

## **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](http://www.haileycityhall.org).