

**MINUTES OF THE  
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday March 19, 2012 \* Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Pat Cooley, Martha Burke, Fritz Haemmerle. Carol Brown absent, and Don Keirn participated via conference call for a portion of the meeting to establish a quorum.

**Staff:** Jeff Gunter, Heather Dawson, Tom Hellen, Ned Williamson, Becky Stokes.

**CALL TO ORDER –**

[5:34:37 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

*MR 000 High School Girls Basketball team appreciation*

[5:34:54 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle voiced the City's commitment to great schools and to great kids and young adults. He praised the team for reaching "ultimate greatness and achievement" and thanked them for the presence at this meeting. The mayor further encouraged the students to use the tools they have developed as scholars and athletes, to become excellent citizens and to someday return to the Wood River Valley. Mayor Haemmerle further honored the coach and his team on behalf of the City.

[5:46:15 PM](#) Ned Williamson noted the team brought a small basket and ball for a one-on-one challenge with the mayor. Mayor Haemmerle happily obliged.

**Airport Issues**

[6:52:06 PM](#) This item was skipped for tonight.

**Open Session for Public Concerns**

[6:52:09 PM](#) None offered.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*CA 117 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 adopting Fair Housing principles within the City of Hailey and Proclaiming April 2012 as Fair Housing month.*

*CA 018 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-13, authorizing signature of the Recycle Bank Promotional Program Agreement for entrance into a 50-State recycle contest to earn incentives for recycling by Hailey residents.*

*CA 119 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-14, authorizing signature of a contract for services to conduct a Development Impact Fee Study 5-year update by Richard Caplan Associates for the cost of \$7,500.*

~~*CA 120 Motion to declare library computers as surplus property, to be disposed of through donation to Hailey Chamber of Commerce or electronic equipment recycling.*~~

*CA 121 Motion to approve Special Event permit for annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival at Roberta McKercher Park on October 13, 2012.*

*CA 122 Motion to approve minutes of March 5, 2012 and to suspend reading of them.*

*CA 123 Motion to approve minutes of March 12, 2012 and to suspend reading of them.*

CA 124 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of February, 2012, and claims for expenses due by contract in March, 2012.

CA 125 Motion to approve Treasurer's Monthly Report for February, 2012.

[6:46:54 PM](#) Council member Don Keirn was reached by telephone to establish a quorum for this meeting.

[6:48:54 PM](#) LeAnne Gelskey asked to pull CA 120 in order to add two more computers to that item.

[6:49:22 PM](#) **Martha Burke moved to approve the Consent agenda minus CA 120. Pat Cooley seconded. Roll call vote: Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

[6:49:49 PM](#) Ms. Gelskey noted that these computers are no longer needed by the library, that information on them has been thoroughly cleared, and that the computers listed in the Council's packets (plus two more) be recycled with one donated to the Chamber. Details of the computers and the serial numbers were provided to the Council.

[6:51:19 PM](#) **Martha Burke moved to declare the computers as surplus property, to dispose of them through donation to the Chamber or recycling, and to add the two other computers to those listed. Pat Cooley seconded. Roll call vote: Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

#### **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

*PP 126 Presentation from Billy Olsen and Eric Rector regarding Special Event Crosstoberfest at Old Cutters*

(15 min. - no docs)

[5:53:16 PM](#) Mr. Olsen and Mr. Rector provided maps and explanations of the race. They noted this is a cyclocross race event combined with Octoberfest and is planned be held October 26-29, 2012. They expressed hope for bringing 1,000 to 2,000 spectators and riders to town, boosting business in a normally quiet time of year. Msrs. Olsen and Rector explained the race would need stepped hillsides created on the hillside to the east of the course. Council discussion included transportation logistics, the stepped hillside and its maintenance, whether small breweries would participate, and whether Mountain Rides might help with the logistics of moving people to and from the course. Mr. Rector noted that this event and the course could bring the state championship back to the valley, specifically to Hailey. Council consensus was very positive, and Mayor Haemmerle asked them to please present this plan to the Parks and Lands Board as well.

