Special Event at Heagle Park on 5/17/08
- CA 106 Motion to authorize Consent that Sawtooth Rangers sublease Rodeo Grounds to CSI on April 26, 2008
- CA 107 Motion to approve amended minutes from the March 10, 2008 council meeting
- CA 108 Motion to approve Regence Blue Shield contract renewal until December 31, 2008
- CA 109 Motion to approve Flexible Benefits Plan Contract through December 31, 2008
- CA 110 Motion to approve HRA/VBA Trust Funding Method Change Form to accommodate a shorter year, from April 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008
- CA 111 Motion to approve Claims for expenses incurred in the month of March 2008
- CA 112 Motion to accept the annual financial statement for fiscal year ending September 31, 2007

Martha Burke pulled CA107 for clarification on the airport report. Burke would like the line deleted that starts with "They are only interested in etc...." She said this is not the case and it is confusing and asked for it to be removed. **Keirn moved to approve the consent agenda with the deletion of the one line as specified in the minutes of March 10, 2008 as recommended by Burke. Burke seconded with the change; Motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Harry Rinker re: aquifer recharge using Hailey water rights

Chuck Brockway with Brockway Engineering representing Harry Rinker spoke. Brockway asked council to delete the last paragraph in the documents that they received in their packets regarding this presentation.

Brockway explained that “Conjunctive Management” is coming to the Wood River Valley. Surface water rights are cut now but ground water rights are not. We don’t know what this management will look like. His client is proposing a joint recharge mitigation effort. The Peregrine Ranch will have acres of land that will be unused. The water that would have gone in those acres would be put in the ground. The City of Hailey could do the same thing. The benefit behind this is the protection of ground water rights. This is conceptually simple. There are some things to look at such as administrative hurdles, hydrologic issues, existing water rights and meetings with IDWR regarding water worth, and physical infrastructure. Fritz Haemmerle asked how this would benefit Hailey’s ground water rights. Brockway explained that the cities water rights are in Indian Springs, Ground water rights, and the Hiawatha. The city uses Indian Creek as their primary source. As usage goes up, the wells are kicked on to supply the water as needed. That is the part that is in jeopardy. The potential benefit would be that the city would get credit for Hiawatha. Brockway said that ground water is what needs to be protected. Haemmerle wants to know how we are protected by the ground water sources. Brockway brought up the question - Does the protection begin with how close the recharge is? He feels this is a hydrologic issue that will have to be looked into. Harry Rinker is asking to be allowed to do the study. Brown asked for clarification on how long it would take to recharge. It is 213 days to recharge (7 mos). Brockway believes this will need to be looked into. Ned Williamson, City Attorney asked how long this work will take. Brockway said one month. Rinker says he will spend whatever is necessary. The plan will be submitted to IDWR as a formal mitigation plan. Williamson asked if Hailey would have to be a co-applicant. Brockway said he would like Hailey to sign when the report is done and ready to submit to IDWR showing their support. Haemmerle will want to know in the future what the tangible benefit is to the City of Hailey. Brown suggested we ask Jim Speck to review the report when it is completed. Williamson said he has already arranged that. Mayor Davis asked if the council supports this research. Brown explained that she is a little cautious because she would like to know if we would need to use the water elsewhere. Williamson said that Tom Hellen, City Engineer thinks this information would be beneficial. Haemmerle agrees with Brown. Davis is looking at this as getting the information and no decisions being made. Brockway explained that they are looking for encouragement and to let them know they think it is a good idea. Davis said to move forward and come back with some hard information.

APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS

Parks & Lands Board Re-Appointments

Darin Sales and Cheryl Kramer were recommended to be reappointed to the Parks & Lands Board.

