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## HAILEY MAYOR ANNOUNCES CITY ADMINISTRATOR HIRE

(Hailey, Idaho) – Mayor Susan McBryant is pleased to announce the selection process begun May 30, 2006 for a Hailey City Administrator has culminated in the hiring of Hailey resident Jim Spinelli. Spinelli brings an extensive background in large group management and training, corporate budgeting, development management, and risk management to the position. He has a ready knowledge of issues facing the city, having been active in civic affairs within the Wood River Valley community, most recently as executive director of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce.

The selection process was facilitated by a committee comprised of two citizens at large, two city council members, one city department head and the Mayor. The \$60,000/year position was advertised throughout Idaho during the month of June, drawing a broad range of qualified candidates, largely from Idaho, Utah, California, Oregon, and Montana. The selection committee identified four candidates to be interviewed during the first week of August, following which Mayor McBryant held several written and verbal dialogues with the final two candidates. She is confident that Hailey has selected a competent professional to assist her, the city council, and city staff .

Spinelli will be at his post during the August 28, 2006 city council meeting. To afford the Hailey Chamber of Commerce a smooth transition, Spinelli's work for the city during September will continue to increase to a full-time level by October 1, 2006.

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