

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 12, 2019
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Council President Martha Burke. Present were Council members Jeff Engelhardt, Kaz Thea, and Pat Cooley. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle not in attendance.

[5:30:31 PM](#) call to order by Martha Burke

Burke announced that we are pulling tonight’s presentation and we will have it in two weeks at our next meeting.

Open Session for Public Comments:

No public comments

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 266](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2019-071, authorizing Artist Contract Agreement with Jacob Novinger for the Myrtle Street Pathway Connector, for a \$4,910 art installation. ACTION ITEM
- [CA 267](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-072, authorizing an agreement with Asphalt Systems, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$21,422.60, for purchase and application of a Polymer Asphalt Surface Sealer emulsion for the 2019 chip seal work ACTION ITEM
- [CA 268](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-073, authorizing an agreement with Syringa for fiber phones for the Hailey Police Department.....
- ~~[CA 269](#) Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Conditional Use Permit Application to Blaine County for approval of a snow storage area to be located at 89 Croy Creek Road, Hailey. ACTION ITEM~~
- [CA 270](#) Motion to approve the special event, Hailey Hot Car Super Summer Show “Diversity Driven”, to be held at McKercher Park on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 10:00 am until 6:00p.m. ACTION ITEM.....
- ~~[CA 271](#) Motion to approve amendments to a previously approved Special Event Proprietary Agreement with the DrSwanMusic, LLC to hold Summer’s End – The Draper Rendezvous at Lions Park on August 24th, 2019. ACTION ITEM~~
- [CA 272](#) Motion to approve Alcohol License Renewals ACTION ITEM
- [CA 273](#) Motion to approve taxi schedule fare ACTION ITEM
- ~~[CA 274](#) Motion to approve minutes of July 22, 2019 and to suspend reading of them ACTION ITEM~~
- [CA 275](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of July, 2019, and claims for expenses due by contract in August, 2019 ACTION ITEM
- [CA 276](#) Motion to approve Treasurer’s Reports for the month of July, 2019 ACTION ITEM

[5:31:35 PM](#) Simms CA 269 pulls

[5:31:43 PM](#) Engelhardt, pg. 111 minutes, CA 274

Simms pulls CA 271

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Cooley moved to approve all consent agenda items minus CA 269, CA 271 and CA 274, seconded by Engelhardt, motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes. Cooley, yes, Thea, yes. Burke, yes.

[5:33:31 PM](#) CA 269, CUP, Simms ask that council make a motion to authorize council president to sign since the Mayor is out of town since this is a time-sensitive matter.

CA 269 - Cooley moves to authorize Council President Burke to sign the Condition Use Permit, seconded by Thea. Motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes. Thea, yes. Cooley, yes. Burke, yes.

CA 271 – Simms lets council know that Luke Henry, event organizer is present tonight, he is bringing the Draper Preserve Festival, it is the new music festival in a few weeks.

[5:34:57 PM](#) Henry speaks, Event is Aug. 24th, will have 10 bands in Lions Park, noon to 11 pm time change asking for an hour earlier start, at 11 am. Henry has booked bands all week long throughout the valley. Including a late-night show at The Red Shoe. Food and art vendors coming from Boise.

[5:36:40 PM](#) **Thea moves to approve CA 271, amended Aug 24th 11 am to 11 pm, second by Engelhardt. Motion passed with roll call vote, Engelhardt, yes. Cooley, yes. Thea, yes. Burke, yes.**

[5:37:18 PM](#) Burke looking at the minutes. Engelhardt looking at page 108, time 6:43:17, please strike the word “is” and replace with “was” Engelhardt.

[5:38:30 PM](#) **Cooley moves to approve minutes as amended, Engelhardt seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes. Cooley, yes. Thea, yes. Burke, yes.**

MAYOR’S REMARKS:

MR 277 Candidate filing period opens August 26, 2019 for elected office, including Hailey’s mayor, council seat 4 (Pat Cooley, incumbent) and Council Seat 3 (Jeff Engelhardt, incumbent (no documents)

[5:39:19 PM](#) Martha Burke announces upcoming election year, and welcomes those interested in running for office to do so.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 278 Presentation by Community Development Department on resiliency efforts (no documents)

