

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 20, 2015
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:28 P.M. by Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. Present were Council members, Don Keirn, Pat Cooley, and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

Carol Brown not present.

Open Session for Public Comments:

[5:28:58 PM](#) Peter Lobb pulled CA 004 for comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 001	Motion to hold one Special City Council Meeting on February 9, 2015, to take the place of the regular meetings which would otherwise have been held on February 2 and 16, 2015	4
CA 002	Motion to ratify Fire Department Grant application for St Luke’s Select 25 grant for \$2,500 to be used for purchase of an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) bicycle	6
CA 003	Motion to authorize a Wood River Land Trust wetlands restoration project on property owned by the City of Hailey near the boardwalk, with stipulation that WRLT and the City of Hailey file appropriate burn permits	15
CA 004	Motion to accept donation to Hailey Police Department in the amount of \$7,500 which the department intends to use to buy and train a drug dog	19
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CA 007	Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for an application for a subdivision of Lot 6, East Hailey Meadows Subdivision, by creating four residential condominium units and common space to be known as the East Hailey Condominiums, consisting of a total property area of 9,448 square feet. Current zoning of the property is Limited Residential 1 (LR-1). The existing structure houses four apartment units and no new construction is necessary for the condominium conversion	29
CA 008	Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law an application for a subdivision of Lot 20A, Block 8, Hailey Townsite, by creating two townhouse sublots to be known as Chestnut Street Townhomes. Sublot 1 consists of .05 acre and Sublot 2 consists of .10 acre and the total development comprises .15 acre. Current zoning of the property is General Residential (GR). The existing structure houses two apartment units and no new construction is necessary for the townhouse conversion.....	55
CA 009	Motion to approve minutes of December 15, 2014 and to suspend reading of them	81
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[5:29:23 PM](#) **Burke moves to approve the amended agenda adding items PH 020-a, MR 031 and MR 032, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.**

Williamson pulls item CA 009.

[5:30:30 PM](#) Burke moved to approve all consent agenda items minus CA004 and CA 009, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.

CA 004 [5:31:01 PM](#) Peter Lobb comments on typical purchases, this item was not budgeted. Lobb hopes that the public will be able to comment on whether or not this is the best use of money.

[5:32:21 PM](#) Motion to accept the donation of \$7,500 by Burke, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.

CA 009 [5:34:30 PM](#) Williamson points to page 85 in minutes, regarding PH464. There were 3 items changed in the last meeting, 1 of the 3 is not included in the motion of the minutes. Williamson clarifies what the motion, one of the 3 items are not included in the motion in the minutes. The Findings of Fact is correct, it includes this 3rd item. This item is access shown on the plat, the plat must show access from the street and not the alley.

[5:35:53 PM](#) Pat Cooley on next page PH 465, wants to clarify two meters in motion, page 86. The motion is not clear that there should be two separate water meters.

[5:36:58 PM](#) Motion to amend December 15, 2014 minutes to reflect that the plat to be redrawn to reflect access to the street on page 85, PH 464, and page 86, clarify two separate meters as a condition of approval of item PH 465, motion made by Burke, seconded by Keirn. Motion passed with roll call vote. Burke, yes. Cooley, yes. Keirn, yes.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

MR 031 Mayor's comments on nuclear waste passage through Idaho under Governor Butch Otter

Two articles were given to council before the meeting, one was a guest opinion article from Cecil D. Andrus from the *Idaho Statesman*. The other one was from the *Boise Weekly*.

[5:38:50 PM](#) Regarding the proposal of Gov. Butch Otter, to import Nuclear waste into the state of Idaho. If this is done, and contamination occurs, it could impact 1 out of every 2 people in the state by tainting the Snake River Aquifer water supply. Mayor Haemmerle suggests us having a discussion in a future meeting, and invite the Governor's office, asking them to rethink allowing more nuclear waste importation into the state. Mayor Haemmerle read an article that was published in the Idaho Statesman today from former Governor Cecil Andrus.

MR 032 Mayor's commendation to the local Kiwanis Club and to the Seagraves Foundation

[5:45:10 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle graciously recognizes the generous donations last year, from Kiwanis Club, \$22,500 for the playground structures at Deerfield Park, and now they have their eyes on another Hailey Park, Foxmoor for a future donation. Mayor asked for representatives of

Kiwanis to come up and be recognized, Mary Caldwell Kiwanis President and Lorna Hazleton (past Kiwanis President) to accept a plaque.

Also, the Seagraves Foundation donated \$20,000 to revive Hop Porter Park.

With both of these donations, \$42,500, was donated to the City of Hailey. Seagraves Foundation does a lot of things for this community. Mayor Haemmerle thanked both organizations for their generosity to the City of Hailey.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 014 Turkey Trot Presentation

Turkey Trot presentation by Daryl Fauth. [5:48:42 PM](#) Fauth announced that we are in the 12th year of Hailey's Turkey Trot. The first year, there were 60 participants, last year, we had 650 participants. Fauth is here to ask for Hailey's help by way of money. Fauth discussed the ways they communicate to get a larger crowd. Fauth asked for specific help from the city, including, safe path through Lions Park, EMTs for event, street barricades, police presence, start and finish area. Fauth presented some ideas, like hiring a chip timing company to give race results. Fauth then discussed the Turkey Trot's budget, \$1,000 goes to Charity every year. Fauth is asking for the City to pay for the chip timing company, estimated at \$3,000.

