

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2020
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 4:59 P.M. by Mayor Martha Burke. Present were Council members Heidi Husbands, Kaz Thea, Sam Linnet, and Juan Martinez. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

[4:59:39 PM](#) call to order by Mayor Burke

[5:00:00 PM](#) Husbands moves to amend the agenda with late added items, seconded by Thea. Motion passed with roll call vote. Husbands, yes. Linnet, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Property Acquisition (IC 74-206(1)(c))

[5:00:44 PM](#) Martinez motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Property Acquisition (IC 74-206(1)(c)), Thea seconds. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.

Mayor and council go into Executive Session.

Mayor and council come out of executive session at 5:41 pm.

[5:41:57 PM](#) Mayor Burke reconvenes meeting.

Open Session for Public Comments:

[5:42:14 PM](#) Tewa Evans Hailey resident, is advocating for Mountain Rides, she rides the bus 2-4 times a day, passes around a poster. We have an issue with the Neely device which lowers the entry onto the bus. The device does not work on the Hailey buses, repair attempts have been unsuccessful. They, Mountain Rides, says the same thing, they need funding to repair these. Seniors cannot safely enter and exit the bus especially in the Winter, asks council to do whatever they can to help out.

[5:44:10 PM](#) Bob MacLeod, Hailey resident, announces that Wednesday March 4th is, Idaho Day, the day that Idaho created, it was signed into territory by President Lincoln. This year is the 100th year of women's suffrage, on March 13th at noon there will be a celebration at the State Capital. Heritage Court is Sunday June 14th at the Liberty Theater at 3 pm.

[5:45:20 PM](#) Iny Day-Truppi, Hailey resident here to ask council to consider an all valley town hall to discuss 5G before it gets too late. Gives a letter to the Mayor and Heather Dawson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

**CA 081-a Motion to approve letter of support for Mountain Rides Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Fellowship program through America Walks advocacy program ACTION ITEM*

- [CA 081-b](#) Motion to accept grant from Idaho Transportation Department for up to \$25,000 in purchases of Hailey Police Department’s in-car computers/MDTs and e-ticket machines with a 25% match from the City of Hailey of up to \$6,250 **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 082](#) Motion to ratify Mayor’s letter to Idaho Mountain Express regarding Area of City Impact **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 083](#) Motion to ratify Mayor’s letters to the Idaho Legislature regarding HB 409 and potential property tax freeze **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 084](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-025, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Administrative Wildlife Closure Guidelines in collaboration with Idaho Department of Fish and Game and other jurisdictions **ACTION ITEM**....
- [CA 085](#) Motion to approve multiuse activity at the tennis courts at Heagle Park, allowing pickleball use with tennis use on one tennis court **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 086](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-026, authorizing an agreement with SPF Water Engineering for Indian Springs Gaging Stations for \$2,700**ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 087](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-027, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on an agreement with Idaho Power in the amount of \$13,866, to complete electrical service modifications for the River St. well upgrade. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 088](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-028, authorizing an agreement with Sharon Patterson Grant for interim Community Development staff support need to cover absent staff duties **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 089](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-029, and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Webb Landscaping for seasonal upkeep at the Fox Demonstration Garden **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 090](#) Motion to approve Special Event Permit for Wood River Farmers Market on Thursday’s from 4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. starting June 11, 2020 and going through September 24, 2020, to be held at McKercher Park **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 091](#) Motion to approve Special Event Proprietary Agreement with the DrSwanMusic, LLC to hold Summer’s End – The Draper Rendezvous at Lions Park on August 22nd, 2020, with camping August 21-23, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 092](#) Motion to approve minutes of February 10, 2020 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 093](#) Motion to ratify claims for expenses incurred during the month of February, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 094](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of January 2020, and claims for expenses due by contract in February, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 095](#) Motion to approve unaudited Treasurer’s report from January 2020 ***ACTION ITEM**

[5:46:51 PM](#) ca 091 pulled by Yeager
[5:47:08 PM](#) ca 089, 091 pulled by Husbands

[5:47:25 PM](#) **Thea moved to approve all consent agenda items minus CA 089 and CA 091, seconded by Martinez, motion passed with roll call vote. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**

[5:47:48 PM](#) CA089 Husbands, wants to find a company that is willing to adopt this park.
[5:48:48 PM](#) Simms suggests that council pull item for now and discuss off line with staff

[5:49:03 PM](#) CA 091 Yeager, asks that council add that this is subject to payment by applicant.
 Husbands

[5:50:09 PM](#) Luke Henry sponsor, sold water in reusable water bottles last year for \$5 each and refills for \$1, it was a severe expense, and he is looking for sponsorships, to help cover the water costs.

