

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD APRIL 22, 2019
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:31 P.M. by Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. Present were Council members Jeff Engelhardt, Kaz Thea, Pat Cooley, and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

Call to order by Mayor Haemmerle [5:31:23 PM](#)

Open Session for Public Comments:

[5:31:59 PM](#) Ginna Lagergren comments on knapweed. It runs the width of alley between 2nd and 3rd ave at Myrtle, the picture shown to council was taken last year. Along 2nd ave north opposite of Valley View apartments, last summer alley from myrtle to spruce covered with waist high plants, they took photos and asked for area to be mowed. Is it possible to mow these areas earlier in the knapweed cycle? And does the city have the ability to collect the seed pods after the mowing? May election asking for maintenance, if revenue is passed by voters can some of the money be used for this purpose? Get maintenance taken care of Lagergren asked. Photograph given to Brian Yeager.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 131](#) Motion to approve grant support letter to the Chamber, pledging \$8,933.75 in city-sponsored grant match of the annual Idaho Travel Council Grant. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 132](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-012 and 2019-013, agreements with APA BENEFITS under the FEMA SAFER Grant for Dependent Care Benefits and Tuition Reimbursement Benefits for paid on call firefighters of Hailey and Wood River Fire District **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 133](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-014, agreements with Paychex under the FEMA SAFER Grant for retirement benefits for paid on call firefighters of Hailey and Wood River Fire District. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 134](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2019-015, authorizing city officials to sign documents opening a bank account with Mountain West Bank into and from which FEMA SAFER firefighter benefits will be paid to PayChex Retirement Services for administration of benefits earned by firefighters under the FEMA SAFER Grant. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 135](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-040, authorizing the mayor to sign a letter requesting to terminate an agreement in the amount of \$57,500 with the Idaho Transportation Department to update nine ADA curb ramps **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 136](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 19-041, authorizing a pending agreement with Civil Science in the amount of \$61,398.21, to provide construction engineering and inspection services for the Myrtle St. Connector **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 137](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-042, authorizing Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$84,367.67, for work completed on the Della View Drainage Improvements project **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 138](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-043, authorizing an agreement with iWorQ in the annual amount of \$4,790.00, for permit management software **ACTION ITEM**

- [CA 139](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-037, for a 5-year lease with Western States Equipment through Summit National Bank for a new Caterpillar 160M3 grader **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 140](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2019-044, authorizing an updated lease agreement with the Sawtooth Rangers for use of the Hailey Arena for Days of the Old West Rodeo events over the 4th of July **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 141](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2019-045, authorizing an agreement with Lantis Fireworks for July 4, 2019 pyrotechnical Dangerous Fireworks display within the City of Hailey. **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 142](#) Motion to approve the special event, Arborfest, to be held at McKercher Park in Hailey on Saturday, May 18, 2019 in conjunction with the Chamber Home and Garden Show and NAMI's Mental Wellness Bike Ride **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 143](#) Motion to approve the special event, 4th of July Parade, to be held on Main Street (between Myrtle Street and south to Cedar Street) in Hailey (Thursday, July 4, 2019 from 11:00am to 2:00pm) **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 144](#) Motion to approve the special event, 5B Father's Day Bash & Chili Cookoff, to be held on Carbonate Street (between Main Street and First Avenue) and on First Avenue (between Carbonate Street and Bullion Street) in Hailey (Sunday, June 16, 2019 from 8:00am to 6:30pm) **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 145](#) Motion to approve Alcohol License for Rojas Greenberg, Inc. DBA Shorty's **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 146](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 8, 2019 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 147](#) Motion to ratify claims for expense during the month of April 2019 **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 148](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of March, 2019, and claims for expenses due by contract in April, 2019 **ACTION ITEM**.....

5:36:15 PM **Burke moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Cooley, motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes. Burke, yes. Cooley, yes. Thea, yes.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

5:36:50 PM Mayor Haemmerle asked staff to display a flooding brochure, which addresses what to do before a flood. Mayor Haemmerle, it is that time of year where the city will experience flooding in some areas. Haemmerle recaps what we do, we have fires and floods in Hailey. You have an obligation as a homeowner to take care of your property, a large element of personal responsibility in taking care of your property is in the case of flood or fire. Mayor reviewed our website, and the flood documents on it, and stated we protect life safety, and provide information to people so that they can make decisions with regard to their property, our focus is on city assets and infrastructure. This is what the city is focused on, these 3 things. One the city's website homepage, we have a resource page, local resources during a flooding event, places to buy sand and bags, or prefilled sandbags, contractors. Sand piles can be inexpensive approximately 125 dollars, vs. filled sandbags \$4-\$5 per bag. **5:42:28 PM** What the city has done in the past, is that we've provided sand in piles along with sand bags and funnels to help people fill the bags, no shovels, as in the past we provided shovels and they were stolen. Use the resource page for sand and sand bags. There are opportunities to get reimbursement from FEMA on sandbags to protect your home if you have flood insurance. You can get reimbursed \$1,000 for this, so sand and sandbags can go a long way with this reimbursement. Call city staff if you have questions. At the end of the flood event last year, we collected used sandbags, we will do that again this year. Pallets are placed in the neighborhood along the street, and residents will put the bags on the pallet. **5:46:12 PM** The concept with regards to sand bags, do no harm to your neighbors. When and if we see this happening, we will ask you to stop. Put sand bags no more than 3 feet from your buildings, if placed further than this we will cite you, and bring it to your attention. Haemmerle asked for pictures of the new Della View culverts and ditches to be displayed.

