

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MARCH 26, 2020
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 12 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, and City Administrator Heather Dawson.

CALL TO ORDER [12:01:34 PM](#) Call to order by Mayor Burke

[12:01:50 PM](#) Mayor confirmed Linnet, Thea, Martinez, and Husbands are present. Simms requested motion reading language outloud – motion to accept amended agenda adding Public Hearing 161 (added working) .

[12:03:59 PM](#) **Linnet motioned to amend the agenda in accordance with Simms language. Thea seconded. Motion passed with roll call vote. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**

Open Session for Public Comments:

[12:05:12 PM](#) Public comment for items not on the agenda. No comment.

MAYOR’S REMARKS:

[12:05:45 PM](#) Mayor commends staff, community, and celebrates everyone on the front lines during this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 160 [12:06:53 PM](#) *Informational update on COVID-19 Emergency Matters ACTION ITEM (no documents)*

[12:07:09 PM](#) Heather Dawson stated the emergency operation committee has been meeting and working valley wide. The elected official group has been working on tightening the restrictions. Dawson explained the state isolation order expanding from just Blaine County to state wide. Dawson explained that the intent of this new ordinance by the City is to further define non-essential work and stop non-essential travel and work related to construction and landscaping.

[12:10:09 PM](#) Simms agrees with what Dawson has said, adding has been working with all the jurisdictions to come up with a uniform decision. Means in substance what asking City Council to consider is in order to exempt construction including landscaping and essential traveling. Tighten up and make more restrictive the order that is state wide. [12:12:13 PM](#) Linnet confirmed there is a provision that includes hotels and short-term rentals. Simms confirmed. [12:12:46 PM](#) Simms is open to any questions and that all of us recognize healthy and ready to work again.

[12:13:35 PM](#) Horowitz explained the drafts in the packet today, is that the goal is all the jurisdictions will adopt the same ordinance.

[12:14:55 PM](#) Mayor opened public comment.

[12:15:27 PM](#) Kameron Spencer, Sweetwater Communities, votes to not completely shutting down the construction. Supports scaling back construction activities but shutting it down all together would affect families whose homes are nearly completed.

[12:16:46 PM](#) Ron Taylor, first responder in the valley, it was brought to his attention that they just had our first death due to this outbreak. Thinks that is going to have greater impact on that family than those having to wait 2-3 weeks to move into their homes. Believes in short term, hurting for 2-3 weeks is better than hurting long term for 4-8 months. Go back. Hopes the community can understand how important this is.

[12:19:10 PM](#) Eric, asked to have non-essential travel and services defined.

[12:19:35 PM](#) Dawson explained what non-essential travel and services are, referencing the orders in place.

[12:20:43 PM](#) unknown citizen speaking, recreating with the family is still ok? Mayor confirmed within Blaine County and asked if aware that there is no back country rescue available at this moment. Thanks, and stated that is a good to know.

[12:21:48 PM](#) Matt Barrow, runs a window business asked if can still have product delivered and received to Boise?

[12:23:41 PM](#) Beau Burkes, clarified has until Sunday to move stuff to where they want to park for two weeks. Mayor confirmed.

[12:24:43 PM](#) Kris Josey, wondering if there is any metric going to be used to determine the success of this? A guideline being used to determine clearing this or extending it?

[12:26:01 PM](#) Jennifer Knudsen, if sold home and move to a new residence is that still allowed-moving from out of the county into Blaine County.

[12:27:06 PM](#) Justin Mason, is there any data that supports the two-week shutdown and what happens at the end of two weeks and still at square one? What about those who live paycheck to paycheck? How are those going to be addressed?

[12:28:03 PM](#) Matt Power, question about inner county travel if with family self-isolating with already is permitted?

[12:28:57 PM](#) Kate Riley, what plans are being made to accommodate should there be a sudden onslaught of folks needing acute care in the Wood River Valley.

[12:30:04 PM](#) Eric, do you plan on stopping people at the county line.

[12:31:23 PM](#) Horowitz read 1st question – can a business have produce delivered and transported out of the valley. Simms started with Health and Welfare Order and President

Recommendations. Simms stated all of what does is viewed as essential activity under this order, explaining with the proposed conditions [12:33:21 PM](#) Simms explained what understand this is complicated, encourage them to consult with their own lawyer that they are complying.

