

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE HAILEY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY JULY 14, 2008  
IN HAILEY CITY HALL MEETING ROOM**

At 5:30 pm Mayor Davis called the meeting to order and asked for a motion from council to go into executive session. **Fritz Haemmerle made a motion to go into Executive Session for Imminently Likely Litigation (IC 67-2345.f) and/or Real Property Acquisition (IC 67-2345.c), Don Keirn seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor and council return from executive session at 5:52 pm.

**AIRPORT ISSUES**

Susan McBryant gave an update on the airport just prior to the council going into executive session. McBryant informed council that there is a presentation on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> by Landroman & Brown (the company preparing the EIS study) for phase I. The presentation is the draft report for phase I, site analysis and forecast. They will be giving a public presentation on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. McBryant encouraged everyone to attend these meetings. Airport staff worked overtime for last week's Allen & Company conference. Because of the diligent work, very few planes were turned away. Also a airport green committee has been formed; McBryant is heading this committee with Mariel Plat and Becky Stokes. Prognosis for future airfare to our valley is a moving picture. With the economy challenges and surging fuel prices the council may at some point be faced with an MRG contract for airlines. (MRG's are guarantees to airlines for service) We have one MRG agreement with Horizon Airlines. This provides non-stop flights to us as a ski town. McBryant also noted that former mayor of Sun Valley, John Thorson has changed his mind about the airport relocation; he now is a proponent for the move.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rich McIntyre, Project Director of the Indian Creek Initiative (ICI) project. McIntyre read a letter to the council regarding the presentation made about one month ago. This letter provided an update to the council on this ICI project. In summary, the ICI wants to work with the city on allowing the city to use 1/3 of the groundwater over the winter. Rich will schedule a presentation within the next 30 days for public hearing or new business.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

CA 234 Motion to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision – Rezone Lots 11 and 12, Block 126 and the north ½ of vacated Cedar Street

CA 235 Motion to approve award of a contract for the installation of the Countryside Traffic Signal to Power Plus Inc. for \$107,390.00

~~CA 236 Motion to approve a study by SPF Water Engineering of the Peregrine Ranch Recharge proposal~~  
~~CA 237 Motion to approve a study by SPF Water Engineering of the city's water system computer model and water supply concerns~~

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Hellen, Brown and Haemmerle pulled items CA236 & CA237

**Motion to approve remaining Consent Agenda items by Keirn, seconded by Haemmerle, motion passed unanimously.**

**CA236 – Study by SPF Water Engineering of the Peregrine Ranch Recharge proposal.** Carol Brown stated that these studies were being paid by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party not the city. Williamson thought the city was paying for these studies. This is left to be determined. Haemmerle began discussion around the review of cities water rights, not detailed enough but it's a good start. Haemmerle suggested a third study to determine what water rights the city current owns, quantify that and how much water we have, how many this water currently serves as well as how much could it serve. Lastly, if we do have other rights; what are they and how many would that serve?

**CA237 – Study by SPF Water Engineering of the city's water system computer model and water supply concerns.** Hellen and Haemmerle spoke this afternoon regarding Haemmerle's concerns – mostly regarding filling in gaps in the proposal.

Council members agreed that a third study would be needed.

**Motion made by Brown to continue CA236 & CA237 to the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.**

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS** – Presentation by Bob Macleod from 417 E. Myrtle Street, President of Friends of the Hailey Library Board. Bob gave an overview of the purposes of the Board. The Library Boards goals are to meet the demands of services. Macleod stated that the Board “fills in the gaps” for the Library if it is something which the budget cannot support. Macleod noted the difference of donations from citizens. Donations given to the City are deposited into the General Fund whereas; donations given to the Friends Board are spent directly on the libraries needs or the donator's specific request. Lastly, Macleod stated that the board is a small group and always looking for members.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PH 239 – Draft of proposed tree ordinance** Becki Keefer addressed the council stating that Hailey needs to adopt a tree ordinance. Becki also suggested that a tree committee be formed with a formal budget of \$2. per citizen / to join the Tree City USA. This

money is already being spent on city trees on Main Street; it would not require more monies to be spent. Mayor Davis asked if there are people interested in being on this committee, Becki confirmed that there are several people interested. Haemmerle asked if this committee could require trees planted in an easement – in front of his house. Keefer clarified that this tree committee could suggest a tree planting or removal.

Haemmerle led this discussion and disagrees with this regulation. He feels the City of Hailey has enough trees and that there should not be a need for an ordinance like this and does not see the need.

Brown wants to see the city have authority on public property. She believes that the city would qualify for more grants if we were members in the Tree City USA. Brown feels that there would need a dedicated liaison with the city.

Martha Burke sees this tree ordinance as a benefit. She would like to see the city work with homeowners on replacing old trees and sharing costs with the replacement.