Brown moved to approve the reappointment of Sales & Kramer to the Parks & Lands Board. Burke seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of City Clerk & Oath of Office

Mayor Davis introduced Mary Cone as his nominee for the City Clerk appointment, after he and staff had conducted a recruitment process. **Brown moved to ratify Mary Cone as the City Clerk of Hailey. Keirn seconded; Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Davis administered the Oath of Office to Mary Cone.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Municipal Code Amendments re: order of proceedings for City Meetings – Ordinance #1005

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Ned Williamson, Attorney explained that these amendments were looked at during the last council meeting and pointed out the section that pertains to comments for public concerns. Williamson reiterated that the Mayor is able to set the agenda and can add airport authority reports etc. Mayor Davis opened the meeting up for public comment. There were no comments. Brown pointed out Roberts Rules of order and would like to amend the 1st reading of ordinance #1005. **Brown moved to have the 1st reading of ordinance #1005 by title only, amending the section on Roberts Rules of Order to state that actions taken shall be pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, except that an item may be discussed and deliberated upon without a motion. Keirn seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Rick Davis read Ordinance #1005 by title only.**

Contract for Services with Blaine County Housing Authority

Ned Williamson, Attorney advised council that the proposed changes have been included in the contract that is in their packet. This agreement will only be to the end of this fiscal year. If it's working at the end of the fiscal year, we will renew it at that time. Williamson went over the details of the agreement. Davis opened the meeting up for public comment. No comments. Fritz Haemmerle recused himself from this discussion. **Keirn moved that the Hailey City Council approve the contract for services with the Blaine County Housing Authority. Brown seconded. Haemmerle recused himself; the motion carried with all else in favor.**

Legacy Project Implementation update and Indian Creek Initiative

Rich McIntyre, from the Wood River Legacy Project spoke. McIntyre explained that Indian Creek is far from being ready for a public hearing. He would like to come back in early fall and discuss it in detail at that time.

McIntyre had a handout for council on the Legacy Project. McIntyre has received applications for water to be donated into the project. He is very proud that people understand the importance of water and are willing to donate water to this very worthy project. McIntyre explained that hopefully this project will be putting more water into the Wood River. Davis opened the meeting up for public comment. Dave Cropper and Rod Kegley spoke about their concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

3rd Reading of Ordinance #1003 adopting bike rack standards

Keirn moved to proceed with the 3rd reading of Ordinance #1003 by title only and authorized the Mayor to sign amending the Hailey Subdivision Ordinance, City Standards, to add Bicycle Rack Standards. Brown seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading of Ordinance #1004 amending section of Municipal Code

Davis read by title only the 2nd reading of Ord. #1004 amending section of Municipal Code. No motion needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Preliminary Plat deadline extension request – Lot 21A and 22A, Block 81, Hailey Townsite

Beth Robrahn, Planning Director received a request to extend preliminary plat approval on Lot 21A and 22A, Block 81, Hailey Townsite to a 5 year extension. Robrahn is recommending a maximum of a 2 year extension and 6 months to a year would be a better idea. **Brown moved to approve extension of the preliminary plat for one year from March 23, 2008. Keirn seconded; Motion carried unanimously.**

Preliminary Plat deadline extension request – West Maple Subdivision

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Beth Robrahn, Planning Director received a request for a 6 month extension on the preliminary plat approval in the West Maple Subdivision. Robrahn recommended council approval. Dave Major with Benchmark Associates spoke and asked if this could be changed to a 1 year extension. **Brown moved to approve ext. of preliminary plat approval for 6 months starting April 15, 2008. Keirn seconded; Motion carried unanimously.** Dave Major asked for clarification as to why only 6 mos. and clarified that this request was not for “Design Review” so referencing “Design Review” ordinances seems inappropriate. They are asking for the same length of time the council has granted to Lot 21A and 22A, Block 81 of the Hailey Townsite. Brown thanked Major for the clarification. Then, **Brown moved to reconsider her motion. Keirn seconded; Motion carried unanimously. Brown then moved to approve extension for 1 year. Keirn seconded; Motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP

Wood River High School’s request for funding for the Senior Bash

Senior bash is looking for a \$1000 donation. Last year the Council donated \$500 and the Mayor \$500 from their discretionary budget line items. This year there is no discretionary funds budgeted. Chief Gunter proposed providing free law enforcement which would be worth approximately \$350. The contract price is \$35 per hour. Davis asked Williamson for his input on the taxpayer’s money. Williamson explained that he feels it is important that we have a tight contract for services before spending taxpayer’s dollars. Burke feels since we don’t have discretionary funds that we do not have the ability to support this request. Haemmerle is against this type of donation with City funds. Mayor Davis reiterated that the budget cannot handle this. Mayor Davis thanked Gunter for his suggestion and will talk with Susan Cannon.

