

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2008
IN HAILEY CITY HALL MEETING ROOM**

The meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:32 P.M. by Mayor Rick Davis. Present were Council members Carol Brown and Don Keirn and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Administrator Heather Dawson, City Attorney Ned Williamson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

AIRPORT ISSUES:

Susan McBryant gave an update from the phase I EIS study meeting last week. There are a few more possible locations introduced as potential sites. The economic analysis is now going to focus on 4 sites with 3 of them being potential sites. The next step is phase II. They will run more calculations to determine whether they are “good” sites for the relocation. The public can get periodic updates in the local newspaper as well as on the airport website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 267 item was pulled by Heather Dawson and Carol Brown.

- ~~CA 267 Motion to adopt name change for Woodside Central Park to Keefer Park~~
- CA 268 Motion to approve Alcohol Beverage License Renewals
- CA 269 Motion to approve equipment rental agreement for Liebherr Wheel Loader
- CA 270 Motion to authorize signing of the Xpress Bill Pay contract for ACH clearing of Bill Pay checks
- CA 271 Motion to approve Pitney Bowes postage meter contract
- CA 272 Motion to approve Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law - final plat approval of Sky King Condominiums, The current legal description of the property is Lot 7M, Block 4, Airport West Subdivision, Phase II (1999 Electra Lane) within the SCI-I zoning district. The plat creates 4 commercial condominium units
- CA 273 Motion to approve minutes from July 28, 2008 meetings and suspend reading of them
- CA 274 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of July, 2008
- CA 275 Motion to approve Treasurer’s Revenue and Expense Report for the month of July, 2008

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve all other Consent Agenda items by Don Keirn, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.

CA 267 – Motion to adopt name change for Woodside Central Park to Keefer Park

Carol Brown asked that the park be name Becki and Steve Keefer Park staying consistent with the other park names in Hailey. Burke concurred with Brown's sentiment. **Brown made a motion to rename Woodside Central Park to the Becki and Steve Keefer Park. Motion was seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.**

Hellen added that the dedication ceremony for the park is going to be on either September 26th or October 3rd, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 276 – 2008 /2009 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Davis announced to council, staff and all those present in the audience, that after the Public Hearings, there will be a public demonstration of the new crosswalk lights at Croy and Main St. Also there will be a discussion requested by the County Commissioners regarding funding of the Dispatch Services. Mayor Davis then asked County Commissioner, Tom Bowman to stand up just prior to the budget discussion. Bowman stated that he would like the council to understand that he represents the larger council body but is not able to make any commitments, merely proposals. Also present at the meeting was commissioner Angenie McCleary, Mayor Wayne Willich, and James Freely (Wood River Fire Protection).

Carol Brown attempted to call council member, Fritz Haemmerle, who was out of town.

Heather Dawson showed an overview presentation of the public meeting held on Wednesday August 6th between cities within the county and 2 county commissioners. The presentation covered four main areas, funding, taxes (property) and budget, jurisdiction (who is responsible), and process. The presentation summarized the positions, common ground and solutions to each.

Positions - Dawson noted that Hailey, Bellevue and Carey expressed that Dispatch Services are a county function. Ketchum expressed gained efficiencies with consolidating with Blaine County. Sun Valley expressed a minimal need for these services, due to the low crime rate in the city. Blaine County believes that dispatch service is not a required county function.

The **common ground** is: all jurisdictions want to have a permanent, predictable funding formula, stable contributors, and the ability to accommodate annually increasing costs.

A few **solutions** discussed were, the usage percent (%) formula relies on districts, the population percent (%) formula, and the a la carte formula which requires buy in to the level of services. County solutions presented included county tax levy override and an increase in telephone line fees.

Process – Ketchum, Sun Valley and Blaine County expressed that the process which unfolded from the Users Group was informative and timely. Hailey, Bellevue, and Carey,

expressed that full dialogue about the Users Group decisions came too late to affect budget decisions in areas such as equipment purchases. Full dialogue about staffing levels, funding, taxes, and jurisdictional responsibility should still occur. Dawson noted that county and Districts are in full public dialogue now, with press participation as well as participation from some members of the public. Additionally districts which will carry more costs with the Users % formula need more public input before making budget decisions, and the change in direction which may result from the public consensus process will publicly involve all users & districts. Lastly 3 solutions to the process were presented by Dawson. They are public dialogue in the form of joint public meetings (such as this one). The second process solution is a public dialogue in the form of Town Hall meetings, by district or jointly. And finally, a public dialogue in the form of a vote.

