

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
Hailey Town Center Meeting Room
Thursday, April 7, 2011**

Present: Carol Brown, Don Keirn, Rick Davis, Fritz Haemmerle, Martha Burke

Staff Present: Heather Dawson, Jim Zarubica, Ned Williamson, Tracy Anderson

4:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER –

[4:31:00 PM](#) Mayor Davis called the meeting to order and introduced Lori Labrum of JUB who was participating via telephone.

Open Session for Public Concerns:

None.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 142 Consideration and Authorization of Grant Agreement with US Department of Transportation, which agreement will allow the expense of TIGER II Grant funds in the amount of \$3.5 million for the Woodside Boulevard Project by the City of Hailey under the direction and regulations of the agreement, as administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

[4:32:06 PM](#) Heather Dawson provided brief background information on this agreement and the Woodside project, specifically noting that the City had very recently received new requirements from the FHA necessitating authorization of the grant agreement to protect the TIGER II funds as the federal government budget cuts are imminent. She further noted that public participation should begin immediately and continue through the next 90 days. [4:35:56 PM](#) Ms. Dawson and Ned Williamson continued by clarifying possible resulting impacts including those on construction schedule plans, the bidding package for contractors, and costs.

[4:39:50 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle requested a clear explanation to the public as to why this meeting had been called. Heather Dawson and Mr. Haemmerle explained the possibility of losing funding should the City delay.

[4:41:16 PM](#) Council discussion included questions and clarification on the adequacy of contingency funds, and whether or not design flexibility can continue given the need to finalize this agreement under a compressed schedule. Heather Dawson offered further information and suggested Lori Labrum give her opinion as well.

[4:44:25 PM](#) Ms. Labrum confirmed that design flexibility as promised to the public would continue to exist, including the possibility of altering the planned landscape strip in certain places.

[4:47:24 PM](#) Mayor Davis asked whether the width of the road might vary. Ms. Labrum thought that was unlikely to be allowed.

[4:47:54 PM](#) Council discussion continued to seek confirmation of what design elements could be altered in the future should the Council sign off on this agreement today.

[4:52:47 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle asked for clarification on phasing of construction on this project. Lori Labrum and Tracy Anderson offered further explanation.

[4:56:13 PM](#) Carol Brown requested the status of discussions with neighbors on the roundabout, and whether there was an option to return to a 3-way stop in the future.

[4:56:43 PM](#) Ms. Labrum noted concurrence with the Wiends, on one corner, and a continuing series of discussions with the Walberts on the opposite corner. Ms. Labrum noted the Walberts' continued concerns, but added that they have not adamantly opposed the roundabout.

[4:59:14 PM](#) Further discussion included public understanding of the timing of budget and construction factors. Ned Williamson asked Tracy Anderson to review the probable cost estimates and the funding provided by the grant. Mr. Williamson wondered if the City should consider amending the agreement. Ms. Anderson thought that was not necessary. Discussion continued on likely results should the City inadvertently breach this agreement. It was generally agreed that the City was not in an adverse position.

[5:04:36 PM](#) Mayor Davis opened the meeting to public comment.

[5:05:02 PM](#) Kim Bryson, 1510 Woodside, questioned the bid process noting that the use of only one contractor would not provide a lower bid.

[5:05:31 PM](#) Heather Dawson provided details of the required bid structure.

[5:06:29 PM](#) Scott Goitiandia, 1121 Creekside, objected to the use of a single contractor.

[5:06:49 PM](#) Mayor Davis explained the new rules from FHWA.

[5:07:47 PM](#) Mr. Goitiandia expressed his belief that costs will rise as a result; Ms. Bryson agreed.

[5:08:37 PM](#) With no further public comment offered, Mayor Davis brought the meeting back to the Council.

[5:08:47 PM](#) Heather Dawson noted for the record various emails received from citizens on this issue. Dan Gilmore wrote in support. Pete Kramer noted he would be unable to attend and asked for clarification replacement of sewer and water infrastructure as part of this agreement. Lowell Thomas wrote in opposition to the roundabouts. Chad Blincoe wrote in strong opposition. John Blackman noted that he and his wife were unable to attend this meeting. Mike Walbert expressed disappointment that the roundabout plans would move forward with final public discussions.

[5:10:54 PM](#) Carol Brown asked if the City can move forward with this agreement and still walk away before the 90-day period if necessary.

[5:12:08 PM](#) Tracy Anderson left the meeting to place a phone call seeking an answer to Ms. Brown's question.

[5:12:31 PM](#) Ned Williamson pointed out that the agreement does not specifically address that question..

[5:13:14 PM](#) Matt Spence, 2911 Woodside Boulevard, wondered if anyone knew exactly how many residents were in support of this project, and reminded the Council of the parking issues involved.

[5:15:22 PM](#) Tracy Anderson returned from her phone research believing the City could back away from the agreement before the 90-day mark, which would then allow for more public participation in the final project.

[5:15:52 PM](#) HD summarized the details involved and stressed the hard work of everyone involved in this matter.

[5:17:20 PM](#) Mayor Davis called for the question.

[5:18:08 PM](#) Don Keirn moved to authorize the grant agreement. Carol Brown seconded the motion. Fritz Haemmerle points out that he is uncomfortable seeking grant money that may limit the City's autonomy. He felt strongly that Woodside needs improvement, but felt just as strongly that the improvements should satisfy the residents. Don Keirn concurred, but pointed out that the City had limited options without grant funds. [5:21:14 PM](#) Martha Burke noted that the airport has used federal grant funds and she is comfortable with some parameters. [5:27:38 PM](#) Carol Brown felt backed into a corner by the new rules from the FHA, but was pleased to know the City had 90 days to decide whether to continue the project.

[5:29:12 PM](#) Lori Labrum confirmed that JUB is ready to move immediately on the new compressed schedule.

[5:29:58 PM](#) Mayor Davis called again for the question, and **the motion carried unanimously.**

[5:30:15 PM](#) Heather Dawson clarified that Mayor Davis would then sign the document, but that there was no binding agreement until both parties have actually signed.

[5:31:11 PM](#) Mayor Davis called for a brief recess.

[5:34:14 PM](#) Mayor Davis called the meeting back to order.

NB 143 Authorization of Idaho Power Work Orders and associated agreements for installation of electrical conduit, transformers, and meters at the Rodeo Grounds Project

[5:34:34 PM](#) Heather Dawson and Ned Williamson explain the process of getting necessary electrical to the Interpretive Center, the anticipated costs, and the expected arrival of a check from Idaho Power in this matter. Ned Williamson will verify the actual arrival of the check.

[5:36:57 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle moved to approve the authorization of the grant agreement. Carol Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

[5:37:13 PM](#) Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting.

Rick Davis, Mayor

Mary Cone, City Clerk