*PP 127 April as Fair Housing Month Proclamation.*

[6:06:17 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle conducted the reading.

*PP 128 Presentation from Blaine County Housing Authority of Annual Report.*

[6:08:17 PM](#) Dave Patrie with Blaine County Housing Authority provided a Power Point presentation describing who lives in Community Housing, what the market is, how housing value declines relate to declining income levels, applicant list trends, and the 5-year strategic direction of BCHA. He noted a county-wide Needs Assessment was completed and fully funded by grants, a housing plan is being developed, and that audited financial statements show no abnormalities.

[6:28:37 PM](#) Geoffrey Moore, 406 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, asked if Open Session for Public Concerns might happen now. Mayor Haemmerle inquired of Mr. Moore's concern. Mr. Moore noted that PP129

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has not been put up for public comment yet. The mayor replied that there is no polling device, no funding request, and therefore, the next PP 129 is wholly unrelated. Mr. Moore voiced his satisfaction with that.

[6:30:09 PM](#) The mayor called for a 5-minute recess.

*PP 129 Update on Sustain Blaine Activities.*

[6:34:29 PM](#) Harry Griffith, Sustain Blaine, provided a Power Point overview of Blaine County's economy, noting their opinion that the economic downturn is bottoming out. He further suggested next steps and expressed cautious optimism.

[6:46:31 PM](#)

## **APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS**

None.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

*PH 130 Woodside Boulevard Project –*

*-Review and consideration of Resolution 2012-15 to authorize signature of a construction contract and Notice to Proceed to Knife River for the TIGER II Woodside Boulevard Project.*

[6:52:28 PM](#) Ned Williamson explained that the resolution should be amended and provided the specific language for changes on pages 173, 175 and 177 of Council packets.

[6:57:08 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the meeting to public comment.

Peter Lobb, 403 E. Carbonate, asked who is in charge of signing off on particular parts of the project. Mr. Williamson advised that Civil Science will be responsible for all sign-offs, that City staff will review them, and so will Federal Highways.

[6:58:13 PM](#) Chad Blinkoe, 1031 Cherry Creek Drive, expressed frustration with hitting the budget. He thought the City was experiencing shortfalls in revenue and that this project may take all the resources. He further hoped the City would not look to a tax district to fund it.

[7:00:16 PM](#) Bill Hughes, 241 Eureka Drive, shared Mr. Blinkoe's concerns, adding that "we need to live within our means" in this economy. He further opined that "the anonymous donor fiasco means any additional bond or levy will be impossible to pass."

[7:02:50 PM](#) Geoffrey Moore, 406 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, noted that the wheels of government do move slowly, but he was pleased to move forward on this project.

[7:03:24 PM](#) With no further comment offered, the mayor closed the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Haemmerle noted that he has met with City staff many times to review the budget, and he is of the opinion the city has suitable funds to make this project happen. He further noted the federal funds available now will not be available at a later date, that he believe this will improve all of Woodside, and that he hoped not to need additional taxes.

[7:05:46 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle and Bill Hughes exchange opinions. Mr. Hughes asked that the record reflect his is in favor of this project.

[7:06:20 PM](#) **Martha Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2012-15 with Ned Williamson's changes and contingent upon Knife River's acceptance of those details. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Keirn, yes; Cooley, recused; Burke, yes. Mayor Haemmerle voted in favor.**

**7:07:39 PM Martha Burke moved to authorize the Notice to Proceed and to authorize the mayor to sign. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Keirn, yes; Cooley, recused; Burke, yes. Mayor Haemmerle voted in favor.**

**7:08:19 PM Martha Burke moved to approve the contract with Ned Williamson's changes. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Keirn, yes; Cooley, recused; Burke, yes. Mayor Haemmerle voted in favor.**

*PH 131 Consideration of ordinance requiring security for improvements and fees required in an annexation.*

7:08:53 PM Don Keirn excused himself from telephonically attending the rest of the meeting.