[5:39:53 PM](#) Burke we will present this at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 279 *Public Hearing on a final Plat application for Carbonate View Subdivision represented by Galena Engineering on behalf of W Squared, LLC for Tax Lot 8364 S. 9 & 16, T2N, R18E, Hailey. The property has received preliminary plat approval to be resubdivided into fourteen (14) single family lots, ranging in size from 7,000 square feet to 9,047 square feet. All of the lots will have frontage on W. Chestnut Street. Parcel B is proposed as a 60' wide public right-of-way, dedicated to the City and containing a public pathway and fire access lane, subject to future reconstruction for use as a local street (extension of Almond Street) upon undergoing a public hearing process and determination of need by the City Council. This 60-foot wide Parcel B connects to Parcel A within the Sherwood Forest Subdivision, thereby connecting Carbonate Street and Robin Hood Drive. The project is located in the General Residential (GR) Zoning and Floodplain Overlay Districts. THIS ITEM TO BE CONTINUED ON THE RECORD TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 (no documents)*

5:40:24 PM Cooley makes a motion to continue this item to the Sept. 9th meeting, Thea seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes. Cooley, yes. Thea, yes. Burke, yes.

PH 280 *Public hearing and consideration of Resolution 2019-_____, authorizing water and wastewater rates to become effective September 25, 2019, with proposed water metered rates increasing 9% and proposed wastewater user rates increasing 10% ACTION ITEM*

5:41:08 PM Brian Yeager, each year we look at user fees and connection fees based on equivalent dollar value and number of connections. Those connection fees are going up 3.5 % for water and 4.8% for Wastewater. The other 2 fees are user fees, the Wastewater user fee. We are looking to fully fund the budget, these fees have not raised since 2014, for the last 5 years, these have been the same. Water user fees, 3 component, user fee, bond payment fee (being reduced from \$3.18 to \$3.02) and base fee is dropping -.6%, and will see an increase of approx. 9% for the water user fee. Yeager explains that when water conservation measures are implemented, then rate goes up for other users.

5:45:11 PM Dawson explains, the Wastewater user budget is only going up 4%, the fee increase needs to be greater.

5:45:37 PM Engelhardt, in high rain years, customers using less water, costs go up, rates increase. Yeager, it costs X dollars per year to operate the system and if only very little water is used, we still have costs to split between all users.

5:46:24 PM Cooley it is a philosophical question, if you are not producing you don't have power costs. The fact is that we have an appreciated system to maintain, final costs is still there to maintain that system.

Public Comment

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[5:47:08 PM](#) Tony Evans with the Idaho Mountain Express, if someone is using less water, and saving money, going to lower tiered rate to save money. If not, it is a no-win situation, to conserve on irrigation.

[5:48:21 PM](#) Yeager responds to Evans question. The city has many users, in order for water volume to decrease all users must conserve, it is more likely that few individuals will reduce usage and they would move down in the tiered user fee bracket. We must make sure that the user fees are set so that the operation rate is covered. The tiered rate structure remains the same, each rate increases at a 9% rate increase.

[5:50:17 PM](#) Cooley, by law the city can increase fees annually by 4%, without notice. Hailey has not increased rates in 5 years.

[5:51:08 PM](#) Burke, water and wastewater are separate funds and they must fund themselves.

[5:51:51 PM](#) **Cooley moves to adopt Resolution 2019-074, adopting the new water and wastewater fees as presented, seconded by Engelhardt. Motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes. Cooley, yes. Thea, yes. Burke, yes.**

PH 281 Public Hearing on FY 2020 Budget, with consideration and possible first reading of appropriation ordinance, and authorization to certify property tax increase of 3% to Blaine County and Idaho State Tax Commission ACTION ITEM

[5:52:45 PM](#) referring to page 170 in packet, Burke suggests council have discussion on categories.

Thea asked to hear from Tree Committee, letter was handed out tonight?

[5:54:21 PM](#) Burke, discussion of budget categories.

Mountain Rides funding discussion [5:55:03 PM](#) Thea, this was my request based on Mountain Rides presentation an answer to the question, if they don't get the \$2,000 what would happen.

[5:55:55 PM](#) Burke, asked Horowitz to share comments on funding of Economic Development and how it helps Hailey.

[5:56:25 PM](#) Horowitz, every year Sun Valley Economic Development puts out fact sheets regarding occupancy rates, job rates equal, our job balances equal Ketchum and Sun Valley now. Horowitz would not have this information unless provided by this group. Harry Griffith has spent a lot of time over the last year trying to find a business to occupy the King's space, he brought in an out of area group trying to recruit a tenant. They are a huge resource to us, and would be supportive of more.

[5:58:21 PM](#) Burke, there is a new request from Sun Valley Institute.

[5:58:38 PM](#) Burke asks Linda Reis from the Tree Committee to talk.

[5:58:51 PM](#) Thea, adds to Sun Valley Economic Development discussion, she has attended their event the last 2 years. Their workshop was beneficial, and she learned why a town square is important, how to revitalize downtown areas and useful to our city.

