

**MINUTES OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday April 16, 2012 * Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Carol Brown, Don Keirn, Pat Cooley, Martha Burke, Mayor Fritz Haemmerle
Staff Present: Jeff Gunter, Tom Hellen, Ned Williamson, Heather Dawson

5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER –

[5:32:01 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle called the meeting to order and noted he would insert the following first order of business.

The mayor honored the Wood River High School Robotics Team telling them the City was proud of them and of their accomplishments in state and national competitions. Team members include Riley Heneghan, JT Sutton, Taylor Lecrone, Corey Brown and Levi Young. Masters Heneghan and Sutton were accompanied at this meeting by their coach, Kevin Lupton, who explained the competition and that the students “have spent hundreds of hours after school working on their project.” The students brought to the meeting their robot project and demonstrated its capabilities. [5:42:20 PM](#)

Open Session for Public Concerns

[5:43:03 PM](#) Geoffrey Moore, 406 1st Avenue South, lives next to the Skate Park and advised that the Hailey Ice fencing along the north side is down, creating a hazard. Mayor Haemmerle noted that he already called Hailey Ice about the matter.

[5:44:03 PM](#) With no further concerns offered, the mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- CA 153 Motion to approve EMS Grant application requesting \$6,368 to purchase two 700 mHz radios for Hailey Fire.*
- CA 154 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-22, authorizing a sub award agreement with South Central Community Action Partnership for \$20,000 to provide the benefits of Save-A-Watt program to income eligible applicants in Hailey. Funds are solely provided by the US EPA from the Hailey Community Climate Challenge budget.*
- CA 155 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-23 authorizing new rubbish rates to go into effect May 1, 2012.*
- CA 156 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-24 authorizing agreement with Imperial Asphalt for crackfill sealant of city streets in the amount of \$2,480/ton, as a piggy-back bid onto the City of Bellevue’s bid.*
- CA 157 Motion to approve Resolution 2012-25 authorizing agreement with SPF Water Engineering to provide engineering services for the installation of streamflow measuring devices in Indian Creek in accordance with our water rights agreement – costs not to exceed \$10,000.*
- ~~*CA 158 Motion to approve minutes of April 2, 2012 and to suspend reading of them.*~~
- ~~*CA 159 Motion to approve minutes of April 9, 2012 and to suspend reading of them.*~~
- CA 160 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of March, 2012, and claims for expenses due by contract in April, 2012.*
- CA 161 Motion to approve Treasurer’s Monthly Report for March, 2012.*

[5:44:10 PM](#) Don Keirn asked to pull CA 158 and 159, noting he was not present for those meetings. **Carol Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus CA 158 and CA 159. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**
[5:44:45 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to approve CA 158 and 159 noting Mr. Keirn's absence. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn abstained; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS: Idaho Commission on the Arts Quick-Fund Grant Award.

[5:45:21 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle noted Hailey artist, Deb Gelet, was awarded a grant to attend a textile workshop with internationally acclaimed artists which will allow her to bring new techniques and ideas back to her own workshops in Hailey and throughout the state.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

[5:47:22 PM](#) None.

APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS

[5:47:29 PM](#) None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PH 162 Discussion of Hailey Skate Park – park maintenance, security, supervision through Park-Watch program, closures, and clean-up day on April 21, 2012

[5:47:36 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle explained that he had closed the Skate Park between Thursday evening and Friday evening as a result of vandalism and littering. He reminded that he and Jeff Gunter had visited the Park earlier and talked to skaters about the problem and the consequences should the problem continue. Following that visit, public art, benches and the Park's sign were vandalized, and the trash from the garbage cans was strewn about the grounds. Mayor Haemmerle noted he had also met with some concerned parents, explained the problem, the cost of building the park, and notified them that given a lack of responsible participation at the park, further closures are likely imminent. Mr. Haemmerle further noted he had learned of "some of the City's lapses too," such as trash cans not being emptied on a regular basis, and a lack of restroom facilities at the park. The mayor noted he has directed that the trash cans be maintained regularly and he is working with City staff to remedy the lack of restroom facilities. He further noted that citations were recently given for smoking on the park's grounds. Mayor Haemmerle emphasized the City's priorities on safety and responsibility at the park, adding that it is "one of the City's best assets and we have great kids there, but we must encourage responsibility." He further welcomed comments and suggestions about how to make the park a better place.

[5:56:08 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment.

