

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

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 4 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.

[4:01:18 PM](#) Call to order by Mayor Burke, roll call for attendance.

We have an amendment to agenda, adding construction guidelines, PH 158.

[4:03:49 PM](#) Mayor Burke the item added, possible future steps to ensure tampering, and slow the progression of virus.

[4:06:17 PM](#) **Thea makes motion to amend agenda adding PH 158 Covid-19 construction guidelines, seconded by Martinez, motion passed with roll call vote. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**

Open Session for Public Comments:

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 157 Discussion of City authorities related to COVID-19 and Proposed ordinance No. 1260 ACTION ITEM

[4:08:56 PM](#) Simms reviews the ordinance, asks if council has questions. This is very similar to city of Ketchum's ordinance,

[4:10:55 PM](#) Thea no questions it is clear
Linnet,

[4:11:24 PM](#) Simms under normal circumstances, citizens have concerns, this is a process only.

Public comments:

Kimball by water [4:13:00 PM](#) where is the document? Horowitz, it is on the city website.

Steve England – have posted the Ordinance on site 5 places per state statute and as asked for by City Clerk. [4:15:06 PM](#)

[4:16:20 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle Hailey resident, feels bad that the city is having to consider an ordinance like this. This usually leads to bad things, but he supports this ordinance with comments. This impacts people's rights, move closely with this in mind, proceed cautiously with counsel's advice. You might not be able to control some things like you don't have control to close airport. 3. Bad idea, to have conflicting orders with other agencies, be careful. Lastly, if you pass orders, consider if you have the means of enforcing it, make sure you have the ability to enforce otherwise it dilutes.

Mayor Burke thanks Haemmerle for his comments.

[4:22:23 PM](#) Simms suggests, to adopt Ordinance No. 1260, [4:23:05 PM](#) Thea motions to adopt ordinance waive 2 readings, conduct 3rd Reading by title only, authorize Mayor to sign. Simms suggests an amendment, "waive 2nd & 3rd reading, take effect immediately, and upon posting of 5 places among the city. Thea then amends her motion as recited by City Attorney, seconded Martinez. Motion passed with roll call vote. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.

[4:24:28 PM](#) Burke conducts 3rd and only reading of Ordinance No. 1260 by title only.

PH 158 Discussion of draft Hailey COVID-19 Construction Guidelines ACTION ITEM

[4:26:01 PM](#) no decision tonight, tomorrow conference call with Governor's office.

Burke asks to limit comments, as there are lots of people on this call.

[4:28:03 PM](#) Horowitz gives an overview of this document. And the various provisions, documents that would be required to be posted on job sites.

Public comments:

[4:32:21 PM](#) John Campbell, makes 2 suggestions, praise Lisa Horowitz for allowing construction activity to continue, with safe protocols.

Tom Abbott [4:33:48 PM](#) building inspector for Hailey, Ketchum and Bellevue, what Horowitz is proposing, Division of Building Safety supports. He is the frontline on job sites, he can tell if there is non-compliance, and will report it to the city. He is also more exposed, wants to protect him and job sites.

Beau Burks Hailey resident in Old Cutters CD Olena - [4:36:03 PM](#) have been vigilant in practicing these protocols, maintaining space on job site, limiting to 1 person per vehicle, use alcohol spray, it is up to his employees to stay well and safe, loss of revenue would be devastating to all. Would like construction to continue.

[4:38:14 PM](#) Jonny Bolton, the issue isn't on the job site it is all other parts of the city, traffic, grocery store, gas station, maybe all should bring lunch, reduce intermingling during the day.

[4:39:25 PM](#) Jacob Greenberg Blaine County Commissioner, personal opinion, manned hot line for county, many construction companies have stopped working, would dissuade this construction. We should heed self-isolation order. We need to pull together.

[4:41:39 PM](#) Thad Farnum, Ketchum resident, starting a job in Hailey next week, very reasonable, important to continue with construction right now. If we can safely work, we will avoid conflicts with people at home, benefit is mental health and well-being of residents.