Library Board’s proposed new Bylaws

Williamson has not reviewed the Bylaws yet. Brown explained the outline of the bylaws and how they came to be. Council and Mayor do not have any action to take. The Library has a Board of Directors who will approve the bylaws. However, the library would welcome comments from the council regarding the proposed by-laws prior to their next board meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Heather Dawson, Administrator advised council that staff had prepared a strategic planning packet which will be ready for the council tomorrow.

Tom Hellen, City Engineer announced that the city won **Water System Of The Year** for the completion of the water meter project. IRWA liked the way the rates were set up and the fact that we don’t have to re-read many meters at the end of the month.

Mayor Davis asked Tom Hellen, City Engineer what it would cost for the infrastructure to use our surface water rights to water the parks. Hellen said the cost will be approx. \$10,000 per park. Hellen thinks the parks use over a couple million gallons per year. Davis would like more factual numbers.

Chief Gunter attended his first Hailey Arts Committee meeting. The Committee will be meeting the 1st Monday of every month. They are currently working on a project for July 1st on Main Street. Martha Burke is the new Council Liaison on this committee. Mayor Davis announced that he will be proclaiming July as Arts in Hailey month. Gunter advised that the Arts Commission is advertising for two Arts Commissioners.

Carol Brown complimented staff on a clean audit and welcomed Mary Cone to the City. The HELP committee was voted to be the Environmental Group of the Year by two chambers. Becky Stokes thanked the Mayor and council for their support of HELP.

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Fritz Haemmerle advised council that he has been talking to a group about organizing a bike race in the City of Hailey. Haemmerle told the group to communicate with the Chamber for approval and thoughts. Carol Brown thinks we should have an events coordinator. Tom Hellen told Mayor and Council that Trina Isaacs is currently handling the event coordination efforts for the city.

Mayor Davis referred Council to the letter from Ron Fairfax of Hailey Ice. Tom Hellen said that he understood from Ray Hyde, the previous Public Works Director that Hailey Ice will be paying for the electrical improvements. Ron Fairfax disagrees. Hellen felt from his perspective we wouldn't have done this work except for Hailey Ice. Council and Mayor all agree to not pay. Dawson noted that there has been some reluctance on the part of Hailey Ice to obtain Parks Use Permits, because the non-profit has put so much money into the park. However, that reluctance increases Hailey's risk exposure, and a solution might be to encourage Hailey Ice to apply by waiving the parks use fees. Such a waiver may also encourage Hailey Ice to continue to make improvements at their expense. Mayor Davis said he will contact Steve Keefer. Haemmerle said he is uncomfortable with the discussion of offering fee waivers or other fund sources when people have not asked for them.

Mayor Davis attended an Idaho Power lines meeting on March 12th. The height of power poles was discussed. Davis felt he got a lot of information about the 20+ year project. Davis will proclaim April 1, 2008 as Company of Fools Day. Mayor Davis asked for information to be put together on the Development Impact Fee and Business License Fee to show the public how the money is being spent. Mayor Davis met with ARCH last week. ARCH is one of two non profit groups whose sole purpose is to obtain and build community housing. Davis said that we need to initiate a profile of who we would like to see in city's community housing. We have an opportunity on Elm Street. The county owns two lots that are butting up to the railway right-a-way. Davis explained In Lieu fees will be coming into the city of Hailey. He asked council if this is something we would want to take in and handle in house. Brown would like to see more in the next packet so she can think about this in a more complete fashion. Haemmerle wanted to know if applications will be coming before them. Davis explained that the information will be in the next packet under New Business.

There being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.