

**MINUTES OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday JUNE 3, 2013 * Hailey City Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Carol Brown, Don Keirn, Fritz Haemmerle, Pat Cooley, Martha Burke

Staff: Jeff Gunter, Heather Dawson, Ned Williamson, Tom Hellen, Micah Austin, Mariel Platt

5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER –

[5:38:13 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle called the meeting to order.

*Indicates a late addition item.

Don Keirn moved to accept the amended agenda with late additions. Pat Cooley seconded.

Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes. (Martha Burke was not yet present.)

Open Session for Public Concerns

[5:38:50 PM](#) None offered.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 193 Motion to approve application for permit with IDWR for transferring water rights from Hiawatha Canal to the Big Wood River for Heagle Park Irrigation.

CA-194 Motion to approve Resolution 2013-46, authorizing contract with Valley Paving for the pulverizing of existing material and paving of the alleys.

CA 195 Motion to accept Quitclaim Deed of property located near the future O'Reilly Auto Parts store in R. Davis Business Park.

**CA 217 Motion to approve Resolution 2013-49 declaring surplus property—play structures at Deerfield, Foxmoor and Lions Parks and authorizing the disposal of the existing equipment.*

CA 196 Motion to approve Resolution 2013-47, authorizing Arena Use Agreement for the IMPRA Rodeo Finals at the Arena at Werthheimer Park Saturday Aug. 31 and Sunday September 1, 2013 from 4-7 pm.

CA 197 Motion to approve special event, Summerfest being held from 1st Street between Bullion and Carbonate and Carbonate from 1st Street to Main Street (Friday, June 7th 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

CA 198 Motion to approve special event, Sheeptown Drag Nationals, being held on River Street from Spruce to Silver Streets (Thursday June 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00.

CA 199 Motion to approve special event, Bring Bowe Back being held at Hop Porter Park (Saturday, June 22nd 2013 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.) 5K run precedes park activities from 10 a.m. to noon.

CA 200 Motion to approve special event, Hailey Skatepark Competition being held at Hailey Skate Park (Saturday June 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

CA 201 Motion to approve special event, Hailey's Antique Market being held at Roberta McKercher Park (Saturday July 5th thru Monday July 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

CA 202 Motion to approve special event, Kiwanis Club of Hailey, Car Show at Roberta McKercher Park (Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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CA 203 Motion to approve special event, Hailey's Antique Market being held at Roberta McKercher Park (Friday August 30th thru Saturday August 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

CA 204 Motion to approve minutes of May 20, 2013 and to suspend reading of them.

CA 205 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of May, 2013, and claims for expenses due by contract in June, 2013.

[5:39:02 PM](#) Tom Hellen pulled CA 217. Mayor Haemmerle pulled CA 193.

[5:39:20 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus CA 217 and CA 193. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes.** Martha Burke was not yet present.

[5:39:48 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle addressed CA 193 explaining that superior water rights located beneath roadways were being transferred to provide park irrigation. He further thanked SPF Water Engineering for their help in this process with IDWR.

[5:41:36 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to approve CA 193. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

[5:42:22 PM](#) Tom Hellen addressed CA 217 explaining that a recent inspection of park play structures indicated the structures were substandard and must be removed immediately. He further advised replacement will require fundraising and cooperation with park neighborhoods for design.

[5:44:04 PM](#) **Don Keirn moved to approve CA 217. Martha Burke seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

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None.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

PP 206 Presentation by Sustain Blaine for next fiscal year funding request (5-10 minutes).

[5:44:58 PM](#) Harry Griffith, Executive Director of Sustain Blaine, noted he had earlier provided information for Council packets and went on to highlight strategic priorities, critical projects and key accomplishments. Mr. Griffith further provided details of the fundraising request.

PP 207 Presentation by Hailey Chamber of Commerce for next fiscal year funding request (5-10 minutes).