[4:43:06 PM](#) Shelley Kuder, local bookkeeper, 14 clients in construction industry, honestly is in agreement with Greenberg, should shut down construction, seeing the movement and all going on around the world, honestly believe if we shut this valley down for 1 week and another week of evaluating. If we don't, it will take longer to recover. Last year, had a record year, our community can absorb this, hard shut down.

Kris Josey, Arborcare Resources owner, we are [4:46:16 PM](#) ascertaining which services we can continue out of this list. Tree removal yesterday, each person in 1 vehicle. We are encouraging safe work environment.

[4:47:42 PM](#) Todd Hunter, Idaho Lumber owner, appreciates comments, his business depends on the health of this industry, using safe protocol, limiting customers in the store. He is making sure his full-time staff is using safe protocol, trying to make sure my folks are not suffering and are safe.

[4:49:50 PM](#) Jim Bradley, construction guidelines laid out are very good, he employs 40 people. Is closing on a house next week, keep going with safe practices. Mayor Burke, asks, are all local? All but 3 are local, and the 3 from Gooding are not coming here right now.

[4:52:50 PM](#) Ken Leavitt, building supply, documents look good, essential to keep construction going. We are making deliveries only, no retail now.

[4:54:09 PM](#) Melissa a private chef in the valley, there are a lot of concerns about the seriousness of this virus. Our healthcare workers are getting infected. Feel like work is important, when do we recognize, and shut down to catch a break. A lot of 5B plates in Burley and Twin Falls, it is not okay to travel around.

[4:56:31 PM](#) Janette Zimmerman, Ketchum business, work in Hailey, building house on Winter berry loop, our job site is not inundated, 4 people on site at one time. Understands health concerns, best to monitor, agrees with safety protocol, shutting down construction would be more harmful than good.

[4:58:37 PM](#) Mark Spencer with Evergreen Landscaping, and a Hailey resident, stopped all work last Friday, had employees begging him to please come to work. It is easy for people that have money, to bridge the gap. It is heartbreaking to make these decisions, but this should be a last resort decision to shut construction. If continued safely, with necessary precautions, practical measures, to continue working.

[5:01:09 PM](#) Kameron Spencer project manager for Sweetwater Communities, have reviewed Governors order, and Horowitz's safety protocol, have implemented social distancing while working. Have implemented safety measures and installed sinks on site. Our development accounts for 100's of employees in the valley, halting construction would be devastating, passionately opposed to shutting down construction, continuing with safe protocol, with minor tweaks.

[5:06:36 PM](#) Katherine Grohusky, Hailey resident, discussing, we are behind the curve, growing, we are not behind it. We need to manage the growth. We need to do what we can to shut down, take every action to fight this, until we have a vaccine.

[5:08:44 PM](#) David Sundholm, Hailey resident on War Eagle, and is building a house and works at the hospital. Unintended consequences. If we shut down everything, poverty, will lose lives. He has seen incredible changes on his website. Need fact-based decisions. Keep job going. As hospital employee, they are not wearing n95 masks at the hospital. Take a step back, take this seriously.

[5:12:25 PM](#) Layne Thompson antler drive resident, home had water leak problem, getting repaired right now so that they can get back home. Ideas to consider, author, Jim Collins, productive paranoia, strategic advice in times of crisis. Governor of NY, public officials, either / or attitude, stopping spread, control crisis, offered initial screening of healthcare officials, underlying conditions, past health history. Laying off all 30 people would be extremely crippling, serious matter on our hands, can get through this together.

[5:17:07 PM](#) Susan Thompson, professional meeting planner, international traveler, very exciting treatments that will be made by fall family in pharma. Why does testing takes 7 days. Burke responds, many factors in test results. Our testing is going to California, why not closer?

[5:19:06 PM](#) Walter James Cochran II, went to Sterling Medical Center, has a tooth poisoning his kidneys. Sterling will get rapid test kits next week. 2 ways to stop. Isolate, and test, and quarantine.