[5:47:38 PM](#) The city has put in a set of culverts diagonally along War Eagle, hopefully this will drain the water, and mitigate the flooding in the area. Want to have private property owners clear the brush. Western pipe picture shown by tennis courts, the culverts were just installed this year. [5:49:56 PM](#) We've obtained grants, totaling \$173,000. Idaho Power raised the power boxes in the neighborhood in hopes that power will be able to stay on during a flood event. No one knows what the river will do this year.

[5:51:09 PM](#) This is another culvert we are working on which goes across Snowfly, Yeager mentioned.

[5:51:29 PM](#) Craig Aberbach, the water level over the weekend was a little higher than the National Weather Service (NWS) website predicted, and we are expected to approach 5 feet later this week. NWS predicts that at the end of May or first of June, is highest probability of river, which is not higher than we saw last weekend. Aberbach shows pictures of water as of today, showing water around a house on War Eagle and along the side of the road. The City will keep sand and bags available for residents to fill.

[5:54:16 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle, in closing, we are encouraging people to make preparations to take care of themselves, get flood insurance, get prepared.

[5:54:55 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle, had a picture displayed of blue door for a new business next door to the Sun Valley Brewery, this color is great.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 149 Senior Connection Presentation (no documents)

[5:55:48 PM](#) Senior Connection, Don Keirn is present, warm up guard to main event. Keirn joined the board after leaving the Hailey City Council. The senior center does a lot of great things. We have 9 full time ? [5:57:24 PM](#) 11 part time employees, total expense \$1, million, about \$300,000 spent on food.

[5:57:56 PM](#) Teresa Bateman Lipmann speaks for Senior Connection, since 1981 we've had a lease with the city. Street parking is how our patrons access the building and street dept. is good about keeping them clear. Thank you for your recent support letter for a grant. [5:59:24 PM](#) listen. Growth is our biggest opportunity, busting at the seams, 53% growth in Blaine County from 2010 – 2016. 83% increase since 2016. A document was handed out to council tonight. How funded, [6:01:37 PM](#) Medicaid and OOA money 29% earned revenue, 71% other support. Last year, first year of surplus. Less than 2% goes to meals on wheels? [6:02:55 PM](#) listen back a bit. Our impact, 3,000 seniors in our database, 750 we serve on a daily basis. 82% of riders are in Hailey. Offer 5 fitness classes per week, over 150 volunteers, in 2 years will celebrate 50 years in business in Hailey. They get referrals from other orgs, like St. Luke's, indigent services. We are a red cross relief shelter, have gone standby 7 times, shelter is open to anyone if needed. They drive people to vote. Saturday first annual aging friendly committee longevity summit on Saturday April 27th at the YMCA. 8 of 10 clients do not have family, we act like family in this assistance. Transportation offers ability [6:08:06 PM](#) for those who need it, they will provide

rides even to Salt Lake City, volunteer drivers. Video played from senior center members, 3 minute clip is played.

[6:13:22 PM](#) Haemmerle you serve a really good lunch. Senior disabled, 5 dollar donation, \$8 under 60, kids 4 dollars. If you volunteer lunch is free. There are 10,000 senior centers 700 more centers more than YMCA, 1 of 2 have chefs, we are one of them that have a chef. Ice cream is served through trailing of sheep. Cinema café, come eat pizza and have wine and watch a movie.

[6:16:48 PM](#) Burke is the youngest at her lunch table, she gets to help get desserts, she adds value, pay it forward, this has filled a need, she can give love to people that she values. Keirn speaks, caregiver, crawled through a doggie door and saved the person's life.

Lunch is one of forty things we do. Validates lives and honors people of our community, please come any time. Keirn refers to bomber pilots. [6:19:29 PM](#) far more than a place to eat, Haemmerle adds, people play games after lunch.

[6:20:21 PM](#) Lipmann appreciate council's time, she may leave meeting early as her daughter is home and husband is in Utah.