[6:00:00 PM](#) Burke asks Linda Reis if she'd like to speak. Reis speaks to council, refers to a letter from Tree Committee that they voted on in their July meeting. Ecosystems Science Foundation, out of Boise, have been writing grants to Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) for landscape restoration. These are forestry funds for grants to help us with urban forest. Wood River Valley, IDL wants to do some evaluation, we've had several meetings, Ketchum is on board, Sun Valley is on board, Blaine County is involved too. Amount requested, \$41,500, total with Hailey's amount \$4,100 [6:03:52 PM](#) Burke asks if this amount is flexible? [6:04:43 PM](#) Linda responds, this is important to Hailey. Reis, this is a first step, they would help the city plan for the future. Burke, hoping this would be an inventory and help with River Street.

[6:06:54 PM](#) Thea, this is not just about tree cover. Burke, is this just one year. Reis, not sure what this is. Reis, first year is the assessment, looking at all trees.

[6:08:19 PM](#) Cooley, asked Yeager where would this expense come from in his budget, and what would you give up to do this? Yeager, responds we have other money in a special project fund, in parks, general fund. Water user fee funds part of general fund. And in streets dept., have a line item of \$45,000, and then there is a 3rd line item that would be used to pay this amount.

[6:09:33 PM](#) Horowitz spoke to council. We would like to support this but can we give a bit less?

[6:10:38 PM](#) Reis thinks we might be able to give less.

Public comment:

There were no public comments.

[6:11:09 PM](#) Engelhardt, looking at deliverables on this project, would provide a GIS land cover assessment, he thinks since rain forests are disappearing, not sure how in our little community we have so many trees. What benefit would this be to Hailey citizens? Engelhardt likes the idea but is skeptical of taking away from other city budgets to fund this.

[6:13:10 PM](#) Cooley, we are taking a lot out of the street department, coming in at this late time, for asking, too late to change our budget right now. Street dept. would be taking money from an already strained budget.

[6:14:14 PM](#) Thea, 5B restoration local group could be a good idea. Thea is in support of this. but can we support it at a lessor level?

[6:15:57 PM](#) Burke suggested breaking out items separately.

Dawson, asked Burke, do you want to check to see if the public understood that public comment was open on all of these items?

Public comment:

[6:16:29 PM](#) Gwendolen Holly, a county resident, will this be shared? Reis, this is just the beginning.

Back to council, [6:17:45 PM](#) Burke, not the right time for Hailey, would ask to vote on just this item.

[6:19:10 PM](#) Scott Lewis, a county resident comments on the tree topic, thinks they are asking to get baseline data for trees in the area. Then determine where to go from there. Feels this is important.

[6:20:08 PM](#) Horowitz, this is not a new item, this was put in CD and Parks budget, it did not survive the balancing process.

Dawson the project will go forward without us if we don't contribute.

[6:22:24 PM](#) This would be more meaningful with a bigger picture, Engelhardt.

[6:22:46 PM](#) Burke is disinclined to support; don't think we can support it.

Thea wants to do this, \$4,100. Engelhardt, not the right time to participate.

[6:24:53 PM](#) Mountain Rides funding, Dawson it is shown out of the LOT revenue.

Public comments:

[6:26:13 PM](#) there are no public comments.

Engelhardt is good, Cooley in support. Thea in support.

[6:26:33 PM](#) Regarding Sun Valley Economic Development funding, Thea, we use their data and it is useful data.

Cooley, is in support of this funding.

No public comments.

Sun Valley institute funding discussion:

[6:28:14 PM](#) Erica Linson, has worked at the institute for the last 4 years, moved from the bay area recently. She has been in and out of the valley for 30 years. Linson gave an overview,

Blaine County resilience workshops, define risks in valley, 10 solutions out of working groups. A structure that would support joint collaboration. 3 main goals, joint goals on tree, regional collaboration, working with non-profits, increase community engagement. Help with communication. 3rd goal to create long term thinking and economic and environmental challenges. With community engagement, how do we promote trust in relationships. Creating social cohesion. [6:34:08 PM](#) Sonoma created a new office, recover and resilience after the fires 2 years ago. Many cities have sustainability and resilience officers. Looking ahead with future challenges that has structure to respond to stress.

[6:35:17 PM](#) Burke how do you see your involvement with or without \$1,000. Linson responds, Amy is willing to advise without funding, answered Linson. Burke, what are other communities funding? Sun Valley and Ketchum not funding, Blaine County, haven't received an answer yet.

[6:36:59 PM](#) Gwendolen Holley speaks, History of Sun Valley author, she has just come home. Responds to question about handouts, the glossy stuff came from individual donors.

Public comment

[6:38:26 PM](#) Scott Lewis, a Sun Valley Institute board member, explains what the funding would help with - regional collaboration. Our broad goal, want to be a broad catalyst and engage the community.