The complete presentation given by Dawson is available on the City of Hailey's website home page under Announcements, E-911 and Dispatch Issues, titled "Summary of Positions – Presentation from Hailey City Council Meeting 8/11/08.

Ned Williamson updated Mayor Davis and council that Fritz Haemmerle will not be joining via conference call today. Williamson, however; knows Haemmerle's stance on the budget and can summarize for him.

Mayor Davis noted that he would like to see Hailey come up with some money, continue dispatch process solutions and see the County put this on a county levy override vote.

Tom Bowman complimented Dawson on the excellent summary from last week's meeting.

Mayor Wayne Willich (Sun Valley Mayor) asked about levy rates. And stated each district imposes its own levy and is allowed to increase up to 3% annually. In Idaho, if property taxes increase, levy rates decrease. Willich explained that the city of Sun Valley pays 1/10 of 1% of their collected property taxes. Willich also stated that he believes there is a compromise in the proposed solutions and is not in favor of the levy or assessed property valuation.

Carol Brown reiterates that she hears that a public process must be done in finding this solution, stable and realistic.

Don Keirn is in agreement with Brown's comments and believes that a public process is a must. Keirn also would like to see a contract for services including regular accounting for that money.

Williamson conveyed Fritz Haemmerle's view – which he is an advocate of the county-wide election.

Burke concurs with what everyone is saying and stresses the criticality of the dispatch services to the Wood River Valley. And she believes that the funding mechanism must be obtainable. Burke spoke to Tom Bowman, letting him know that the numbers look

good on paper but if the funding is not there, how can you sustain it? Burke also wanted the County to know that Hailey is committed to finding a workable solution that fits everyone's needs.

Carol Brown added that one solution discussed by council two weeks ago (unanimous consensus among the city council) was to bridge the gap and come up with some money for the county while they prepare for a levy override vote.

Mayor Davis asked if there is a different way to value the rate, Bowman stated "not without changing the constitution". (Equal Taxation)

Brown asked to hear from Tom Bowman and / or Angenie McCleary since they are here tonight.

Tom Bowman spoke first and gave some background information on dispatch. The dispatch service that we have today was not built from the top down. It was built from the bottom up. This process began a long time ago; Bowman has documentation from 2003 where some early planning of this occurred. He explained that the Users Group came up with the solution that is on the table today. One point of clarification on the presentation by Dawson is that the dispatch is not funded by property taxes, but out of the Sheriff's department, stated Bowman. (Because the Sheriff is the "User" of the dispatch) That's the only county function that the county directly dispatches, noting that the county does not have a fire department and they contract out their ambulance service. So, it does come out of the county property tax share and that is disbursed by the # of calls the Sheriff makes. Bowman summarized that it is reasonable that the county commissioners talk about putting it on the agenda for August 19th, meeting. (In order to get this in for a November 2008 ballot) The county has another group requesting that the county ask taxpayers for funding Open Space and Protection. Bowman added that the county will be deciding on both this open space / protection request and the city of Hailey's levy request. Bowman mentioned that CirComm recently had a similar issue regarding dispatch services.

Brown asked if Angenie McCleary had anything to add.

Angenie McCleary agreed with what Bowman stated. McCleary reiterated Burke's message that this is important and everyone has the same goal for dispatch service. We need to find a way to finance this system which is fair. McCleary concurred with Bowman that if Hailey would come up with some way to fund this service (at least half), then the commissioners would agree to vote on Aug. 19th whether or not the county would put this out to the voters. One concern McCleary stated was if there was enough time to get this information out to the voters in order to allow them to make an educated decision. (lack of education would likely cause the levy to not succeed)

Brown recounted her own personal experiences with User Groups. It is a personal comment in regards to User Groups. Brown added that User Groups are a form of a Consensus model and is both rewarding and challenging. If you do not have the right

decision makers at the table, this is what happens. Brown stated that as a decision maker she was not involved in making this decision. She is not placing blame on this but feels this is a challenge with the Consensus Model.