[6:21:53 PM](#) go to staff reports, move to Staff Reports next

STAFF REPORTS:

SR 152 Launch of the summer 2019 Hailey Flower Program

[6:22:07 PM](#) Lisa Horowitz gives the update on this item. Maddie Waller is the Hailey flower coordinator this summer, a recent college graduate, and Jane Drussel, the Hailey czar. Hailey gets comments on how we look in the winter, how can we make it look as nice in the summer? Horowitz shows some pictures of businesses left and right, left no flowers, forge partnerships with businesses, develop a catalog with ideas to generate enthusiasm, in the 3-block area to start off with, will expand as we have assets. The area will start off as Bullion from Carbonate to Croy streets. [6:25:54 PM](#) Hailey Chamber as partner, Hailey staff including Maddie Waller, Stephanie Cook and Robyn Davis will formulate and bring ideas for council to consider. Ideas are to have hanging baskets and whiskey barrel planters, will get bids to see if we can afford plants ready to hang. Another picture of Luke's Pharmacy planter baskets and whiskey barrels. Windermere picture. [6:29:03 PM](#) Christopher and Company, ideas for a plant wall, flowers plugged into the wall, and also ideas for wood pallet lawn furniture with plants. Last idea by Stephanie Cook, the Library at Croy Street, make an outdoor seating space that invites the Library to come outside. Jane Drussel is researching Gnomes to use with Instagram, where Gnomes would be scattered throughout the area and people find them and respond on Instagram. Horowitz invites comments from group.

[6:31:29 PM](#) Haemmerle loves the size of the project. Lot of merchants, not close to this area may want to contribute, he is offering to help contribute funds for the project.

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[6:32:07 PM](#) Thea thinks this is a great idea that will spread. Thinks it will invite merchants to get involved. Can people donate?

[6:33:08 PM](#) Horowitz plan to be able to take tax deductible donations.

[6:33:51 PM](#) Burke suggests looking at thrift stores, for umbrellas and pallet benches. Mitsy with Music and Me, just put out tables at her business, Burke loves the tables and chairs she has put out.

[6:35:42 PM](#) Jane Drussel speaks we want to keep people in town and shopping and grow it down the side streets. Hopefully we can slow traffic down and invite people to enjoy Hailey.

Back to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 150 Consideration of a recommendation by the Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission for art work associated with the Pathways for People Myrtle Street Connector project ACTION ITEM

[6:36:46 PM](#) Horowitz, proposal for the 1% for art received from construction projects. Horowitz spent quite a bit of time to see what type of art would be appropriate along the Myrtle Street pathway. And reached out to local artists, and found a Gooding artist and asked him if he could make a sheep on a pedestal for the path where it intersects Main street, an artistic sheep,

[6:39:31 PM](#) Haemmerle would like to see more of a representation of a sheep, made with found objects like the rabbit art. Art will be close to the Subway restaurant, where the dinosaur used to be. Haemmerle, would like to see lots of color on this sheep.

Public Comments:

[6:41:10 PM](#) Ginna Lagergren, Hailey resident, loves the idea and the examples shown.

[6:41:33 PM](#) Ron Taylor asked, can you have the Base Camp gas station shield their propane gas tank? Horowitz we talked about that topic in the Arts and Historic Preservation Commission meeting, and meant to talk with the City Attorney. Simms will approach Dusty Wendland about this suggestion.

[6:42:45 PM](#) **Thea motions to move forward on this art project, identified on pg 332 on packet, seconded by burke, does the artist bring a concept to us? Engelhardt, asks, Horowitz can have artist bring back concept before project is complete, propose a rendering, Thea amends motion have a rendering of final design presented to council before art is completed, [6:44:42 PM](#) Burke seconded amendment, motion passed with roll call vote; Engelhardt, yes. Cooley, yes. Burke, yes. Thea, yes.**

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NB 151 Review of Joint Fire Board activity, including their consideration of a Joint Organizational Chart, a Deputy Chief job description, and a Joint Policies and Procedures Handbook. ACTION ITEM

[6:45:18 PM](#) Haemmerle we have a JPA agreement with Wood River Fire. Simms adds, that Aberbach will give an update. [6:45:56 PM](#) 3 things in packet, in concept an option of an organization chart with a Joint chief, this was put together to do a joint budget. In addition, a new job description, Deputy Fire Chief, a draft job description in packet. And 3rd, a Joint Policy Manual for both departments. Great progress has been made recently, we've seen great efficiencies, and are excited about future.

[6:48:26 PM](#) Simms recaps progress to date over the past 2 years, our chief acting as Wood River Fire Assistant Chief and conducting a joint training program, also share use of stations, 24 hour staffing, improved response times. Simms is encouraged by efficiencies we've seen so far. Have made great strides, next steps, Joint Chief. Would like council's comments on possibility of a Joint Chief. Haemmerle clarifies, we are engaging in joint operations, not joining of financial assets.

