

**MINUTES OF THE  
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday April 2, 2012 \* Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** Carol Brown, Fritz Haemmerle, Pat Cooley, Martha Burke.

**Absent:** Don Keirn.

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

**5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER –**

[5:31:03 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle called the meeting to order.

**Open Session for Public Concerns**

[5:31:15 PM](#) Brent Nelson, 1310 Woodside and owner of The Snow Bunny, reminded the Council that since the ice rink is not yet constructed and its restroom facilities were also planned to service the skatepark, the Snow Bunny is taking the burden for providing restrooms, water, and shelter from weather for the skaters. Mr. Nelson asked the Council to provide some solution soon as the restaurant is being overwhelmed. Mayor Haemmerle promised to look into this and respond to Mr. Nelson before Friday. Tom Hellen noted that blue rooms are coming very soon now that the weather will allow installation and maintenance.

[5:33:46 PM](#) Lili Simpson, 7 Quigley Lane, voiced her support for the new cyclocross track at Cutters and expressed hope that all parties will work together to that end.

[5:34:41 PM](#) With no further concerns offered, Mayor Haemmerle closed this portion of the meeting.

~~Airport Issues~~—[This item was meant to be deleted from the Agenda.]

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*CA 133 Motion to authorize use of Waiver of Liability Form for participants in Arborfest competitive events.*

*CA 134 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-16 authorizing contract for Wastewater Process Operations Review with HDR Engineering for a cost of \$4,983.*

*CA 135 Motion to approve City of Hailey Comment Letter on Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit published by the EPA for 30-day comment period on March 14, 2012.*

*CA 136 Motion to approve minutes of March 19, 2012 and to suspend reading of them.*

[5:35:00 PM](#) Tom Hellen pulled CA 135. Carol Brown recused herself from CA 136 due to her absence from that meeting. **Martha Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus CA 135, and noting Ms. Brown's recusal from CA 136. Pat Cooley seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes for CA 133, 134, 135; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

*MR 000*

[5:36:07 PM](#) None.

## **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

*PP 137 Presentation by Lonnie Barber and Steve Guthrie (Board Chair) – update from Blaine County School District (5-7 minutes) (no documents)*

[5:36:16 PM](#) Lonnie Barber, Steve Guthrie, Mike Chatterton, and Heather Crocker represented the school district. Mr. Guthrie highlighted the district's mission statement, accountability and excellence of students and staff, noting BCSD is the largest employer in Blaine County. Mr. Guthrie provided an overview of the district's offerings and goals for students and schools, and offered statistics on students receiving free or reduced-price lunches (42%) and graduation (90%). Mayor Haemmerle urged the district to be very cautious in considering any future levies. Mr. Barber expressed belief that the district would not ask for another levy for at least three or four years. Discussion included whether the old sign announcing school events might be re-installed. Tom Hellen reminded it would also need repair. Heather Crocker invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Wood River High School Performing Arts Center on April 25, 2012. [5:54:51 PM](#)

## **APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS**

[5:55:03 PM](#) None.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

*PH 138 Review of Friedman Memorial Airport Authority April 3, 2012 agenda and decision items.*

[5:55:11 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle explained that County Commissioner and FMAA representative Tom Bowman was present and noted that SkyWest Airlines was asking for the City's support for allowing regional jets to use Friedman Memorial Airport.

[5:56:13 PM](#) Tom Bowman explained the details of this request, and noted he had drafted a letter in support for the City's consideration. Mayor Haemmerle was pleased to see that a specific jet was named in the letter. Carol Brown hoped that mitigation measures are included in this plan. Council discussion included specifics of the jets, the City's guiding principles, the consistency and good service of SkyWest, the phasing out of turbo props and introduction of regional jets, and timeline factors. Mr. Bowman requested the City's decision by April 12. Mayor Haemmerle reiterated the City's position against northern landing approaches if at all possible. Mr. Bowman noted the JPA also speaks to that issue.

[6:05:18 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the meeting to public comment.

[6:05:29 PM](#) Tony Evans, Idaho Mountain Express, asked if this will require any upgrades on the ground at the airport. Mayor Haemmerle explained that the report on this has not yet been completed (SMS). Jeff Gunter, speaking as a Bellevue resident noted he is more aware of the current SkyWest sound impact, but does not hear the other aircraft from his home.

