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Climate Change

Mayor Signs Resolution Endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

On February 12, 2007, the Hailey City Council passed a resolution endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Mayor Susan McBryant signed the resolution, leading the city to take a proactive stance on global warming issues.

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement urges the federal government and state governments to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012 (numbers established by Kyoto Protocol), and then lists areas of emphasis to achieve this goal.

The agreement also urges the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes not only clear timetables and emissions limits but also a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries.

The third major area of the agreement makes a commitment to strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking action in our own operations and community. The agreement then lists 12 specific activities that may be undertaken. For example, item 3 encompasses promoting transportation options like bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit; item 8 suggests, among other things, increasing the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles.

Coinciding with the signing of the agreement, Hailey city staff drafted a preliminary Climate Protection Plan, which will undergo significant refinement in the

weeks ahead. The plan includes potential immediate, intermediate and long range action plans; education and public relations elements; and construction related energy issues. Watch this newsletter and our website for further developments.

Questions, comments or concerns regarding the city's work on climate protection may be directed to any city staff member, City Council member, or Mayor Susan McBryant. All may be reached via letter sent to 115 Main St. South, Suite H, Hailey; or the main phone line at City Hall: 788-4221. Email addresses may be found on our website: www.haileycityhall.org.

Announcement

Online Bill Payment Now Available

You can now pay your utility bill online with a credit or debit card or through a transfer of funds directly from your checking account. You may also complete these transactions via telephone or in person at City Hall. Please see the flier on the reverse of this page for more information.

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	03/20/07
City Council Meetings	03/12/07
.....	03/26/07
Historic Preservation Commission	03/27/07
Parks & Lands Board	03/06/07
P&Z Meetings	03/05/07
.....	03/19/07

Announcing...

The Easiest Way to Pay Your Bill

Our new online bill pay option saves you time and gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bill.

If you have an Internet connection and an e-mail address, you can now pay your bill online. It's fast, it's easy, and you no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp when it's time to send in your payment.

And, you can choose to discontinue paper bills and envelopes being sent to you by specifying that you only want an e-mailed bill reminder.

How It Works

We have contracted with ***Xpress Bill Pay***, a secure and insured on-line bill provider.

When you sign up for online bill payment you get a unique password that you use to access your personal account at www.haileycityhall.org. Every month we'll send you a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online.

Then, just log in through your Web browser and view your bill, which will look like the paper statement you're familiar with. Select a payment type — electronic check (EFT), debit card, or credit card — enter the information; you're done!

It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes. We're offering this service at the request of customers like you. Sign up today and see why so many people use this method to pay their bills.

Online Bill Payment Facts

- It's free to sign up for online bill payment at www.haileycityhall.org.
- You can pay your bills with a transfer of funds directly from your checking account, or you can pay with a debit or credit card.

- You can pay your bill from anywhere, as long as you have access to the Internet through a Web browser. No need to worry about late payments if you're out of town when your bill is due.
- After you complete the transaction, you can receive an e-mail receipt to confirm that the payment went through.
- You can view up to a year's billing history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago.
- If you'd like, you can select the auto-pay option with a steady pay date of your choice, and your bill will be paid automatically each month.

What To Do Next

If you're ready to get started with the convenience of online bill payment, here's what to do:

- 1) Go to www.haileycityhall.org, and select "Bill Payment" on the right hand side of the blue menu bar. We have contracted with Xpress Bill Pay to provide you with online bill payment service.
- 2) Click on "New to Xpress Bill Pay" and complete the short registration form including email address and password.
- 3) After you login, click on "Add New eBills" and follow the instructions to add your bill.
- 4) Once your bill is added to your account, you can view and pay your bill online, or setup a recurring auto payment.
- 5) Call with questions, and our friendly staff will be happy to assist you.



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