[6:50:41 PM](#) Cooley at this point, we've been working around the issue for a long time. The issue, next logical step is working as one department under one chief.

[6:51:25 PM](#) Burke it is imperative to flush out the issues now, move slowly to avoid mistakes, not commingling funds, but we need to see what can be done. We will get 2 budgets, 1 chief scenario and 2 chief scenario budget.

[6:52:34 PM](#) Cooley we have more questions than answers right now.

[6:53:07 PM](#) Burke comments again, it takes more resources than what we have, Hailey alone cannot provide all the resources, but a partnership with Wood River would provide the resources needed. The work in this book is so that everyone is on the same page.

[6:53:53 PM](#) Haemmerle, over the years, we fumble with these historically. Having a common command structure to respond to incidents is good. We have a lot to do going forward. We need to make sure we have a pool of resources, volunteers in case this falls through.

[6:55:28 PM](#) Cooley we've spent a lot of time amending the bylaws, making good strides in this area.

[6:55:58 PM](#) Thea, if implemented is this supported by majority of the fire fighters involved? And when would this be implemented? Thea is for consolidation, what is the timeline. Haemmerle, no timeline, so that issues can be thought out and not rushed. Thea, Wood River Fire Chief Bart Lassman is retiring this year, will this be in place before he retires? Cooley responds, maybe.

[6:58:01 PM](#) Simms adds, Lassman is retiring effective Oct. 1st, we might ask for recommendations by early summer if Wood River wants to move forward as well. Ambulance District wants to be involved as well.

[6:59:07 PM](#) Haemmerle we have smaller jurisdictions, comments regarding the City of Bellevue buying a ladder truck instead of partnering with a Fire department that has one. Why not cooperate with agencies that have those trucks and be smart with our resources.

[7:00:06 PM](#) Aberbach, both departments are applying for grants that will complement each other Hailey is applying for the SAFER grant supports paid on call firefighters benefits for recruitment and retention and both departments applied for , Assistance to Firefighter Grant through FEMA, Homeland Security, for aerial truck and equipment for the truck. That complements each other on vehicles. And another SAFER grant for a fulltime staff position.

[7:00:57 PM](#) Aberbach sees this as a good first model. Answers Engelhardt's question regarding who will they work for in the future. Aberbach, there are many models out there Some organizations hire based on demand, so the county might have more of a demand for a Fire Chief, Hailey might have more of a need for a Fire marshal / inspector.

[7:01:58 PM](#) Simms speaks under the current JPA and the draft organization chart, these would still be City of Hailey employees, duties would cross over but separate pay for approx 5 years. Engelhardt, hard part is working out the people challenge.

[7:03:33 PM](#) Thea is there a union? Yes, Aberbach, they've been working with it for many years, and it is a positive relationship.

Haemmerle asks, do you have direction? Cooley and Burke reply, yes. We do.

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:04:28 PM](#) Aberbach since January we have paid out \$50,000 in benefits to paid on call firefighters, thanks to you Becky Stokes, City Attorney and Heather Dawson for working so hard on making this happen. For this year's hose testing only one hose test failure, it was a 25-foot hose.

[7:05:02 PM](#) Yeager, we received a Seagraves grant for Hop Porter Park improvements. Yeager, we will be replacing some swings at the end of May and beginning of June, and the middle of May we will be putting impact material in around the equipment. We will remove the old swing sets in early May, bring in truck with impact material after that. [7:05:58 PM](#) the River Street public workshop is May 16th, for the next council meeting Yeager will have information from that meeting. Stanley consultants are moving fast with these projects.

[7:06:52 PM](#) Haemmerle, at Hop Porter Park we had vandalism recently on the pillars with handprinted tiles.

[7:07:45 PM](#) Thea asked if Arborfest was moved because of this park renovation? Yeager replied, no.

[7:07:54 PM](#) Horowitz, have a robust and exciting workshop for town square, next week at Minnie Moore room at community campus 5:30 pm April 29th.

[7:09:04 PM](#) Dawson, next council meeting May 13, NAMI will discuss the events which will happen at same time as ArborFest event.

[7:09:29 PM](#) Thea would like to help volunteer with some help at Hop Porter Park.

[7:10:07 PM](#) Cooley and Burke attended the fiddlers competition, it was quite good. Burke, we need to get the chamber to embrace this event. We need to get behind this event.

[7:11:35 PM](#) **Burke moves to adjourn, Cooley seconds, motion passed unanimously.**

Fritz X. Haemmerle, Mayor

Mary Cone, City Clerk