

**MINUTES OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday January 23, 2012 * Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Carol Brown, Don Keirn, Fritz Haemmerle, Martha Burke, Pat Cooley
Staff: Steve England, Tom Hellen, Beth Robrahn, Heather Dawson, Ned Williamson

5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER –

[5:31:07 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle called the meeting to order.

Open Session for Public Concerns

[5:31:34 PM](#) Sunny Grant, 2111 Winterhaven, noted she sent a letter to the City regarding dogs at large and asked if the Council for their comments on the matter. Mayor Haemmerle assured Ms. Grant that he had advised Hailey Police to take action on the problem and that a press statement addressing loose dogs had gone to the newspaper.

[5:33:07 PM](#) Martha Burke agreed that loose dogs can get into mischief when unsupervised, but expressed her further worries about car/dog accidents.

Airport Issues

[5:34:51 PM](#) None.

CONSENT AGENDA

CA 012 Motion to ratify application for Siemens Sustainable Community Awards, presented by the US Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center, which would award \$20,000 in trees to the recipient entity.

CA 013 Motion to accept license to locate a portion of a bus shelter on private property.

CA 014 Motion to call a special meeting for Monday, January 30, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing airport management and expansion of the Friedman Memorial Airport.

CA 015 Motion to approve minutes of January 9, 2012, and to suspend reading of them.

CA 016 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of December, 2011, and claims for expenses due by contract in January, 2012.

CA 017 Motion to approve Treasurer's Reports for the Quarter ended December 31, 2011.

[5:34:58 PM](#) Martha Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Don Keirn seconded.
Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Burke, yes; Cooley yes.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

[5:35:25 PM](#) None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 018 Quigley Annexation – presentation by Tom Bergin of County regulations applicable to Quigley Canyon.

[5:35:36 PM](#) Tom Bergin, representing Blaine County, was present to offer a presentation on what the County might approve for development in Quigley Canyon should the project go to them rather than the City. Mayor Haemmerle explained his plan for the process of considering

this project, noting a cost benefit analysis is coming, as is an appraisal of the water concerns. He further noted his intent to have a public hearing on March 5, 2012 to consider these fiscal issues. Following another public meeting in April, Mayor Haemmerle expects the Council to vote on the matter.

[5:41:16 PM](#) Tom Bergin then offered other examples of similar subdivisions within the County. He addressed the problematic hillside issues in Quigley due to mountain overlay requirements and pointed out similar historical situations in the County. Mr. Bergin further explained there is a Quigley application that is “on hold” with the County until Hailey looks deeper into the annexation possibility. Council discussion included water and zoning density, hillside potential development, number of lots in the County application, possible numbers of septic systems, and fencing regulations. [6:10:18 PM](#) Addressing the question of possible a zoning change in the

County, Mr. Bergin explained where that information could be found on the County’s website.

[6:17:50 PM](#) Mr. Bergin further emphasized density possibilities and spoke to whether the County can specifically require amenities such as trails and Nordic skiing from the developer. He opined that the County would likely prefer clustering homesites to help mitigate impact on wildlife. [6:22:31 PM](#) Council discussion further included water pressure for fire suppression, whether the water and septic system might be communal or private, and whether the County is likely to be more or less restrictive than the City may be.

[6:34:25 PM](#) Evan Robertson, speaking for the Quigley developers, noted his belief that if this is a standard subdivision rather than a PUD, the County’s jurisdiction over matters such as fencing, water use, required recreational amenities, wildlife corridors and others would be very limited. Mr. Robertson asked Mr. Bergin to clearly “compare apples to apples” in this discussion for the benefit of the public and the City.

[6:41:21 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the meeting to public comment.

[6:42:04 PM](#) Peter Lobb, 403 E. Carbonate, asked if Quigley became a PUD would there be any requirement for open space, and if so, how much. Mr. Bergin explained that there are requirements which could total 20-30% of the size of the development, but noted there may be some flexibility in the amount of open space required.

[6:43:56 PM](#) Bill Hughes, 241 Eureka, asked if County standards would protect wildlife areas by not allowing the project to develop in specific areas. Further, he opined that R5 zoning in Quigley may be unrealistic now due to the costs and maintenance of such parcels. Mr. Bergin explained that in some of the areas of this development, the question is not whether the area can be developed, only how it might be developed.

[6:52:54 PM](#) Jim Phillips, 20 Quigley Road, expressed his belief that the Council’s approach to this analysis is very appropriate and thinks there is much more impact that needs to be addressed, including financial impact. He noted that the County does not necessarily see density as an entitlement and that the State has pre-empted control over water. He further opined that Quigley will impact the City no matter what size the development may reach and hoped that the City would “not be afraid to let this go to the County.”

[6:59:12 PM](#) Daralynn Finnell, Bullion Street, warned against “inappropriate fear tactics” from the developer and expressed her hope that the City would let this project go to the County.

[7:01:03 PM](#) Lili Simpson, 7 Quigley Lane, questioned provisions of public benefit and PUD.

[7:03:22 PM](#) Tony Evans, Idaho Mountain Express, asked if there might be any other options to explore in preserving trails and access no matter how Quigley is developed. He pointed out that the Carbonate trail access was eventually negotiated with a private property owner.

[7:06:05 PM](#) Tom Bergin noted that public access issues are often addressed through the PUD process.

[7:09:17 PM](#) With no further comment offered, Mayor Haemmerle closed the meeting to public comment and called a two-minute break to allow the public to leave if they so chose.

[7:09:47 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to continue PH 018 to March 5, 2012. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Burke, yes; Cooley yes.**

[7:14:32 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle called the meeting back to order.

PH 019 Woodside Boulevard Project

- Approval of Resolution 2012-01 authorizing signature of utility agreement with Idaho Power for moving utility infrastructure as coordinated through the Woodside Boulevard TIGER II project.