[5:51:31 PM](#) Martinez thinks it is important to allow camping.

[5:51:54 PM](#) Linnet moves to approve CA 091, seconded by Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

MR 096 Comments regarding February 17, 2020 letter to Mountain Express regarding Area of City Impact (no documents)

[5:52:19 PM](#) Mayor Burke wrote and submitted letter to the Idaho Mountain Express with the help of staff on her desire to work with Bellevue on defining Area of City Impact areas between our cities. We would like to serve Hailey and respect needs for land to grow into. If you think the letter is okay, hopefully I haven't spoken out of turn. Linnet thinks the letter is great. Thea also likes the letter.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 097a Presentation of Community Development Department 2019 Annual Report (no documents)

[5:53:14 PM](#) Lisa Horowitz, presents the annual report. We have had 50 new residential projects in Hailey in 2019. Horowitz shows 8 year comparison on permits and the cost of those permits. Have had 30 new businesses open in Hailey in 2019. A workshop is planned [5:58:18 PM](#) on Downtown Residential Overlay on River Street, to encourage apartments and will look at further vehicles that may encourage development. Resilient Hailey, looking at all agreements, including franchises to see how we can be more resilient. Horowitz discusses the Hailey flower project. Where we made pallet furniture, shows the Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission's (HAHPC) plaques on historic buildings, metal collage sheep art project installed on the corner of Main and Myrtle Streets. And mentions the Hailey URA, and well as a town square

PP 097b Wood River High School W.A.T.E.R Club presentation (see New Business 100 documents)

[6:01:27 PM](#) Students introduce to council, Britta a junior in school, Sofia a senior, and Hazel a freshman present. WATER stands for We Appreciate the Earth's Resources. Students present the reasons why they are passionate about this topic. WATER club presents their successes over the years, fashion show in 2017, clothes made from trash. Educational signs on recycle bins – what you can recycle and how, and last year installed hand dryers in some schools to replace paper towels. In 2019 this group toured the Ohio Gulch recycling center with Lamar Waters, they learned that recycling education is still needed in the community. Chart handed by the students out shows the different ways that we dispose of materials, including the amount of material and the ways they are disposed of in the past years. Generally, most of the material goes to the landfill, while only a small portion is recycled or combusted for energy recovery. Because we have a great composting facility available to us, and one of the groups goals is to reduce the use of single-use plastics in special events in Hailey, want to suggest usage of compostable materials at events. Telluride, CO has such an ordinance. This group met with local businesses, Shorty's Diner, Café Della and Hailey Coffee Company. And the want to propose a new ordinance with a section that will prohibit the use of single-use plastic, this group wants to

partner with the City to purchase the water bottle filling equipment and recycle bins to make available at city events. [6:12:04 PM](#) the Students know that this is a step in the right direction.

[6:13:19 PM](#) Mayor Burke thanks the students.

[6:13:30 PM](#) Thea asked how much the water station costs. \$4,000 new, or \$600 to rent. The students are looking into applying for a grant and want to negotiate the price to purchase the equipment with the City.

Applause by group.

Mayor Burke moves the New Business item next on the agenda for discussion.

[6:15:21 PM](#) Rebecca Bundy resiliency coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

*NB 100 Introduction of proposed ordinance amending Hailey Municipal Code 12.14.030 reducing single-use plastics during special events on Hailey City property, presented by W.A.T.E.R. Club
ACTION ITEM*

[6:16:22 PM](#) Simms suggests to Mayor Burke that the WATER club present the ordinance that they are proposing for chapter 12.14.020.

The students present, attempting to reduce single-use plastics, proposing added section d. section 12.14.020 to the code.

[6:17:27 PM](#) Burke asks, if passed here does it go to a vote? Simms responds to Mayor Burkes question. It would become law if adopted by council, no need to go to vote. Simms suggests that there could be more detail in the resiliency plan, we are somewhat hamstrung by state statute, but we are authorized to change special event requirements held within the city. Simms suggests that council can also adopted a resolution which further clarifies the city's support and stance of this effort.

[6:18:19 PM](#) Dawson talks about process, first would be an amendment to our Municipal code, proposed Ordinances, start out as New Business items on the agenda, next it would come back as a Public Hearing, and then after the readings and publication, hopefully it would be in effect by Earth Day this year, Wednesday April 22, 2020.

[6:19:27 PM](#) Burke asks council how to proceed.

