

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 10, 2020
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:30 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.

Open Session for Public Comments:

[5:30:06 PM](#) call to order by Mayor Haemmerle. Mayor Haemmerle comments, impressive turn out this evening, it would be impressive at other times too, such as during our budget hearings.

Public comments:

[5:30:53 PM](#) Michelle Griffith ARCH, wants to publicly thank this council, your town is beautiful this time of year and on the 4th of July. [5:31:25 PM](#) Griffith recounts the ribbon cutting at River Street apartments where Mayor Haemmerle comments to her, "I hope you'll do this again." Griffith states sorry it took so long but hopes you will be there again at future Blaine Manor ribbon cutting.

[5:31:49 PM](#) Haemmerle, to Griffith thank you for the hard work that you do, you are a true warrior for your cause, you go forward with true courage and you are to be commended for what you do, you do a great job. Applause by room.

[5:32:09 PM](#) Neil Bradshaw, Ketchum mayor, thanks Mayor Haemmerle for his leadership, collaboration, good collaboration doesn't start until you breakdown fences and we certainly did that. Bradshaw appreciate your leadership, and want to wish you the very best in the years ahead, appreciate your mentoring of him on the Air Service Board. Bradshaw looks forward to more years of collaboration with Hailey. Ketchum congratulates the new members and wish them the very best. Look forward to collaboration with the new Mayor and council members now and in the future. Applause by audience.

[5:33:27 PM](#) Haemmerle comments, your city has served as inspiration for our lights, we took it one step further, thank you for having an example of what a pretty city looks like.

[5:33:40 PM](#) Peter Hendricks Sun Valley Mayor, reads from his notes, expresses sincere thanks to those of you leaving office and to congratulate those embarking on new positions and new adventures. In this capacity you must be leaders and make hard decisions. You must be bold and take action. This job will try your patience and perseverance it will strain your natural good humor, and threaten your positive attitude. [5:35:00 PM](#) And it will provide you with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and engagement that is unequal. If we as elected officials are, responsive and respectful to the needs and the goals of our constituents and our employees, and work together with dignity and respect we will enjoy mutual success and continue to accomplish great things.

To those of you leaving office, I offer a sincere thank you for all of your efforts and all of your good work. When he was elected mayor 4 years ago, former mayor, said the job was easy and recounts a day's events as mayor, he knows as well as you know that that is not how it works at city hall. Hendricks especially thanks Mayor Haemmerle for his service on the Air Service Board, bringing a wealth of experience and professionalism as well as dedication to achieving goals. As a newby to the board, he thanks Mayor Haemmerle for his patience and his help, thanks all the council for making our community a better place for our citizens, applaud your dedication and perseverance and wish you the best in the future. Applause by audience.

[5:36:46 PM](#) Haemmerle thank you for your bringing stability for your city you've proven to be a guiding light to your city but most importantly, you've fixed all those roads to be nice and smooth for riding bikes on them. Mayor Haemmerle to Hendricks, you are doing a great job..

[5:37:13 PM](#) Jane Drussel, Hailey citizen and business owner, speaks Mayor Haemmerle and she go back a long way, we started the lights on Main Street a few years ago. The city is who has brought this forth, and she hopes the public appreciates the beauty when they drive through town. Thank you to the city council and mayor. For the new guys, let's keep this going, we need a town square, keep our community going. Thank you so much. Applause from room.

[5:39:57 PM](#) Haemmerle responds, every town needs a "Jane", my advice to those that will sit in this chair, it is not about you, it is about them, their ideas and energy, listen to them. Mayor Haemmerle remembers when Jane came to ask for lights and flowers, it was not our idea but we listened, it was her idea and it was a good one [5:41:02 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle speaks to Jane Drussel, "the city could not do without you, I personally thank you." Applause by the room.

[5:41:20 PM](#) Herbert Romero speaks and thanks the city council for diversity and inclusion, thank you to Pat Cooley and Jeff Engelhardt for approving the events that we've brought to town. We appreciate you for being so open. Romero is looking forward to the continued support. thank you Mayor Haemmerle. applause by room.

[5:42:38 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle speaks about diversity, Hailey is very diverse and welcoming city and that will not ever change.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 001](#) Motion to ratify Mayor Haemmerle's signature on a grant support letter for Rotarun Ski Area transportation needs assessment **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 002](#) Motion to ratify Mayor Haemmerle's signature on Tree City USA Certification application **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 003](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-____, ratifying Grant Agreement Amendment No. 3 with the Idaho Water Resource Board to extend the Water Smarty grant agreement to December 31, 2020. **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 004](#) Motion to approve minutes of December 09, 2019 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 005](#) Motion to ratify claims for expenses incurred during the month of December, 2019, **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 006](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of December, 2019, and due January 2020 **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 007](#) Motion to approve Treasurer's Reports for the month of November, 2019 **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 008](#) Motion to approve Treasurer's Annual Road and Street Finance Report for FYE 2019 **ACTION ITEM**.....