[5:21:31 PM](#) Ted Higginbotham, Sawtooth Plumbing owner, we have put in wash stations, restricted employees from work to work site, bring own lunch, no traveling around, have tracking devices on all vehicles, so will know if anyone goes elsewhere. Preaching 6-foot separation, wash hands when first arrive a job site. Need guidelines for other trades, we are doing the best we can. We can do this in a safe way. May need to rethink if we have massive amounts of cases in valley.

[5:26:35 PM](#) Mike Pfau, valley resident question directed to Jacob Greenberg. Burke, reminded daily meeting with all parties.

[5:29:04 PM](#) Walter James Cochran 2, finish construction jobs in the works, and then stop new building.

[5:30:03 PM](#) Emily Jones, Idaho Mountain Express, health and welfare meeting tomorrow at 10 am? Burke confirms, yes.

[5:30:38 PM](#) Teresa McGoffin, with BCSD complements Hailey for providing this forum. Feels we need to shut down everything now, we are behind the curve. The future as we know it, supports Greenberg's comments. Look at other countries. It will be hard on all of us.

[5:33:33 PM](#) Greg Bloomfield, grange way, home is under contract, buying a new Sweetwater duplex, if you shut construction down he will be homeless.

[5:35:14 PM](#) Heather Dawson, if public comments are complete, roll into discussion with council to use their points as guidance tomorrow.

[5:35:53 PM](#) Martinez begins, he imagined lively public comment when he decided to run for office. He has been thinking about responsibilities as council member, to health and safety, law and order. Taking this very seriously, need to look at and get a needs assessment. Staff has put together a great guidelines document to this industry, key to our valley. Getting through this means stopping this disease.

[5:40:37 PM](#) Husbands, agrees with Martinez, tough decisions to be made, lots of things to consider moving forward. I am not sure where I stand, protocols document is useful. In regards to Higginbotham's comment, some trades are not taking this seriously. We owe the elderly population, this. Asks to respect other opinions, thanks.

[5:42:55 PM](#) Thea, if we put these protocols, considering construction as essential, want to add, taking temperatures at construction sites, likes the idea of bringing lunch and not going off-site is a good addition. Hope that leaders are keeping employees accountable to this protocol. Will be interested in outcome of tomorrow's meeting. Want the rest of the valley to do the same protocol. We are one valley, we should treat as one community. We do not have the ability to follow lead of China and Korea, using these guidelines plus additions, follow this. We are behind the curve, shutting down construction will not save the spread. Leaning towards implementing guidelines with additions for construction.

[5:48:50 PM](#) Linnet, thanks all the public for comments. To everyone, we are all trying to make the best decision. This is a public health crisis, important consideration, is the health of our community. What is necessary? Restriction on construction, [5:52:31 PM](#) feel for all the businesses that have had to close, want to keep all businesses open, but not, needs to be a more serious look at having construction as an essential business. Linnet is leaning towards no new construction. Good thing is, none of these measures are forever. Longer we wait, less positive impact. Advocate for stricter guidelines., would like 1 2 or 3 people not 10. Not realistic for employees not sharing tools. Education and messaging are super important. Many people are spreading the virus without having symptoms. Guidelines are a good start. Primary concern public health and well-being.

Staff reports:

[6:00:37 PM](#) Simms, useful conversation, heard a lot of feedback being debated, will help making a better decision. Asked to consider another meeting. Meet tomorrow at 4, all confirm, yes.

[6:02:30 PM](#) Simms yesterday comments, staff proposed a middle path, best practices, don't know if we have unanimous consent, open discussion. Asks mayor what to agenda for tomorrow.

[6:03:45 PM](#) Burke wants the ability to have job sites monitored, ask them to cease. Simms responds, heard DBS is willing to monitor and report. Burke is concerned with carpooling.

[6:09:22 PM](#) Thea wants update after meeting tomorrow.

Burke continue this discussion tomorrow at meeting.

[6:11:39 PM](#) Heather Dawson, development on different messages and signs, and postcards. Will forward BCRD will post on trails. Lisa and staff Jessie, working above and beyond to have these meetings, they are exemplary employees. Burke, kudos to Dawson too.

Thea appreciates the messaging that is going out.

[6:14:07 PM](#) **Linnet moves to adjourn meeting. Martinez seconds. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**