[6:19:40 PM](#) Thea thanks the WATER club for bringing this to the City. Could we have some language about zero waste, Thea asks? And Thea wants to discuss no compost, no plastics,

[6:20:30 PM](#) Simms suggests in item D, include other language towards moving towards zero waste.

[6:21:08 PM](#) Linnet asks council about complete ban of plastics on city property. Simms, we can do that. Parks, city buildings, and city property. We can adopt a policy.

[6:23:44 PM](#) Thea thinks about asking Winns Composting if he can compost materials.

[6:24:28 PM](#) Simms responds to Thea's idea, all resiliency plans would provide for composting, this was his pass at achieving zero waste.

[6:25:21 PM](#) Linnet asks, if there is an enforcement provision in the Ordinance? Penalties, what to do? Simms, responds, with a suggestion of not approving future events, if sponsors don't comply.

[6:26:13 PM](#) Linnet asks if forms would be updated? Horowitz, we can handle between the 2 departments that handle special events.

Public comments:

[6:27:05 PM](#) Erika Greenberg teacher for WATER club speaks, they have already spoken to Winns Composting and Clear Creek Disposal, they have provided a list today of the materials they suggest to use. City of Ketchum monitors their resolution, event sponsors hold each other accountable and if don't comply then the City does not approve a future event.

[6:28:20 PM](#) Dr. Swan music sponsor speaks about the suggested composite materials suggested for use, and states that this creates more effort on the sponsor, it will be a lot harder to control. It will cost more to provide bins, and require more people to sort it out.

[6:29:13 PM](#) Burke, we will need community volunteers to help for events.

Luke Henry is supportive of this but it will be hard for him.

[6:29:59 PM](#) Thea this will require us to do the appropriate sorting and bring the appropriate things to Winns Composting, Thea knows that Aspen does this.

[6:30:07 PM](#) Martinez, is supportive of Linnets suggestion of doubling down on this effort for us. In the nature of their mission, to educate, is also to be a partner, to support this.

[6:30:50 PM](#) Mikie McDonnell speaks, she is with the Wood River Land Trust and applauds the efforts to reduce plastic use, and feels this is a positive step forward.

[6:31:26 PM](#) Martha Bibb, Hailey resident, suggests an addendum, to provide a definition of more plastics, including mylar balloons.

[6:32:13 PM](#) Sofia, there is a definition for single-use plastics in the ordinance.

[6:32:37 PM](#) Jacob Greenberg, Blaine County Commissioner speaks, the County is currently revising their policy too, to mirror this one. applaud efforts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 098 Consideration of Ordinance amending Hailey's Local Option Tax ordinance to provide for an extended term of the tax through June 30, 2050 ACTION ITEM

[6:35:29 PM](#) Dawson presents, she made changes from comments in the last meeting.

One change that is in process, take public comments, adopt the number, and it would become effective July 1, 2020 if passed by voters.

[6:37:07 PM](#) Thea asks a question, why is there a delay in the readings? Dawson, city council does not have authority to adopt this without 60% of voter approval and the ordinance must be published within 1 month of approval.

Public comments:

[6:38:43 PM](#) Peter Lobb, Hailey resident speaks. Lobb looks at fairness, there is no data on tourism impact, and we have never known this. Why do we do this? we do this because we can, a way to raise revenues. It is not fair. Other point is, why 30 years, why not 80 years. Title 50 is ambiguous. This is a regressive tax, puts money in our coffers, it isn't fair. Other people do this, this is our excuse. Easy to get passed if someone else is paying the bill.

Council deliberation discussion.

[6:42:47 PM](#) **Linnet moves to adopt Ordinance No. 1257 authorize the Mayor to read by title only, seconded by Martinez, and comments, he thinks this is a great tax for Hailey. Thea thinks it isn't just tourists that pay the tax, she pays it at restaurants and is happy to. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**

[6:43:58 PM](#) **Mayor Burke conducts 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1257, by title only.**

PH 099 Consideration of Resolution Calling Special Election for Tuesday, May 19, 2020, with ballot language that asks voters to consider approving Hailey's Ordinance No. _____ to extend the term of Hailey's Local Option Tax ordinance through June 30, 2050 ACTION ITEM

[6:45:04 PM](#) Dawson calls out the purpose of the Resolution, calling special election and the details of the ballot.

Linnet is concerned that it doesn't look like it is just continuing the timeframe.

[6:46:55 PM](#) Simms, after studying code what you see is his suggested language for the ballot. Thea it is an education.

