

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at [5:30:15 PM](#) P.M. by Mayor Rick Davis. Present were Council members Carol Brown, Don Keirn, Fritz Haemmerle, and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson, City Administrator Heather Dawson, Beth Robrahn, Mariel Platt, Tom Hellen, and Steve England(?).

Fritz Haemmerle moved to amend the agenda to include airport discussion under New Business. Carol Brown seconded. Roll call vote: Brown yes, Keirn yes, Haemmerle yes, Burke yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

*CA 461 Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-32, authorizing the city to enter into a Contract for Services for Blaine County Emergency Communications Center (Dispatch) for FY 2012 (**Resolution was not included with approved contract during September 12, 2011 meeting**).*

CA 462 Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-33, establishing a per-meeting stipend for Hailey Planning and Zoning Commissioners of \$112.00 per meeting, as budgeted in Appropriation Ordinance 1090.

CA 463 Motion to approve Resolution 2011-34, authorizing Contract for Services for Sustain Blaine for FY 2012.

CA 464 Motion to approve Resolution 2011-35, authorizing Contract for Misdemeanor Services with Rick Allington for FY 2012.

CA 465 Motion to approve minutes of September 12, 2011 and to suspend reading of them.

CA 466 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of September, 2011.

[5:31:00 PM](#) Carol Brown pulled CA 465 to add Jytte Mau's last name in the public hearing on plastic bags. **Carol Brown moved to approve the minutes as amended. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown yes, Keirn yes, Haemmerle yes, Burke yes. Martha Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Brown yes, Keirn yes, Haemmerle yes, Burke yes.**

Open Session for Public Concerns Not on Agenda:

[5:32:56 PM](#) Bob Wiederrick, Quigley Road, announced he has arranged a collection point and transportation for aluminum cans to be recycled. All funds raised will be donated to the Hailey Arts Commission in support of public art in Hailey. Mr. Wiederrick requested mention of this program in Our Town newsletter.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

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MR [5:35:05 PM](#) Mayor Davis reminded that singers from the Sun Valley Jazz Festival will be performing at Hailey coffee houses on October 13.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 468 *National Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation – October 2011.*

[5:35:44 PM](#) Mayor Davis read the Proclamation.

PP 469 *Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation – October 2011.*

[5:37:24 PM](#) Mayor Davis read the Proclamation.

AIRPORT ISSUES:

[5:39:00 PM](#) Susan McBryant provided background and history on the FAA-Friedman Airport relationship, and a synopsis of why airport planning ideas may be seen differently at the present time. Mr. Haemmerle inquired whether the City could have discussions with the FAA before making a commitment. Ms. McBryant assured that was possible. Consensus was reached to open a dialog, gather more information, and then look beyond the current status. [5:46:11 PM](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 476 *Airport Discussison—where we are and next steps.*

[5:46:45 PM](#) Mayor Davis noted the series of meetings already held at City Hall on this matter, and his belief that the meetings were good education for all participants. He further noted that all options remain under consideration, and that the City would like to hear more from community. Carol Brown noted that meetings were not limited to Hailey citizens, and “reactions were all over the map.” Martha Burke pointed out that there may be mistaken preconceptions in the public, and noted a meeting tomorrow night in Sun Valley. Fritz Haemmerle gave historical background on the airport, and his perspective on next steps. He voiced hope for further engineering, and cost analysis, to provide enough information to move forward. Don Keirn hoped for viable options without leaving out any safety concerns due to costs. Discussion continued on outreach and education for the community.

[6:03:44 PM](#) Mayor Davis invited public comment.

Kathy Rivers, Mountain Ash, pointed out that there seems to be a perception that it will not matter what the residents of Hailey want. She asked for more publicity for these meetings, and more meetings.

[6:06:57 PM](#) John Finnell, 710 E. Bullion, encouraged gathering all options and developing a good understanding of them first. He voiced appreciation for the information already gathered.

[6:08:25 PM](#) Waren Quarterly, Chantrelle subdivision in Bellevue, voiced opposition to any airport expansion to the south due to noise and traffic.

[6:09:31 PM](#) Bonnie Layton, 121 Tendoy Street, Chanterelle subdivision, wished “that our neighborhood had been better informed. This is way too close to our backyard.”

[6:10:17 PM](#) Mayor Davis read a letter from Larry and Marilyn Plott, 23 Lower Broadford Road, which noted concerns about the environmental impact of expansion, noise, and safety concerns. Mr. Plott also spoke in opposition to expansion, and suggested having public meetings in Bellevue.

[6:14:06 PM](#) Darilynn Finnell, 710 E. Bullion, felt shocked to read the last news coverage regarding the FAA position and noted it will be hard to keep people engaged. She further felt Hailey is not a place for an airport to accommodate larger planes. She felt safety and community life must be considered.

[6:15:54 PM](#) Susan McBryant, 430 Robin Hood Drive, hoped that the Council will direct the FMAA more completely, and urged the Council to take “a leadership role.”