[6:40:05 PM](#) Thea, our last conversation on the Tree topic, their analysis would have helped the Tree grant. They are trying to analyze the best way to collaborate this task.

[6:41:13 PM](#) Burke adds, we also need to fix the solar panels on the Wastewater treatment plant.

[6:42:04 PM](#) Scott Lewis comments again. They produced the brochure for the conference.

Public comment closed.

[6:42:47 PM](#) Engelhardt, was skeptical at first, then reads from letter. Not sure what we get, feasibility study for the office. Our local level, not sure how we'd do anything different. Thinks what you are doing is great.

[6:44:56 PM](#) Cooley, echoes some of Engelhardt's comments. We have immediate needs in nuts and bolts, doesn't see the benefit to Hailey. Maybe next year we can consider contributing if you come earlier in our budget process.

[6:46:16 PM](#) Thea, it is unfortunate that the other municipalities are not supporting this cause.

[6:46:47 PM](#) Burke adds, when other cities contribute, come back to us.

Burke asks do you want to fund this? Engelhardt, not at this time. Cooley, not at this time.

[6:48:01 PM](#) Dawson, if you want to reduce your budget by \$1,000, you can re-appropriate it to another fund or business. Cooley responds, we have pressing capital needs.

Burke, asks do we want to allocate it to streets?

[6:49:56 PM](#) Cooley moves to approve FY 2020 budget (\$15,554,939) by adopting Ordinance No. 1247, and authorize the reading by title only. Thea, seconds. Dawson adds the appropriation ordinance is on Page 183 of packet, and Cone adds that the next Ordinance number is 1247. Motion passed with roll call vote. Thea, yes. Cooley, yes. Engelhardt, yes. Burke, yes.

[6:51:30 PM](#) Burke conducts the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1247, by title only.

PH 282 Public Hearing on Ord. No. _____, repealing dangerous animal section of Hailey Municipal Code, Section 06.04.040 ACTION ITEM

[6:52:42 PM](#) Simms explains this item, this coincides with the state's adoption and effective law of dangerous dogs. Simms has discussed this with the Police Chief, and he wants to repeal this section of our city code.

No Public comments.

Cooley, is good to go.

[6:55:00 PM](#) Thea moves to adopt Ordinance No. 1248, repeal the dangerous animal section of Hailey Municipal Code, 06.04.040, Cooley seconds, conduct first reading by title only. Motion passed with roll call vote. Engelhardt, yes.

[6:55:38 PM](#) Burke conducts 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1248, by title only

STAFF REPORTS:

[6:56:33 PM](#) Yeager, the Myrtle Street project is moving along nicely, there will be a request for a project extension, he will ask the Mayor to sign and have ratified in the next meeting. Want until Aug 30th, far ends of project. Most of blocks 1st through 4th will be substantially complete by August 16th.

[6:58:21 PM](#) Yeager explains the reason for the delay and saving \$104,000 on the project. 2nd project is property exchange with school district, and water rights for a property out Croy Canyon. Earlier in the meeting, you approved a CUP, we want to move forward and negotiate an exchange. Next school board meeting is tomorrow night. School may discuss asking for more water rights.

[7:00:51 PM](#) Howard Royal with the school district speaks, we've been discussing this for 3 years. School district developed the well to use the City's owned water rights and is using that well.

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[7:02:19 PM](#) Royal discusses in the current Memorandum, there is an option to buy a water right. Yeager is in process of developing a new Memorandum of Understanding. This will be discussed tomorrow night at the school board.

[7:03:38 PM](#) Engelhardt how do you value a water right? Hate for city to give away this right.

[7:04:19 PM](#) Howard Royal comments again. Yeager will bring this back to council. 3rd project, upcoming is the chip seal project, it is a significant project including many streets in woodside, Airport Circle and Cobblestone Lane, starts next week a 3-week window of time. 4th project the 2018 Idaho Water Resource Board still has money left in this grant. Hoping to bundle that with the 2019 grant, and move forward with larger project but cannot. Yeager, will try to do a quick project to use the 2018 remaining funds, a ditch along the east side of War Eagle, 2 feet wide, a few culverts under driveways. 2019 money I for the culvert under War Eagle Drive. [7:07:53 PM](#) Yeager concludes, he might be moving fast with these documents too.

[7:08:20 PM](#) Dawson Blaine County has received a grant for an electric charging station in Hailey on their property in the alley behind the annex building, it is the EVSE grant. Horowitz, added we will be getting a charging station at the car wash on 3rd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Fritz X. Haemmerle, Mayor

Mary Cone, City Clerk