[6:47:58 PM](#) Dawson, her recollection, these provisions are required, but will research further.

No Public comments.

[6:48:54 PM](#) Burke asks question, if we request a change, do we have time?

Dawson suggests to approve contingent on clearer language if allowed.

[6:50:39 PM](#) Linnet moves to approve Resolution 2020-030 calling for special election on May 19, 2020 with ballot language approving Ord. No. 1257, contingent on review of language by city attorney and staff, seconded by Martinez. Motion passed with roll call vote. Husbands, yes. Linnet, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

[6:52:15 PM](#) Brian Yeager and Cole Balis present. Water in Hailey serves 4,145 connections, with one spring water source and 4 well sources, 2 storage tanks, over 57 miles of piping and 3 pressure zones. DEQ recommends certain water pressure. Indian Creek spring is a gravity system providing most of our winter time water, onsite power generation during low demands.

[6:56:33 PM](#) source capacity = total capacity total capacity (with all sources of supply in service) and Firm capacity (with largest single source (3rd Ave) out of service). [6:58:15 PM](#) graph showing flow rate, 2 years 2018-2019, Indian creek springs daily production vs. water right.

[6:59:30 PM](#) Balis, our SCADA system went down for a few days, Balis was out of town for a few days, which meant that the wells can't tell how much water was being provided by Indian Creek, so they just let the wells run high and provided water from all sources, Yeager further explained that the SCADA system is the communication tool. Turned all sources on, Indian creek water was overflowing, and we were not able to use Indian Creek water.

[7:00:53 PM](#) Yeager our goal is to use all of the water right (up to the red line on graph)

[7:01:36 PM](#) total water by source graph, 2019, need to keep all systems balanced. Comfortably under our FIRM capacity in 2019, in 2018 we had a small spike closer towards FIRM capacity. Total capacity is 10.9. Yeager shows historic water production by source since 1995.

[7:07:00 PM](#) Facilities planning study from 2015 identifies non potable water rights via surface canals. This document is online if anyone wants to review it. Implementation recommendations are reviewed by Yeager.

[7:12:03 PM](#) Burke asks a question about pressure, if you change the pressure from the River street to respond to the low pressure, do we modify our equipment? Yeager, River street is already planning on upgrade, asks Balis to comment.

[7:12:15 PM](#) Balis, River street well will replace the pump, will have a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), so that we can run the motor to where we need it, instead of all or none, can run at 50% if we want to.

[7:15:00 PM](#) Yeager explains options, better to find a better solution now than waist money on a new well in the wrong location.

[7:16:13 PM](#) Water and sewer depts. Are enterprise funds, which means they are self-supporting government fund that sells goods and services for a fee.

[7:18:47 PM](#) Dawson, typically a developer puts in the water infrastructure connecting to the water and sewer system, that future homeowners will connect to later.

[7:20:25 PM](#) Dawson asked question, which well has ability to produce the most water? Yeager, 3rd ave well, which is the well we use the least amount.

Thea asked if snowfall impacts Indian creek water supply? Yeager and Balis respond, delay in 2 years if there is a low snow winter?

[7:26:07 PM](#) Yeager speaks about the, ITD Main Street repaving project, they have not been doing chip sealing in the Wood River Valley in anticipation of the repaving project in 2021. Yeager asked them to do the repairs. Yeager, we are not able to effect change in narrowing lanes in this upcoming project (2021). We have a window of time before the chip sealing project, 1 ½ years after new pavement is done. Question to council do you want us to hire a consultant to study and prepare for the chip sealing and restriping project and send letter to ITD? [7:30:03 PM](#) Martinez wants him to move forward. Linnet is good with this idea. Husbands asks, why narrow lanes? Yeager responds.

[7:32:06 PM](#) Dawson, Mountain Rides called her today. Plan on getting new busses. 2nd thing, what is right date for March 23rd is best day for the meeting. Thea won't be at March 23rd meeting.

[7:33:37 PM](#) Burke thanks Yeager and Balis as wells as the WATER club students.

[7:33:57 PM](#) Thea suggests that we should research grants for Main Street. Burke, we learned from ITD, if we delay their paving project, it would require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), we could lose our funding and our place in line for repaving.

[7:35:48 PM](#) Yeager responds, we don't want to lose the money for our repavement.

[7:39:47 PM](#) Husbands, Library Board meeting last Thursday, Library is looking at having hours on Sundays. Many people visit the library.

[7:40:59 PM](#) **Linnet moves to adjourn, seconded by Thea, motion passed unanimously.**