[5:54:23 PM](#) Linda Anderson and Geegee Lowe of the Chamber explained ways the organization is reaching visitors, state and regional distribution of the Hailey Experience Guide, a kiosk at airport, SEO efforts, and ways in which the Chamber partners with the City. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Lowe further advised on the Chamber's ambassador team, membership growth, events, grants received and LOT results. Mayor Haemmerle inquired about cooperation with north valley marketing entities. Ms. Lowe advised there had been some success there.

PP 208 Presentation by Fly Sun Valley Alliance for next fiscal year funding request (5-10 minutes).

[6:08:15 PM](#) No presentation was offered.

APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS

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None.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

PH 209 FMAA agenda and discussion.

[6:08:26 PM](#) Susan McBryant advised there were two key issues on the FMAA agenda that will concern the Council: (1) a change proposal relating to the Modifications of Design Standards and a Work Order with T-O Engineers; and (2) discussion of an Instrument Procedure Feasibility Study. Ms. McBryant expressed gratitude to US Senator Mike Crapo (ID) for his efforts to keep the contract tower program in operation. Mayor Haemmerle noted continuing complications in this process and provided details of safety issues. Don Keirn further explained how some information has been confused, and Council entered into discussion on continuing challenges.

PH 210 Public Hearing on proposed increase of Water fees, and consideration of Resolution 2013-43, increasing water fees (Continued from May 20, 2013 meeting).

[6:17:51 PM](#) Mariel Platt asked to continue this matter in order to collect further and best information. Present citizens voiced frustration on continuing this item again. Mayor Haemmerle acknowledged the public frustration, explained the reasons for considering continuation, and advised he would allow public comment tonight from citizens present.

[6:18:27 PM](#) Jerry Hayward, 921 Sunrise Drive, objected to language on water conservation as he felt the City was not abiding by the same standards imposed upon citizens. He cited the sprinkler system along Woodside Boulevard as wasteful. Mr. Hayward further objected to proposed user fee increases and reminded Council that many citizens were not feeling any recovery from the recent challenging economy. He urged Council to consider this matter very carefully before moving forward. Mayor Haemmerle explained that the irrigation along Woodside was required by Federal Highways as part of their grant funding, and that increased user fees to cover costs of engineering are necessary to anticipate actions when conjunctive water management occurs. [6:24:26 PM](#) Discussion between the Mayor and Mr. Hayward continued on costs.

[6:27:19 PM](#) (First name indiscernible) Able, 210 N. 4th Ave., pointed out “a lot of long-time residents cannot afford more rate increases.” Ms. Able further voiced concerns that landscapes will die if citizens cannot afford to water them.

[6:28:16 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle explained reasons rates must go up.

[6:28:51 PM](#) Tom Swenson, 731 Bonanza, indicated he spoke “for disaffected Hailey landowners, some with larger lots and mature landscape.” He opined the suggested rate increase structure was punitive to residents who have lived in Hailey a very long time and have worked hard to establish and maintain healthy landscapes. Mr. Swenson further noted his appreciation of the Mayor’s good explanation, but hoped rate increases can be spread more evenly.

[6:31:46 PM](#) Peter Lobb, 4th and Carbonate, suggested the best way to handle the matter might be to charge by 1,000 gallons at one rate. He noted the critical part of this approach is to charge a high enough amount to encourage conservation, but to keep the rate consistent for all users. Mr. Lobb further encouraged reining in any spending, but making better use of information already available on the issue before taking any action.