[5:43:21 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:

[5:43:49 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle moves to the front of the room, there are 2 plaques ready, to honor Pat Cooley and Jeff Engelhardt. In thinking about you both and how you've served our community, only you two have served in the military. You have served your community but also your country, most of us have not. So, Haemmerle continues, "thank you from the bottom of my heart, very much." Mayor Haemmerle recognizes Engelhardt first. [5:44:51 PM](#) Haemmerle, you served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and served well and then stepped up to serve on City Council when we had an opening. You have served honorably; I thank you for your service. Engelhardt, thanks staff.

[5:45:19 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle presents plaque to Pat Cooley, you have given 20 years of service to Hailey. You have been a calming voice, and brought us back to center, thank you for your service. [5:46:00 PM](#) Cooley responds, it has been my honor.

[5:46:24 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle transition of power is the ultimate form of democracy. My philosophy, like a relay race, when tired and bloody can't run anymore, hand off the baton, to someone to continue. Have served 2 mayor terms, 1 as council. 1st point, you are here to make sure that the city runs well. Haemmerle complained about an engine block in their alley, called the city to move that engine block. Quality control, he has trained staff, Dawson confirms, we are committed to continuing. You get it done. 2nd point, status quo is never good enough, can't come in to this office, for the meeting, go home and then return in 2 weeks. You need to make it better. It comes from ideas that you may have, but most importantly, listen to the citizens ideas. [5:51:17 PM](#) 3rd point, you have to be courageous, they will blog about you, hate you, you must continue. Those people are not the majority. Don't be driven by those things, but by your moral compass and moral fortitude. [5:53:08 PM](#) 4th point, you don't know everything. My first meeting here was utter chaos, Martha Burke and Carol Brown put him down. What worked was we debated the issues hard, how well you debate and listen is the most important point. Thank you to Martha for making me better. 5th point be loyal, be fair. [5:54:46 PM](#) we are very loyal to our people and locals and that pays off, people are here a long time. Point 6, you will be given an oath today [5:55:45 PM](#) far too much, people take an empty oath, and advocate for personal interests. [5:56:17 PM](#) A lot of things you want to do, you can't do, as they are not allowed by Federal or State code. If you chase things not allowed by those codes, you are wasting your time. And, fundamentally your abridging your oath. You must follow the law. Sometime the law is not kind. Sometimes you don't want to do it, half the time you don't want to do it but you do it. 7 point, [5:57:04 PM](#) you will learn the points as you go, have heart and compassion. Finally, thank you to my family, wife Jennifer and Dieter, Jennifer you are my best friend, couldn't do this without you. Thanks for being my better half. Applause by audience, standing ovation by room. [5:58:40 PM](#)

Oath of office for Martha Burke:

[5:58:59 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle and Martha Burke move to the front of the room.

[5:59:29 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle recites oath of office to Martha Burke who repeats oath. Applause by room.

[6:00:24 PM](#) Mayor Burke speaks if I could have had a brother, it would be you, we support each other. Thank you, for everything you have done for the community. Burke hands Mayor Haemmerle a plaque with his gavel. Burke, comments, he asked for his gavel.

[6:02:18 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle thank you Martha, it has been a fun ride, you are now the Mayor of the City of Hailey. You will do fine and great, it has been an honor and privilege in working with all of you. Haemmerle, good luck, to Linnet and Martinez. Haemmerle ends, I'm out of here, thank you. Applause by room.

[6:02:51 PM](#) Burke speaks to Pat Cooley and Jeff Engelhardt, serving with you has been a joy and she thanks them for their help all these years. Applause from room for Cooley and Engelhardt exiting the room.

[6:03:19 PM](#) Martha Burke speaks, after 28 years with city, feels she has support. is grateful for this opportunity. Burke wants to do a great job, united in best interests in the community, make this a home for all of us.

Oath of office for council seats:

[6:04:23 PM](#) Mayor Burke introduces Sam Linnet and Juan Martinez. Mayor Burke reads the Oath to Juan Martinez first. [6:05:06 PM](#) Martinez responds, I will.

[6:05:37 PM](#) Burke administers oath to Sam linnet, Linnet responds. I do.

Martinez and Linnet take their seats at the council table.

Council remarks:

[6:06:22 PM](#) Juan Martinez speaks, thanks for this opportunity. The theme, what can you do for your country. I am a product of this community and town and his goal is to make you proud.

[6:07:09 PM](#) Sam Linnet, honored to be here, and to make it a place for everyone. Linnet thanked his wife and all people who helped him get here. City of Hailey is an exceptional place to live, the outgoing Mayor and councilors deserve recognition. So, tonight is about honoring them. Applause by room.

[6:09:24 PM](#) Burke this is an exceptional moment for the City of Hailey and like you I am grateful for Mayor Haemmerle's service as well as Cooley and Engelhardt. Burke then recognizes Tom Ward.

[6:09:46 PM](#) Tom Ward served on our Planning and Zoning Commission and our Parks and Lands board, he represents what we love about Hailey, service, love and devotion, thank you Tom. Applause by room

[6:10:29 PM](#) Burke, thank you for coming tonight.

[6:10:51 PM](#) Thea makes a motion to continue the meeting to Monday January 13, 2020, Linnet seconds, motion approved unanimously.