Diane Barker spoke on behalf of the citizens of the community. She feels that a consolidated dispatch service is the answer and that a levy override vote is necessary. Barker stated that she is in agreement with the council in that this should be taken to a ballot and levy override. We have a chance of passing this if we work together as a community – we are one community. Just because the User Group had this idea of per call fee and that it has been done that way for years, does not mean that the decision was correct. We are facing financially different times than just 6 months ago and it is causing municipalities across the nation to work together. We have to do that here. Barker pointed out that she helped to get the recent ambulance levy passed and is willing to work on this levy.

6:50 pm – Recess to view the new lighted crosswalk at Croy and Main Street.

7:00 pm – Mayor Davis reconvened the session and handed over the floor to Dawson to speak about the budget.

Dawson summarized the budget process, stating that the temporary budget was adopted on July 14th. Then the notices were run in the newspaper regarding tonight's public hearing. No decisions are required to be made tonight but can wait when we adopt the appropriation ordinance in two weeks. Tonight, we need to determine whether or not the council is going to fund a portion of dispatch for the gap year. And then if so, what do we do to our budget going forward.

Brown would like to have the dollar amount discussion next week with the necessary budget documents in front of her. Also Brown commented that she would like to see if the levy does go to a vote, that the County show fiscal responsibility and that this is the appropriate level of service.

Williamson asked Mayor John Anderson (Bellevue) how much they have agreed to pay the County. Anderson replied that they worked their budget to get together \$12,000 for the county but was asked to pay over \$60,000. They were surprised at this request from the county.

Dawson added that what Bellevue has agreed to pay is 1/5 of the request amount. The County started out by asking Bellevue to pay half of the \$60,000 fee. 1/5 of the \$258,000 asked of Hailey is approx. \$50,000.

Ned Williamson pointed to Dawson's presentation and based on 28% user rate for Hailey the amount for Hailey would come to \$50,000.

The August 18th meeting is at 5:30 at the Old Blaine County Courthouse, upstairs.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 277 - 3rd Reading of Ordinance 1011, amendment to the Hailey Zoning Map for rezone to Blaine County Senior Center

Keirn made a motion to conduct 3rd Reading by title only and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.

OB 278 - Consideration of development agreement between the Blaine County Senior Council and Hailey for the Rezone of Lots 11 & 12, Block 126 and the vacated portion of Cedar Street adjacent to Lot 12 – And consideration of quitclaim deed

Motion to approve the development agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign made by Keirn, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the Quitclaim deed was made by Burke, seconded by Brown, motion passed unanimously.

OB 279 Consideration of 2nd Addendum to lease agreement between Blaine County Senior Council and Hailey for Lots 11 & 12, Block 126 and the vacated portion of Cedar Street adjacent to Lot 12

Motion made by Brown to accept the 2nd Addendum to the lease agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.

OB 280 3rd Reading of Ordinance 1014 vacating a remnant portion of the alley located within Block 78, Original Hailey Townsite

Motion was made by Keirn to conduct 3rd reading by title only and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Burke, motion carried with Brown abstaining.

OB 281 Consideration of quitclaim deed to Bruce Tidwell, Roberta Cowan and Robert Closser for a remnant portion of the alley located within Block 78, Original Hailey Townsite

Motion was made by Keirn to accept the quitclaim deed and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Burke, motion passed with Brown abstaining.

OB 282 3rd Reading by Title only of proposed 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

Motion made by Brown to conduct 3rd reading by title only and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Burke, motion carried unanimously.

OB 283 2nd Reading by Title only of proposed Ordinance 1010, amendment to Municipal Code Section 2.40 - City Meetings Procedure with amendments as directed by City Council on July 14th , 2008

Mayor Davis conducted the second reading of Ordinance 1010.