[6:36:01 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle noted these are the very reasons the matter is being continued. Discussion continued between the Mayor, Mr. Hayward and Mr. Lobb. Martha Burke reminded that Council members are carrying the responsibility of health, safety and welfare of citizens, and noted that she also lives on “one of those old mature large lots,” and that she understands Mr. Hayward’s position as she has been watering old trees on City right-of-way. Ms. Burke further

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voiced gratitude for the Mayor's knowledge about water rights as the City works through this issue. [6:40:36 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle and Mr. Swenson continued discussion about the graduated fee structure. Ned Williamson suggested obtaining more information before continuing public comment. Consensus was reached to develop a plan for clear debate. [6:43:42 PM](#) Geoffrey Moore, 406 1st Ave S., asked for confirmation that more public comment would be taken. The Mayor assured it would. [6:44:09 PM](#) Mariel Platt expressed concerns she needs time to work with other staff to get all figures together in order to structure a clear plan, and she hoped to continue this matter to a date uncertain. [6:45:29 PM](#) **Don Keirn moved to continue PH 210 to a date uncertain.** Mayor Haemmerle explained the difficulties of gathering necessary information. **Carol Brown seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

PH 211 Consideration of Annexation Ordinance (request by Blaine County School District) to annex Parcel 4 of a Replat of Maurer Subdivision into City Limits (Continued from May 20, 2013 meeting).

[6:47:51 PM](#) Micah Austin provided background and noted this is the final step in the process that has already been through Planning & Zoning.

[6:48:51 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment. None was offered.

[6:49:09 PM](#) **Martha Burke moved to approve Ordinance Number 1126, to conduct the first reading by title only. Carol Brown seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.** Mayor Haemmerle conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 1126 by title only.

PH 212 Consideration of Contract for Services – Blaine County Dispatch.

[6:50:07 PM](#) Ned Williamson noted this was a compromise reached with the County, and explained the difficulties in that process included the funding mechanism for a unified dispatch. Mr. Williamson expressed his hope this agreement will act as a template in the future as the proposed contract is only for one year. He explained the details of the agreement, and strongly urged the Council's adoption.

[6:54:55 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the matter to public comment. None was offered.

[6:56:36 PM](#) **Carol Brown moved to approve the Contract for Services and Resolution No. 2013-48 contingent on approval by Blaine County and City of Bellevue. Don Keirn seconded. Roll call vote: Brown, yes; Keirn, yes; Cooley, yes; Burke, yes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 213 Idaho Power's proposed net metering changes.

[6:57:58 PM](#) Mariel Platt provided an explanation and noted the summary of primary changes she provided for Council packets. Consensus was positive and Council directed Ms. Platt to move forward and to send the drafted letter from Mayor Haemmerle to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

NB 214 Discussion of proposed Ordinance - Cross Connection annual testing/reporting requirements for irrigation and fire sprinkler systems and User Fee revisions.

[7:02:27 PM](#) Tom Hellen explained that the DEQ will start testing cross connections as a safety issue, and that this will become an annual requirement. Costs will be borne by landowners. Don Keirn asked how enforcement and oversight will be handled. Ned Williamson inquired about a

possible grace period. Council discussion included reasons for annual testing, possible device failures, awareness of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc. in the system, inclusion of USC language, how landscape companies will be licensed to do this work, and whether the City could cap the charges for the work. Heather Dawson noted additional staff may be required to track these inspections. [7:10:58 PM](#) Micah Austin noted how this issue was addressed in the Magic Valley.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 215 2nd Reading Ordinance No. 1125 – Limiting building permit extensions to 4 over a 3 ½ year period.

[7:13:04 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle conducted the reading.

STAFF REPORTS:

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SR 216 Hailey's Energy Dare – results to-date.

[7:13:46 PM](#) Mariel Platt noted City employees are participating in this dare. She further provided updates on reductions/increases in electricity use.

[7:15:11 PM](#) Pat Cooley advised he will be absent for the June 17 meeting.

[7:15:27 PM](#) Tom Hellen noted Frisbee golf stanchions will be going in soon.

[7:16:07 PM](#) Mariel Platt reminded the bike share kick-off will be on June 24.

[7:16:40 PM](#) Don Keirn advised he attended incident command training last week.

[7:16:58 PM](#) Heather Dawson advised staff attendance at the recent EPA conference.

[7:17:40 PM](#) With no further matters to address, Mayor Haemmerle adjourned the meeting.

Fritz X. Haemmerle, Mayor

Mary Cone, City Clerk