Mayor Haemmerle offered to personally buy some kegs. Every year during budget time the mayor and council discuss funding options, Mayor Haemmerle suggested that they would consider this a funding request from the Turkey Trot.

[6:03:09 PM](#) Burke would like to help participate in the solution of the water in Lions Park issue. Burke wants to see if LOT funds come in ahead of the budget this year, that maybe we can appropriate some funds to help this event - through an amended budget.

PP 015 Mountain Rides Presentation

[6:05:15 PM](#) Mountain Rides, Jason Miller Exec. Director. This year (2014), on Dec. 29th, was the 500,000th rider. This is the most riders in the history of Mountain Rides. This is the first year that we've had zero at fault accidents, a real testament to the drivers. In Nov. Mountain Rides found funds through ITD, to fund the 12-1 Hailey route – which had not ever been run. Ridership continues to rise. Hailey routes are about 10% of total ridership. New Bellevue bus facility, will break ground in May 2015. Now is the time to implement the bike-ped plan. Bike share program will re-launch in 2015.

[6:13:42 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle asked about how they will help the highway 75 pick-up spot by Middle school. Mayor suggests there could be some adjustments. Miller responds to the Mayor's comment.

Discussion ensued about bringing back late night routes to allow more people to go out to restaurants and not worry about having to drive after one drink.

PP 016 Community Development Building Permit Report

[6:17:32 PM](#) Kristine Hilt gave a presentation to council regarding 2014 Building Permits and Business Licenses. Hilt gave a 10 year comparison and spoke about the valuation of permits dropping in 2008/2009 and that they are now going back up. Hilt then gave a summary on Business License comparison over the past years.

PP 017 Presentation by Wood River Land Trust regarding Big Wood River Corridor

Presentation of Hailey Greenway, given by [6:26:00 PM](#) Chad Stoesz Stewardship Coordinator of the Wood River Land Trust (WRLT). Stoesz discussed all of the projects that the WRLT has taken on over the past decade in the Hailey Greenway area, including restoring the pond, introducing native plants, installing the Bow Bridge. The next project in this area is Reed Canarygrass Removal. Over the past 4 years this Canarygrass has taken over the wetlands area. Stoesz explain next steps on the project, eradicate the Canarygrass, and then revegetate with native plants. Eradicating the Canarygrass will be a combination of several procedures, controlled burn, and herbicides will both be used in this project. Revegetation is planned for 2017. Ongoing Stewardship from 2018-2020, to keep weeds under control and prevent re-infestations.

Mayor Haemmerle asked about the Colorado Gulch properties. Stoesz responds, [6:37:27 PM](#) on the western side of the River, there is public access. The east side access, is not legal, but the owners are not around to actively address the illegal access. Stoesz stated that the WRLT's goal is to increase this area known as Hailey Greenway, by purchasing more land in this area.

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS:

AA 018 Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission appointment to fill expiring term of Jay Cone (Dec 2014)

[6:39:50 PM](#) Mayor does not have a recommendation at this point yet. Maybe he will have one at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 019 Next FMAA meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2015 at Hailey City Hall 5:30 pm

FMAA meeting, Ron Fairfax was appointed as the independent chair to the board.

The next FMAA meeting is at Hailey city hall on Thursday Feb. 5th at 5:30 pm

PH 020-a Capital Improvement Plan Report

[6:43:11 PM](#) Dawson handed out a document on the Road and Bridge Levy Measure. Mayor Haemmerle gave an introduction of this item. Mayor handed over this discussion to Dawson. Dawson is working on the statement of needs for the next meeting. A broad list of the funding

mechanisms is on the document presented tonight. Hailey relies on about ½ of our revenue from taxes. For every \$10 of \$100,000 valuation, we would increase our revenue \$76,700 is added to our bottom line. Dawson further explained our revenue opportunities under Idaho Law.

[6:54:13 PM](#) Peter Lobb comments to council and suggests to look at past years – 20 years back and look at what voters approved, this may help us move forward.

[6:55:02 PM](#) Bob MacLeod suggests to specifically name the Library or other city entities that are seeking funds. Mayor responds to this comment.

Mayor Haemmerle asks Dawson to look at how we've paid for things in the past 20 years. For every \$10 increase in tax valuation/\$100,000, City of Hailey would get \$76,700.

PH 020-b Consideration of Hailey's level of support to Blaine County for a May 2015 Road & Bridge Levy Measure

[6:58:12 PM](#) Jacob Greenberg, Blaine County Commissioner is present at the meeting to discuss their proposed levy. Greenberg explained that the County is still looking for a May 2015 levy. Greenberg handed out a document to council that is preliminary and subject to change. Greenberg is asking for Hailey's comments. The county is asking for comments by Jan. 26th, 28th, or 29th. The county is going to conduct a poll of citizens to help decide what to do. [7:08:13 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle asked a question of Greenberg regarding the last County levy that went to vote and failed in Nov. 2014. Greenberg answered Haemmerle's question.