- Approval of Resolution 2012-02 authorizing signature of utility agreement with Cox Cable TV for moving utility infrastructure as coordinated through the Woodside Boulevard TIGER II project.

- Approval of Resolution 2012-03, authorizing agreement with Idaho Transportation Department for acceptance of \$200,000 by Hailey to be spent on traffic signal at Woodside Boulevard and State Highway 75.

-Authorization to solicit a Request for Proposals (bids) for construction of the Woodside Boulevard Project.

- Project schedule and general update.

Heather Dawson felt the information was incomplete for consideration at this meeting and suggested a continuance.

[7:15:08 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to continue PH 019 until January 30, 2012. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Burke, yes; Cooley, abstained.**

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

PP 020 Presentation of Urban Forestry Plan by Hailey Tree Committee.

[7:16:22 PM](#) Bill Josey presented. Plan was put in Council packet. Asks for any modification Council would like to see. Goal is to diversify city forest. Notes need for funding. Notes plans for (annually first Saturday in May) this year it falls on May 5 Arbor Fest community celebration of trees, community and earth. [7:29:19 PM](#) Council discussion includes getting banner for mud run across Main Street. Consensus is good. [7:32:39 PM](#)

PP 021 Presentation of Local Energy Assurance Plan by Jim Zarubica, Energy Assurance Coordinator.

[7:32:55 PM](#) Mr. Zarubica presented a draft of the plan covering emergency preparedness, energy conservation, sustainability, and infrastructure preparedness.

[7:47:31 PM](#) Heather Dawson added that this plan integrates into the City's overall emergency preparedness plan, and asked the Council to review the documents in the plan and to offer comments before February 13, 2012 to allow Mr. Zarubica to bring a final draft before the Council on February 27, 2012.

[7:54:27 PM](#) Council discussion included difficulties of obtaining funding, the excellent level of detail in the draft, and the importance of maintaining/replenishing capital improvement funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 022 Request by Blaine County School District for consideration of an alternative sidewalk location to satisfy the sidewalk requirement for the new BCSD maintenance building in Airport West (continued from November 28, 2011 City Council Meeting).

[7:56:37 PM](#) Beth Robrahn provided overview of this request and suggestions for location of the sidewalk. She also pointed out that grant funds could be available.

[8:03:17 PM](#) Mike Chatterton, Blaine County School District, noted that the district prefers sidewalks adjacent to school property rather than in other locations, and hoped the City would approve the option that allows two access points to Nelson Field.

[8:05:43 PM](#) Council discussion included cost, transportation for kids to the skate park in the future, and best benefits when money does become available.

[8:07:39 PM](#) John Gaeddert explained the district's reasoning in forming their request. Council discussion included location of school fences, where access might come to the rodeo grounds/skate park, and whether blacktop in the alley (similar to the existing bike path) might be a better option.

[8:17:59 PM](#) Tom Hellen clarified the possibilities in that location.

[8:20:54 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to have the mayor and staff work with the school district to determine a mutually acceptable solution and bring it back before the Council on the Consent Agenda. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Burke, yes; Cooley, yes.**

PH 023 Proposed no smoking/drinking/chewing ordinance at City parks (Skate Park & Jimmy's Garden).

[8:22:41 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle explained how this issue arrived before the Council noting that there is currently no ordinance allowing Hailey Police to monitor use of these substances in areas frequented by young children. Ned Williamson drafted the proposed ordinance from the State Code and further wondered if the City wanted to consider banning electronic cigarettes as well.

[8:25:53 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment.

Peter Lobb, 4th and Carbonate, wondered if this proposed ordinance would mean that a cigarette packet in a pocket is illegal on the park grounds.

[8:27:51 PM](#) Discussion included putting the matter up for public comment before making a decision.

[8:29:06 PM](#) Staff was then directed to agenda this proposal for public hearing at the February 27, 2012 meeting.

PH 024 Proposed election ordinance to delete runoff elections for city council members.

[8:29:37 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle explained the origin of this proposal and noted that he believed the Council election procedure should mirror the Mayoral election procedure. Discussion included costs of run-off elections. Staff was directed to agenda this proposal for public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 025 2nd Reading of Ordinance 1096, amending Village of Hailey Ordinance No 1 and Hailey City Municipal Code Section 2.04 to increase the regularly scheduled meetings from 1 to 2 per month, and change the meeting dates from the 2nd Monday to the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

[8:30:56 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle conducted the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1096 by title only.

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WORKSHOP:

Staff Reports Council Reports Mayor's Reports

[8:32:12 PM](#) Heather Dawson shared information about a recent Sustain Blaine meeting.

Carol Brown noted she was able to adjust her work schedule a bit for the new council schedule and would not miss as many meetings as previously thought. Don Keirn noted one or two conflicts still remain for him.

[8:33:33 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle spoke about a recent water leak on Blue Lakes in Woodside, and his witness of City employees on this problem in the middle of a winter storm on a Saturday. The mayor offered high praise for their excellent efforts.

[8:35:31 PM](#) Carol Brown added that she has stepped away from further meetings with the Colorado Gulch development group believing she has given them all her thoughts and can be of no further help.

[8:36:28 PM](#) Martha Burke noted many citizens had commented to her on the excellence of staff work on the streets during the last storm. Tom Hellen advised that workers would be on call but resting for a day due to the relentless schedule the storm required.

SR 026 Letter to Employees updating re: health insurance status with Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority (III-A).

SR 027 Hailey Public Library Annual Report for FYE Sept. 2011 and Monthly Report for December 2011.

[8:38:38 PM](#) **Mayor Haemmerle adjourned the meeting.**

Fritz X. Haemmerle, Mayor

Mary Cone, City Clerk