[6:17:08 PM](#) With no further comment offered, Mayor Davis closed the meeting to public comment. Council discussion continued on the EIS, and difficulties of dealing with the issue without full information, whether some help might come from our congressional delegation, and the reasons for having meetings in Sun Valley when the majority of valley population resides south of East Fork.

[6:23:29 PM](#) Ned Williamson asked Rick Baird to comment on tomorrow’s meeting. Mr. Baird noted that images posted at this Council meeting were not developed for public viewing, and hoped that there will be some understanding that the venue in Sun Valley was chosen to handle a large crowd and to aid in presentation. He further noted public comment received from Hailey/Bellevue expressing discomfort with a Sun Valley location. He reviewed tomorrow’s agenda. Carol Brown asked if the general public would have a chance to speak at that meeting. Mr. Baird assured the public would be heard, and voiced hope the issues would come forth. Council encouraged public participation and the presentation of more options, more info. [6:33:47 PM](#)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PP 467 Presentation by Idaho Power on recent Smart Meter installs (15 min.)

[6:39:23 PM](#) Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power, noted he serves on the Twin Falls Airport board and expresses empathy for the Council as meetings progress regarding Friedman Memorial Airport. Mr. Olmstead introduced Beau Hanchie, Idaho Power area manager, and asked Council to keep in mind how the Smart Meter Project can work with Hailey’s Climate Challenge program under Mariel Platt’s guidance. He noted that this valley is one of the last areas in the state to get changed out to the new Smart Meters and that installation is 99% complete. Mr. Olmstead continued with a description of Smart Meters, their benefits, how the system works, and how the system can assist energy conservation. [6:47:13 PM](#) Mr. Olmstead invited questions. Carol Brown asked about benefits of the new meters in emergency planning. [6:50:14 PM](#) Peter Lobb, 4th and Carbonate, asked Idaho Power’s price structure over particular days, or times of day. Mr. Olmstead noted there was no variation. [6:53:10 PM](#) Mariel Platt noted Climate Challenge partnerships with Idaho Power and others, and that six community workshops over the next two years are planned.

PH 470 Proposed amendments to Municipal Code Title 13, Water and Wastewater, to authorize housekeeping amendments to streamline administrative processes/authorities associated with the collection of administrative fees.

[6:54:51 PM](#) Mary Cone provided overview of the amendments.

[6:56:46 PM](#) Mayor Davis opened the meeting to public comment. With none offered, the meeting was brought back to the Council for discussion which was supportive.

[6:57:38 PM](#) Carol Brown moved to approve the proposed amendments to Municipal Code Title 13 with Ordinance No. 1093, and to read by title only. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown yes, Keirn yes, Haemmerle yes, Burke yes.

Mayor Davis conducted the 1st reading of Ordinance 1093 by title only.

PH 471 Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-36, setting in place water and wastewater user fees, bond fees, connection fees, and administrative fees.

[6:58:58 PM](#) Tom Hellen provided overview.

[7:01:04 PM](#) Mayor Davis opened the meeting to public comment. Peter Lobb, 4th and Carbonate, noted his belief that this structure punishes people with larger lots.

[7:01:46 PM](#) With no further comment offered, Mayor Davis brought the meeting back to Council.

[7:02:08 PM](#) Martha Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2011-36. Fritz Haemmerle seconded. Roll call vote: Brown yes, Keirn yes, Haemmerle yes, Burke yes.

Heather Dawson commented that the new structure will provide more transparency and user friendliness.

NEW BUSINESS Continued:

NB 472 Introduction of proposed Ordinance 1092, to amend Municipal Code Sections 1.14 and 1.16 on General and Initiative Elections, to conform with new state laws governing elections.

[7:03:32 PM](#) Mary Cone provided overview. Ned Williamson noted there may be possible future changes on run-off elections.

[7:06:23 PM](#) After discussion, Council directs staff to take this matter to public hearing.

NB 473 Discussion regarding Dark Sky Ordinance revisions to address safety concerns on Main Street.

[7:06:42 PM](#) Tom Hellen noted the cost of replacing streetlights, and that current fixtures are too low for good visibility. He is researching other vendors to meet the City's needs. He wondered if Council should possibly consider removing dark sky ordinance requirements from Main Street only. Carol Brown noted that the existing ordinance is not faulty; the poles used for existing fixtures are too short. Martha Burke asked about correcting the lighting between Old Town Mercantile and Atkinsons in concern for safety. Mayor Davis asked Beth Robrahn to look into the school district's requests for measures to protect pedestrian crossing.

[7:14:16 PM](#) Council advises staff to continue working on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:14:42 PM](#) Tom Hellen noted detour on the highway tomorrow at McKercher Boulevard for construction work there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

[7:16:39 PM](#) **Fritz Haemmerle moved to go into Executive Session for Pending & Imminently Likely Litigation (IC 67-2345(1)(f)). Carol Brown seconded. Roll call vote: Brown yes, Keirn yes, Haemmerle yes, Burke yes.**

Mayor Davis and council came out of Executive Session and concluded the meeting at 7:40 P.M.