[12:35:20 PM](#) Horowitz ready next question – What will the metric be to assess the two weeks? Mayor

explained in the last few days the number of people who have gone through the test has reached up to 500 as of March 24th and we are waiting on the result. Mayor clarified question being asked is how do we know if reached a good point explaining right now we are behind the curve. Mayor

explained those who need acute care are being transported to Twin Falls and Boise but that can only happen until those facilities are full. Mayor explained goal is to simply slow the curve.

Mayor stated learned from St. Lukes if could test more quickly will get results faster and can expect a rise in the cases. [12:40:46 PM](#) Dawson complimented Mayor's explanation. Dawson

stated in the state wide letter there is very explicit language about those who are ill leaving their homes. [12:41:28 PM](#) Horowitz read next question – is it ok to move into Blaine County. Simms

explained under the proposed order to be heard and that his conclusion is that it would fall under

essential business and be allowed though she will need to quarantine her family and herself for 14 days. Simms asked [12:43:22 PM](#) Any data that the two week shutdown will kill it? What are the plans to help the families living paycheck to paycheck. Dawson confirmed have answered first question. That there are new revenues coming out daily. [12:44:28 PM](#) Simms suggested Senior Connection, Hunger Coalition, that he understands there are private sector businesses that will to help too. [12:45:03 PM](#) Next Question – Inner county travel with nuclear family. Dawson confirmed traveling outside of Blaine County is not allowed. Dawson stated to her seems the question is related to camping which is deemed recreating and allowed within the county but still need to continue to self-isolate. Dawson explained if out there need to have a plan in place to self rescue if needed. [12:46:41 PM](#) Next Question – Will the Sheriff be stopping people at the county line. England stated to his knowledge that is a state highway, that the HPD would not be stopping people but that the Sheriff has the ability to enact that but has not done so yet. [12:48:03 PM](#) England stated they are still enforcing traffic laws as required, not just stopping people. [12:48:34 PM](#) Last question – Plans for sudden healthcare if acute care is needed. Dawson referred caller to contact St. Luke’s. Kate Riley clarified her question, Dawson confirmed those plans are being determined by St. Luke’s. [12:50:38 PM](#) Mayor added to Riley’s question, that this is exactly why we are doing two weeks of shutting down. Mayor asked for questions from Council. [12:51:20 PM](#) Linnet commented that Wood River Trail posted a poster out regarding recreation activities that people can refer too. [12:52:01 PM](#) Husbands added BCSD is offering lunches for students every day. [12:52:55 PM](#) Martinez stated he is looking through essential and non-essential businesses, wondering if he is missing something. His concern is emergency hotlines. Mayor confirmed she knows they will be taking calls. Simms stated as he understands advocates are working remotely, the court houses for practical reasons are closed unless related to child or domestic cases. Martinez asked if should include working in the proposal clarify they are essential business. Simms explained they are covered. Dawson. Thea asked with the additional order from the Governor through April 21st, and requested to clarify the governors order and our order. Thea asked what it means to receiving support in opposed. [12:57:22 PM](#) Horowitz answered the 1st question, closing construction for two weeks was considered a reasonable period of time. Thea confirmed will still be under the order to self-isolate per the state mandate even when our additional steps have ended. [12:58:42 PM](#) Simms confirmed all residents within the State of Idaho are subject to the Health and Welfare order. [12:59:14 PM](#) Linnet clarified the order from the state yesterday is identical to the order we have been under for the last week. Simms agreed. [1:00:16 PM](#) Simms stated he thinks that is a financial question and does not believe has come out of the legislation at local level. Looks to him there is a unified effort to assist those who are impacted. [1:01:17 PM](#) Idaho Lumber asked if resources be made available trying to keep staff here. Wide layoffs with increase in unemployment. Be patient. Like to see as many as we can to keep getting a paycheck. [1:02:44 PM](#) Thea added there are going to be loans available. [1:03:22 PM](#) Mayor stated can put any information from the State on our website. [1:04:19 PM](#) Devon Jolly, ask how this order affects those coming in and out of the valley via airlines. Mayor stated the airlines have not stopped their services, Simms added that none of what we are doing affects what the Federal Government may do with the FAA. Simms explained the order as whole applies to those people coming in or out. England confirmed with Mayor that the airlines have reduced their flights. [1:07:23 PM](#) Mayor closed Public Comment. Mayor stated if after this meeting if there are more questions we will post what we can online.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 161 [1:07:48 PM](#) *Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Pubic Health Emergency Order No. _____, that would make uniform in all local jurisdictions removing commercial and residential construction from essential activities definition and providing for additional non-essential travel restrictions ACTION ITEM*

[1:08:05 PM](#) Simms differed to Dawson and Horowitz on direction given to fact received new information and potential for new meeting to allow staff to give time to review it. Mayor confirmed would not take further comment, reconvene later today.