7:09:33 PM Ned Williamson explained the ordinance and its background. Heather Dawson noted correspondence was received on the matter from Bill Hughes, Gloria Carlton, and Greg Travelstead.

7:11:44 PM Mayor Haemmerle opened the meeting to public comment.

7:11:57 PM Jim Laski, Blaine County resident and representative of Grant Stevens, asked why there is a need for this revision as the Council can already require that the City gets what it needs from annexation. He opined it is more appropriate to maintain flexibility in the ordinance. Mr. Laski further noted for the record that he does not represent the anonymous donor, but does represent Hailey Ice. He emphasized that Grant Stevens and Dave Hennessy are not the anonymous donor.

Mayor Haemmerle cautioned against personal comments at this meeting.

7:16:13 PM Bill Hughes clarified his position.

7:17:14 PM Greg Travelstead, 621 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, expressed his concern that the City not be saddled with particular obligations, and encouraged a thorough reading of his letter to the City on this matter.

7:18:02 PM Bill Hughes, 241 Eureka Drive, expressed hope that any donation to the City not be attached to any annexation, and that the City will assure full transparency. Mr. Hughes further spoke in favor of the language in the Council's packets.

7:21:02 PM Peter Lobb, 4<sup>th</sup> and Carbonate, spoke in favor of Ned Williamson's suggested language.

7:22:25 PM Geoffrey Moore, 406 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, noted that the City has been "threatened with ultimatums" by Mr. Stevens before in regards to annexation, and he encouraged the Council to "let the bonder make the decision, not the citizens of Hailey."

7:23:58 PM Gloria Carlton, 841 East Ridge Drive, agrees with Mr. Moore that language should say "Council shall." She further noted that she is along-time Hailey homeowner, cannot find a job in this economy, and cannot accept further taxation.

7:24:54 PM With no further comment offered, Mayor Haemmerle brought the meeting back to Council. Discussion included how proposals and costs may be more specific, zoning districts and how that may limit dynamics of developments, and caution as the City "has been burned before." Martha Burke suggested tabling the matter until the full Council could be present for discussion.

**7:35:32 PM Pat Cooley moved to move PH 131 a date uncertain in order to address all concerns. Martha Burke seconded. Roll Call vote: Cooley, yes; Burke, yes; Haemmerle, yes. Mayor Haemmerle asked to have the matter reconsidered at the April 9, 2011 meeting and request that Don Keirn participate via telephone.**

7:39:17 PM Jim Laski noted the challenges from the developer's side of this matter.

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Greg Travelsstead further commented on the importance of matching each application to requirements.

[7:40:55 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle again closed the meeting to public comment.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*NB 132 Owner City of Hailey's review of Interpretive Center Bid Schedule, bid documents, and construction contract.*

[7:41:18 PM](#) Michael Bulls, Ruscitto Latham Blanton, reviewed the key points and schedule, and asked for the Council's approval of the outline and the schedule.

[7:47:40 PM](#) Heather Dawson noted that when documents go out to bid, the bidder relies on those documents, so careful Council review is critical. She further asked Mr. Bulls if all of the LEED elements were included. Mr. Bulls assured they were. Council consensus was to keep the process moving and asked Mr. Williamson to review.

[7:51:05 PM](#) **Martha Burke moved to adopt and approve NB 132 with Ned Williamson's review. Pat Cooley seconded. Roll Call vote: Cooley, yes; Burke, yes; Haemmerle, yes.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

[7:52:11 PM](#) None.

#### **WORKSHOP:**

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*SR 000 [7:52:18 PM](#) Tom Hellen spoke on Quigley Road flood issues over the past weekend due to the storm. Mayor Haemmerle noted everyone should be aware of possible future hillside flooding, that the City will continue to monitor and act. He further encouraged citizens to keep ditches clear.*

[7:54:39 PM](#) **Adjourn.**