Mark Spencer, 1340 Blue Lakes, thanked the City and the mayor for their support of the park, but noted there is not a specific management plan in place for Skate Park, and barring direction on management it falls to the users. He opined that self-governance is one thing if it is directed to adults, but kids need help with that. He shared that he has studied what makes a successful skate park, noting that supervision seemed to be of primary importance followed by programming and education. He asked if a committee might be formed to deal with management issues and to empower the park's users. He further suggested friendly regular visits from Hailey Police to develop good relationships with the skaters. Mr. Spencer opined that most skate parks

are built in a “bullet-proof way” and wondered whether the park was an appropriate venue for public art.

Mayor Haemmerle responded by noting a parent committee was talked about last year, but there has been no action taken. He offered to facilitate bringing all interested parties together, but reminded that the City cannot do it all. Mayor Haemmerle further expressed that the installation of public art at the park was done with great intentions, but there remains the possibility it may have to be moved. He further said he would be at the Skate Park on Saturday for the clean-up day and encouraged everyone to participate.

[6:03:21 PM](#) Brent Nelson, 1310 Woodside Boulevard, shared that he “has lots of experience with this park” as the owner of the Snow Bunny, and pointed out that a small group of kids are causing all the problems there. He encouraged removing that small group out. “Let’s help the younger kids who are being intimidated there. They want to do the right thing.”

[6:05:59 PM](#) Peter Lobb, 4th and Carbonate, asked if the City has similar problems in the other parks in town. He noted the restrooms at the Hop Porter park are seldom unlocked and wondered how the City might monitor these issues over the long term.

Mayor Haemmerle explained that the City experiences a surge of vandalism and inappropriate behaviors every spring. He further pointed out that the City does not have resources for constant supervision, but rather needs collaborative responsible behavior.

[6:08:37 PM](#) Tony Evans, 415 Spruce Avenue South, reminded that it is “hard for kids to rat-out friends or peers.” He added that there is a strong code of silence, but when social groups choose leaders they admire to self-police it works. Mayor Haemmerle explained that the City continues to try to get information about irresponsible behavior in ways that will not jeopardize the younger kids.

[6:10:42 PM](#) Gloria Carlton, 841 Eastridge, volunteered to supervise at the park even though she is not a parent. She hoped others would join her to encourage a safe and fun experience for all skaters. Mayor Haemmerle welcomed her participation and said he would facilitate the formation of a supportive committee.

[6:11:34 PM](#) Elk Spencer, 1340 Blue Lakes, shared that he is a regular skater at the park, and reminded that kids who are misbehaving there are often just hanging out and not skating. He expressed concern that responsible skaters may be blamed for damage done by other groups. Mayor Haemmerle reiterated that he is amazed at the skills of local regular skaters and emphasized the City’s desire to help them. He encouraged young Elk, other skaters and their parents to call the City with concerns and good ideas.

[6:13:25 PM](#) Lamar Waters, 3240 Berry Creek, asked if the surveillance cameras work, and whether they might be programmed to photograph during particular hours. Mayor Haemmerle offered to meet with him and Mark Spencer on Friday to discuss this. Mr. Lamar welcomed the meeting and noted he “has taken ownership by cleaning both skate parks for the last six years” noting there is an emotional connection for him there.

[6:16:31 PM](#) With no further comment offered, the mayor closed the matter to public comment. Council discussion included the expectation of having kids monitor themselves, the lack of park management plans, gathering core people to commit to park management, and the incentives in local ownership and responsibility. The Council thanked young Elk Spencer for speaking up, noting a different group of skaters would ‘age in’ every spring and the importance of passing the baton every year continuing to educate them. Mayor Haemmerle read into the record an email received by Heather Dawson, from Jennifer Menkee, dated April 16, 2012 9:41 am.; condemning the park closure as a “completely inappropriate use of authority” and notifying the City that she

intends to form an Occupy movement at the park. Mayor Haemmerle reiterated that he will continue to close the park if this negative behavior continues, and thanked the public for their participation. [6:22:59 PM](#)

PH 163 Woodside Boulevard Project –

- discussion of proposal by Knife River to amend project scope by pulverizing the top 6 inches of asphalt and gravel using that material as base;

- consideration of resolution 2012-26 authorizing contact for design of the irrigation system by Kurt Eggers

[6:23:09 PM](#) Tom Hellen explained that a geo-tech report noted another option from the original project scope which could potentially reduce costs. He noted that any savings would be shared on a 50-50 split with Knife River, however, there remain unknowns regarding time and money savings. Mr. Hellen was not yet sure whether JUB would agree with the design change, but wanted the Council to be aware. Carol Brown asked who would pay for the additional JUB evaluation, and encouraged that Knife River split that cost with the City. Martha Burke noted a similar process used at the airport (CRABS) resulted in actual cost savings and a reduction of work trucks on the highway. She encouraged finding out if this new option was feasible. Don Keirn asked how disruptive the new process might be compared to the original, and how this may impact the grant funds. Heather Dawson noted this would be a “true savings.” Further discussion included how these quality-related matters are decided.