OB 284 3rd Reading by Title only of proposed Tree Ordinance 1013

Motion made by Keirn to conduct 3rd reading by title only and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 285 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Development Plan (Sidewalks and Bikepaths)

Dawson explained the process and team effort involved by staff to come up with this long-term plan. This arises out of the desire to have regulation on public and private property and clear public ownership of public facility development. We are trying to get a public process in place so that people can feel that their voice is heard and that they are involved early on to help come up with a good plan.

Robrahn discussed this outline with city planner, Mariel Platt and intern Eric. The outline shows all potential components. Robrahn asked council for their feedback prior to moving forward with defining next steps in implementation. Robrahn also noted to council that originally we were looking at a sidewalk plan but it evolved into a combined pedestrian / bike plan because when solutions to sidewalks are considered people are in tandem thinking about bike paths. Lastly, Robrahn noted the idea of a Public Works Infrastructure Committee which would be similar to Parks and Lands Board, where this group would review plans and provide input to council with final approval required by city council. Mayor Davis heard from Tracy last week about sidewalks in Woodside (she gave a presentation a few months ago. She might be a good candidate for this review committee.

NB 286 - Update on Elm Street Safe-Routes-to School Sidewalk project

Hellen learned that the approval / funding piece of this contains evolving requirements with the Federal Government. We unexpectedly had to do a historical survey and got the approval of it a couple of weeks ago. There are other communities that are in the same situation. Hellen is hopeful that the project can get done before winter but he is not very encouraged by this latest news.

WORKSHOP:

Williamson spoke to council about correspondence received from Harry Rinker for an offer to pay half the costs. It is not in your packet for this meeting, but Williamson wanted to bring it up to council.

Jeff Gunter let council know that to date they have issued approximately 700 watering violations since we adopted the odd / even watering ordinance in May. Traffic school is averaging 80 people per month. Gunter purchased a speed trailer last week. The trailer has lots of data collection features. This was purchased with Local Option Tax funds.

Burke asked Gunter what happens when someone takes the class more than once a year. Gunter replied that a regular ticket is issued where they must pay the fine.

Hellen has a meeting on the water study with SPF Engineering and Peregrine Ranch on Thursday. And tomorrow (Tues. 12th) he has a meeting with the contractor who is installing the light at Countryside Blvd. They will begin soon and should be in operation by mid October. Today the street department treated the streets with fog seal in the Deerfield subdivision, Eastridge and close to Deerfield Park.

Hellen updated council on information he has learned since Rich McIntyre spoke at a council meeting several weeks ago. Our Indian Creek Recharge application was not denied as McIntyre indicated in the meeting. IDWR returned the application for corrections and we are submitting two separate applications to address IDWR's comments. One application would allow for recharge and the other one (for recharge) may not be processed. In theory, both could get approved.

Hellen met with BLM and Wood River Land Trust (WRLT) regarding BLM property just beyond (west of) the Animal Shelter. There is a possibility that the city can acquire this property for no cost.

Brown has a library board meeting tomorrow.

Keirn attended Sun Valley Alliance meeting this morning. The topic of discussion was steps taken to acquire federal funding for highways. Donor state (Idaho is a recipient state) are looking for cutbacks. The committee is looking to get a white paper to see if we can't get the state to include more road and bridges. Keirn reviewed the EIS meeting also. There has been a general rumor that Skywest Airlines will be retiring the Embrarer planes in the next 4 years. And they have no plans for replacing them. The FAA approved the Q400, but it is on paper only. There are logistic scheduling challenges with the Q400 traffic at Friedman Airport. Potentially, Horizon and Skywest could pull out service to Friedman and we would be left with no airline service to the area.

Keirn heard from the county, they will not be joining SIEDO. This means Hailey is not able to join either.

Burke attended the Arts Commission meeting by happenchance. Burke commented that it was informative. Heather Dawson led the meeting, and Burke complimented her on a

very organized meeting with clear guidelines and ideas on ways to get funding. Also, the commission has received great compliments on Music in the Streets.

Mayor Davis has a Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday so asked to have the staff meeting at 9:30 am.

The National Geographic Adventure magazine has identified “where to live and play now” the 50 next great towns to live in. Hailey fits in between Colorado Springs and Tucson. They referred to Hailey as “Mayberry”.

With no further staff updates, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Rick Davis, Mayor

Mary Cone, City Clerk