[1:10:29 PM](#) Mayor asked if could close this meeting and continue it until 4 PM.

Simms confirmed but would like to hear from the Council Members first. [1:11:13 PM](#) Thea explained she was of the open of keeping landscaping and construction open but after getting briefed of the situation at the hospital today and hearing from Carey O’Connor that she is now in favor of this thinks it the right decision. [1:14:31 PM](#) Linnet agrees with Thea and the restrictions are necessary at this time explaining why. Linnet stated at end of day making a hard decision for our community and that thinks it’s the best option to protect our community. [1:17:50 PM](#) Husbands agrees with Thea and Linnet, it is a difficult decision that does not take it likely but it is in our best interest to move forward. [1:18:59 PM](#) Martinez stated he has been in isolation since March 15th and it has been difficult. Martinez echoes what the other council members have stated. Martinez reinforced need to understand we are all on the same team and need to take care of each other. [1:22:04 PM](#) Mayor thanked the council members for their words and supports. Simms stated it is appropriate to motion to reconvene this meeting at 4.

[1:22:32 PM](#) Thea motioned to reconvene this meeting at 4:00 Pm today. Martinez seconded. All in Favor.

[1:23:09 PM](#) Thea stated she has been volunteering at the Hunger Coalition and it has been making her feel better and encourages everyone to find ways to make them feel better and give back to their community.

[4:01:31 PM](#) Mayor called meeting back to order.

[4:01:45 PM](#) Mayor asked Simms how to proceed. Simms explained have document that embodies the conversation from earlier, summarizing the ordinance and additional restrictions applied beyond the state order. Simms is prepared to answer any questions. Mayor asked council members if there are any questions. [4:03:16 PM](#) Linnet confirmed the only difference is the provision of visiting with non-family members in the home. Simms explained the format is different due to the state wide order. [4:04:28 PM](#) Dawson added. Linnet stated in the first draft discussed individuals visiting. Simms explained some of the language has been changed and section numbers have definitely been changed. Linnet explained just trying to be transparent. Simms thinks what happen is incorporated in the statewide order. [4:06:18 PM](#) Martinez is looking at section 10, asking Simms why the date is a few days out. Simms confirmed it was the

thought give people a few days to button things up, reason moved today was to put everyone on notice. [4:07:36 PM](#) [4:07:49 PM](#) Linnet asked if providing any guidance to Chief England regarding enforcement. [4:08:21 PM](#) England confirmed had meeting with Tom Abbott, Jim Lynch and Lisa Horowitz. England confirmed in agreement that if Abbott sees anything he will do a stop work order and make them aware. They will follow up with them and if work continues will do a citation. England explained warning given to local restaurant explaining current citation. England summarized will cite accordingly when needed. [4:10:14 PM](#) Thea confirmed it is not their intent to arrest people, but shut things down. Thea thinks before give citations provide education. [4:11:03 PM](#) Horowitz confirmed we have printed stop work orders that the building officials will post onsite if needed and working with other jurisdictions to come up with FAQs. Horowitz confirmed if someone is working in their own home, no other workers that work would not be stopped. England confirmed warnings will take place behind with a follow up of a citation if warning education is disregarded. Horowitz explained any work that does not require a building permit will not be monitored. [4:13:17 PM](#) Linnet stated the point of passing this order is for people to follow up. Martinez added that have the right person in England. England stated he does not see a problem with people staying in line, there are a lot of people keeping an eye out on the community.

[4:15:39 PM](#) Junior Hidalgo commenting on whether if he was building his own house if would still need a permit. Horowitz explained if working in his own home would not stop work but no inspections would be done and if reach a point needing an inspection would need to halt. Abbott stated as far as Division of Building Safety is concerned, he cannot enforce anything beyond the stop work orders. [4:17:53 PM](#) England stated if does find any violations in Hailey to contact him. Thea confirmed that is the objective. Simms confirmed prepared to move forward with a motion. [4:20:16 PM](#) **Linnet motioned to approve Public Health Emergency Order number 2020-01, and authorize Mayor to sign, seconded by Martinez. Motion passed with roll call vote, Thea, yes. Martinez, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**

[4:21:52 PM](#) **Linnet moves to adjourn meeting. Martinez seconds. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**