[6:08:01 PM](#) With no further comment offered, the meeting was brought back to Council. Consensus was reached to take additional time to review and consider the request.

[6:08:56 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle moved to the subject of the FMAA's April 3 meeting agenda. Susan McBryant provided her review of the agenda. Martha Burke clarified the budget discussion slated for the morning meeting. Mayor Haemmerle recommended that staff set an agenda item for the next City Council meeting to review Rick Baird's presentation at tomorrow's FMAA meeting.

[6:16:20 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the meeting to public comment. None was offered..

*PH 139 Review of Exclusive Franchise Agreements for Commercial and Residential Rubbish Hauling Service.*

[6:17:15 PM](#) Ned notes the ordinance has been published, and that the Council will be in a position to pass the ordinance at the next meeting. He further asked if the Council had any last minute issues with the contract, and offered clarification of some language and calculations.

[6:22:03 PM](#) Evan Robertson, representing Clear Creek, thanked the Council and expressed that Clear Creek looks forward to this continuing relationship. He also noted his agreement with Mr. Williamson's comments on language and calculations. Consensus was reached to incorporate minor corrections and bring this back to the Council at the next meeting. Martha Burke asked how citizens will be informed of the new offerings under this contract. Heather Dawson noted it could go into city newsletter.

[6:25:46 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment. Brent Nelson, 1310 Woodside, asked who receives the franchise fee amount. Heather Dawson noted that the fees come to the city to pay for various things such as road improvement and public education as it applies to rubbish collection and recycling.

[6:28:12 PM](#) With no further comment offered, Mayor Haemmerle closed this portion of the meeting. Council consensus was reached to move this matter to the Consent Agenda.

*PH 140 Review of Capital Improvements Plan, revised following Hailey's Community Survey Results and annual Strategic Planning session.*

[6:28:55 PM](#) Heather Dawson and Tom Hellen gave an overview and explained revisions. Mayor Haemmerle noted the value of having historical information provided and the actual costs of particular projects. Carol Brown asked how priorities were set. Tom Hellen explained his reasoning and process. Mayor Haemmerle noted that this is a way of looking at needs, not necessarily priorities and hoped the plan could be seen as an educational tool. Council appreciated having this information in one single document.

[6:40:38 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment. Geoffrey Moore, 406 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South., advised that he knew of one person admitting to filling out 50 surveys himself. Mr. Moore cautioned about how this may skew survey results. Mayor Haemmerle encouraged taking citizen surveys for information, but not necessarily science.

[6:42:08 PM](#) With no further comment offered, the meeting was brought back to Council. Mayor Haemmerle expressed hope that this might help to explain to citizens where costs are and why.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*NB 000* [6:43:49 PM](#) None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*OB 000* [6:43:54 PM](#) None.

**[6:44:01 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle brought CA 135 (previously pulled by Tom Hellen) back to the Council's attention.**

Tom Hellen noted an updated draft letter was before the Council at tonight's meeting, and that the due date is April 12. Discussion included whether Council should have more time to review this, the impacts of fertilizer use from up north, and what might be the fair share of mitigation downriver in Hailey. Martha Burke pointed out that "much of what gets into the river is not

about Hailey's discharge, but about the stuff from up north." Ned Williamson offered his point of view, and consensus was reached to look at the matter at next week's Council meeting.

[6:51:39 PM](#) Geoffrey Moore, 406 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, asked for clarification and offered suggestions for better use of wastewater. Tom noted there are currently plans being made to address these ideas.

[6:53:19 PM](#) Tony Evans, Idaho Mountain Express, asked for clarification as to whether this is a wastewater discharge or a pollution discharge question. Mayor Haemmerle clarified point-source discharge versus non-point source discharge. Discussion continued on details and specifications.

**WORKSHOP:** [6:58:27 PM](#)

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*SR 141 Mayor's letter to John Weber, organizer of petition to bring Bowe Bergdahl home.*

*SR 142 Library Director's Report.*

[7:01:07 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to go into Executive Session for Pending & Imminently Likely Litigation (IC 67-2345(1)(f)). Pat Cooley seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**