[7:10:45 PM](#) Burke refers to her past experience with citizens polls and committees. These committees tend to delay the entire process and could risk the success of the bond. Burke believes that the education component is the missing link in their campaign. Greenberg spoke to the citizen committee's timeline.

[7:14:56 PM](#) Keirn asks a question to Greenberg. Burke clarified what she thinks Keirn was saying to Greenberg. Greenberg responds.

Mayor Haemmerle clarifies that we need empathy between municipalities, we cannot all be asking for money from the same taxpayers.

Greenberg asks for Hailey's feedback on his presentation tonight.

No Public comments.

[7:27:06 PM](#) Cooley wonders what the average taxpayer's pain threshold is, \$100?

PH 021 Consideration of ordinance amending Hailey Municipal Code Chapter 12 to clarify that the possession and use of tobacco and alcohol by minors is prohibited in all city parks

[7:29:24 PM](#) Williamson added electronic cigarettes in definitions and in the prohibition.

Public Comments:

[7:31:25 PM](#) Peter Lobb asks a question about electronic cigarettes, if this is already in state law, why do we need to adopt this in Hailey? Mayor responds to Lobb's question.

[7:33:38 PM](#) **Burke moves to approve Ordinance No. 1171, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1171 by title only.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 022 Presentation and consideration of Resolution 2015-01, authorizing an MOU with graduate student Dean Gunderson to conduct a site-selection process for a Hailey Town Square

[7:35:34 PM](#) Dean Gunderson introduced himself to council and gave a history of how he became involved with this idea. Dean Gunderson is tasked with a Master Thesis project on finding a Town Square location within the City of Hailey. Gunderson is going poll Hailey citizens, what amenities would you like to see in a town square, 2) what types of adjacent land uses would you like to see next to the Town Square and 3) What types of events would you like to see at the Town Square? Part of this process includes a public survey. Gunderson is targeting 340 responses to get a 95% degree of certainty of the survey for our community size. Gunderson will present his final results in either of the May council meetings.

[7:42:18 PM](#) Lisa Horowitz comments on this project.

[7:43:30 PM](#) Burke asks Gunderson what he wants to see in this process. Gunderson responds to the question.

[7:45:11 PM](#) Peter Lobb wonders if the people care to see a Town Square in Hailey.

Keirn moves to approve Resolution 2015-01 and authorize the Mayor to sign MOU with Dean Gunderson, seconded by Burke. Motion passed with Roll call vote. Burke, yes. Cooley, yes. Keirn, yes.

NB 023 Consideration of Resolution 2015-02, authorizing HDR Task Order # 10 for WWTP Biosolids Project redesign necessary to accommodate the Huber and FKC biosolids equipment

[7:49:01 PM](#) Mariel Platt spoke to this item, the proposal is for \$98,285 not \$100,000 not to exceed as previously communicated.

[7:51:18 PM](#) **Motion to approve Resolution 2015-02 authorizing HDR Task Order #10 for the biosolids redesign for the Huber and FKC equipment, made by Burke seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.**

NB 024 *Authorize ratification for issuance of Notice to Proceed to FKC for procurement of dewatering equipment for the WWTP Biosolids Project*

[7:51:57 PM](#) Platt gave an overview of this item.

[7:52:20 PM](#) **Motion to ratify notice to proceed made by Keirn, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.**

NB 025 *Selection of the prequalified Construction Contractors for WWTP Biosolids Project*

[7:53:14 PM](#) Platt gave an overview of this item, we received 7 responses for pre-qualifications and 5 for the CE&I. We will have a list for council review at the Feb. 9th meeting. This will not impact the construction schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 026 *3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1170, a Hailey Municipal Code amendment to correct previous errors in codification identified by Hailey's current codifier Sterling, and approval of Summary for publication*

[7:55:16 PM](#) **Burke moves to waive 2nd reading, conduct the 3rd reading, authorize the Mayor to sign and approve the Ordinance summary, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1170, by title only.

OB 027 *2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1169, City of Hailey text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance 532 to amend Article 5.4, the District Use Matrix, and Article 7, Supplementary Location and Bulk Requirements, Section 7.1.10 which addresses the keeping and raising of chickens. The amendment proposes to increase the maximum number of laying hens allowed, amends language addressing locations for the keeping of chickens, and amends the use of Urban Agriculture within the District Use Matrix*

[7:59:44 PM](#) **Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1169, by title only.**

STAFF REPORTS:

[8:01:07 PM](#) Mariel Platt gave a snow report, we've had 5 snow events this year (over 3 inches), and have spent approximately 25% of the snow removal contracted amount, this consists of 934 hours (staff 663 hours), W/WW departments have spent 86 hours and very limited overtime/comp. time paid.

Platt reports that we've used 9% of the annual fuel budget, includes paying for the contractor's fuel for snow removal.

8:03:29 PM Burke moves to adjourn meeting, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.