Denise Jackson spoke to the council promoting the tree ordinance and tree committee. Jackson pointed out the main reason for the ordinance and committee is to replace trees that we are losing and track those changes so that we do not lose our canopy all at the same time. She mentioned that it (tree committee) would link us to more grants available through Tree City USA. The tree committee and city would have direct access to top arborists in the state. Ketchum's city arborist, Jen is willing to be our mentor in this process.

**Motion to approve and have 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance 1013 – Hailey Tree Ordinance, amending it per attorney's advice, seconded by Burke, motion passed with Haemmerle against.**

**PH240 – application by Brian Bothwell and Terry Wall for final plat approval of a 3-unit commercial condominium project, located on Block 4, Lot 6F, Airport West, Phase II (1971 Electra Lane)**

Beth Robrahn commented that there are no outstanding issues.

**Keirn moved to approve final plat, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.**

**PH241 – Ordinance vacating a remnant portion of the alley located within Block 17, Original Hailey Townsite, pursuant to Tidwell, Cowan and Closser application for vacation heard May 12, with findings of fact adopted June 9, 2008 (continued from June 23, 2008).**

Brown sat out of this conversation. Abstained.

**Haemmerle made a motion to conduct 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance 1014 by title only – vacation remnant portion of alley, seconded by Keirn, motion passed with Brown Abstaining.**

**PH242 – Bulotti Construction**

Williamson received an email stating that one of the property owners did not get sufficient advance notice to prepare for this hearing. In light of this, he suggested to continue this discussion to the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 special meeting. There is a Planning & Zoning meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> that begins at 6:30 pm. Dawson suggested to have the council meeting at 5:30 and at a different venue, suggested the Blaine County Courthouse.

**Burke made motion, seconded by Haemmerle, motion passed unanimously to meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to discuss this item.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OB243 – Resolution 2008-06 – Amendments to P&Z**

**Motion to approve resolution 2008-06 was made by Keirn, seconded by Burke, amending the planning and zoning commission bylaws; motion passed unanimously.**

**OB244 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 1009, amendment to Article 6A of the Hailey Zoning Ordinance – design review exemption of minor projects and procedure for modifications to Design Review approval with amendments as directed by City Council on June 9, 2008.**

**Brown moved to conduct first reading, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.**

**OB245 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 1010, amendment to Municipal Code section 2.40 – City Meetings Procedure with amendments as directed by City Council on June 9, 2008.**

**Motion made to continue this ordinance discussion to the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, by Burke, seconded by Brown, motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NB246 – OLD CUTTERS attorney asked to continue this discussion to the next meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**NB247 – 2008 / 2009 Fiscal Year Budget**

Mayor Davis opened this section by letting the council know his concerns regarding staffing that there is a need to be aware of the staffing needs because at some point the city may be inefficient due to understaffing.

Dawson gave an overview of the recent staff budget planning. She stated that 10 ½ Full Time Equivalent (FTE) totaling \$530,000. This reduction is due to attrition and not filling vacant positions. We have instituted a one year deferral of our equipment replacement program which constitutes \$230,000. The total reduction of \$760,000 in our operating costs because of these two combined items. The net operating budget decrease is for \$420,000.

Discussion around Chamber of Commerce space within the city hall space. Council overall is concerned with the confusion that having the chamber of commerce. Mayor will work with Jim Spinelli on the options discussed.

Haemmerle asked Dawson about the direction given to staff around annual performance appraisal reviews; Dawson stated 6% - maximum of 3% cost of living increase and maximum of 3% performance/merit increase. Cost of living increase is given in October and the merit (if a favorable review) is given at the employee's hire date anniversary.

Brown asked how this effects snow removal. Hellen commented that the street department could use another employee but will make do with what they have if the budget does not allow for a hire. Brown is concerned with staffing in the street department. If any revenue should come up, she would like to see us move this to the street dept.

Dawson asked council if they would like to see a contingency fund where we would put excess revenue to defray operating costs in the future. Haemmerle is okay with this as long as at the end of the year the money was placed back into the general fund.

Mayor Davis wrote a letter to Tom Bowman and suggested that the county wait a year on SIEDO.

Dawson suggests creating an offsetting contingency revenue and expense where in the case we have revenue – we can utilize the expense. If there is additional revenue then we will add \$50,000 to the general operating budget of \$789,300 and also add this to the operating revenue. Dawson reviewed the percentage changes in the budget with council and pointed out that there is a total increase in budget of 2% overall for next year 2008 / 2009 budget.

**Motion to adopt the tentative budget by Brown, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

Hellen showed council a picture of the new bathroom in Woodside Central Park.

Haemmerle commented that the bike race was a huge success and he hopes that we'll have it again next year.

Mayor Davis showed thank you notes from Head Start Families in response to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and events.

Mayor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

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Rick Davis, Mayor

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Mary Cone, City Clerk