[6:33:38 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment.

Geoffrey Moore, 406 1st Avenue South, agreed with Tom Hellen that Steve Butler is an excellent expert source, and encouraged taking his advice. Mr. Moore further wondered if adding a bus pull-out with the savings might be an option.

[6:34:49 PM](#) Peter Lobb, 4th and Carbonate, pointed out that the incentive for Knife R is not necessarily to save the City money, but to save themselves money. He suggested getting a second opinion to ensure the resulting road is as good or better saying “we must be 100% sure.”

[6:37:05 PM](#) With no further comment offered, Mayor Haemmerle closed the matter to public comment. The mayor indicated he will talk to staff about how to move forward, expressing that a little money for the study is acceptable if good savings will result. He further advocated that the burden of proof should rest with the contractor.

[6:37:57 PM](#) *Re: Resolution 2012-26*

Tom Hellen explained that this is regarding irrigation of the planting strip along Woodside Boulevard. He pointed out the contract for that design was reduced from \$20,000.00 to a not-to-exceed figure of \$12,000.00, and that the City has no other bids. Discussion included reasons for only having one bid.

[6:40:19 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment. None was offered.

[6:40:34 PM](#) **Martha Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2012-26 with the revised fee not to exceed \$12,000.00. Don Keirn seconded. Pat Cooley asked Ned Williamson if he should abstain since he is a resident of Woodside Boulevard. Mr. Williamson advised he should abstain. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley abstained; Burke, yes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 164 Discussion of City Council member assignments to Boards, Commissions, and Subcommittees.

[6:42:08 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle explained that he asked Heather Dawson to put this matter on this agenda for discussion on the benefits and pitfalls of how Council members get assigned, how long they're on assignments, and the reasons liaisons were established. He noted the amount of time it takes to be a Council member and whether Council members should be expected to spend even more time by attending every sub-committee meeting. Mayor Haemmerle hoped everyone will trade a board in a year, so they are not all on the same boards indefinitely. He further asked Heather Dawson to find a member for the Blaine County Housing Authority board.

[6:53:11 PM](#) Invited to speak by the mayor, Geoffrey Moore, 406 1st Avenue and current Chair of the Hailey Planning & Zoning Commission, noted that a no Council member has attended a P & Z meeting for several years. Carol Brown reminded that the attendance required of Council members is one meeting per year. Mayor Haemmerle noted that the P & Z Commission may benefit by a show of support.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 165 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1104 requiring developers of annexed property to bond for unpaid annexation fees.

[6:55:09 PM](#) **Mayor Haemmerle conducted the reading.**

WORKSHOP:

Staff Reports Council Reports Mayor's Reports

[6:56:50 PM](#) Carol Brown provided an update of the plans for Arbor Fest.

[7:02:08 PM](#) Heather Dawson reminded that April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. was the date for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Woodside Boulevard project.

[7:02:55 PM](#) Ms. Dawson further noted that the Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Sun Valley during the week of May 10 and they would be touring Hailey sites as well. She wondered if Martha Burke might host them in the yard of her historic home. Ms. Burke agreed to meet with Ms. Dawson regarding that opportunity.

[7:05:06 PM](#) Tom Hellen advised that the Crossterberfest tiered steps at Old Cutters would be created, that the pedestrian lights at Myrtle Street could be upgraded to a system that is more visible in daylight. He noted this could be done as money is available and that the new system is a considerable savings over the current in-road systems.

[7:08:14 PM](#) Tom Hellen responded to Peter Lobb's earlier questions regarding the restrooms at Hop Porter Park by saying that the bathroom graffiti has now been removed, and he is working on plumbing issues and protecting window glass from vandals. He is also working on night time lighting and security measures.

SR 166 Correspondence from US Department of Justice granting extension of ARRA COPS Grant to allow closure of grant three years after employee hire (December 2012) instead of three years after grant agreement (June 2012).

SR 167 Correspondence from PW Director Tom Hellen improvements to pedestrian crossing lights.

SR 168 Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting – Sun Valley and Hailey.

[7:09:58 PM](#) **Mayor Haemmerle adjourned the meeting.**