MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 4, 2020
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 4:07 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.

Mayor calls meeting to order.

Linnet moves to amend meeting call in information, motion seconded by Thea, motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 194 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-056, authorizing city officials to e-sign an agreement with Projent to migrate City email services to a cloud platform, thereby reducing the need for on-site servers and storage, making the City’s email system more reliable and robust. ACTION ITEM

CA 195 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-057, authorizing an agreement with Alpine Tree Services for removal of dangerous spruce trees on Hailey’s Main Street North 300 block, at a cost of $4,140. ACTION ITEM

CA 196 Motion to ratify claims for payments due in April 2020. ACTION ITEM

Thea pulls CA 195 for discussion.

Motion to approve all consent agenda items minus CA 195 made by Linnet, seconded by Thea, motion passed with roll call vote. Martinez, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes. Thea, yes.

CA 195 4:14:48 PM Carl Hjelm, Arborist is explaining these trees health and that these trees need to be removed.

4:16:10 PM Linnet moves to approve this item, Thea seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote, Husbands, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Martinez, yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 197 Council discussion of City of Hailey’s Plan to reopen in phases in conformance with Idaho’s Stay Healthy Order and the four stages of the Rebound Idaho Plan, including use of play equipment in city parks, organized sports in city parks and farmer’s markets at city parks

4:17:30 PM Dawson opens up with the reopening plan guiding principles in document are taken from the Governor’s stay healthy order.

4:19:51 PM Mayor Burke we can be more strict, right?
4:20:30 PM Linnet, comments on youth sports, not supposed to allow gatherings more than 15 people. How do we know whether we are in conflict of the state order. Dawson comments.

4:23:30 PM Steve England points to specific employers, interpretation, should not shall, opening up, allowing to certain activities, his opinion.

4:24:47 PM Thea, question when allow opening of businesses, cannot mandate use of masks, but can we recommend that businesses require them? Everyone is in agreement that masks help. It is a best practice.

4:28:09 PM Dawson, those questions can be grouped separately.

4:30:32 PM Linnet, Police chief, would like to communicate the times.

4:32:48 PM Martinez asks question.

4:35:26 PM Linnet wants to ask if we are doing more harm than good, without opening restrooms.

4:36:33 PM Dawson, we had the same question. It is not?

4:37:03 PM Martinez in agreement with Martinez, better to hold off as long as possible. Thea is also in agreement. Husbands, agrees if parks are open, restrooms should be open.

Martinez, thinks we should keep restrooms closed. Thea, wonders, keep bathrooms closed for first week.

4:39:30 PM Dawson, valid questions suggest take public comment tonight then decide.

4:39:59 PM Julie Flolo, Sawtooth Rangers and Sawtooth Rangers and ? open restrooms with the park. At least they would be there in necessity.

4:40:40 PM Sarah Busdon, 4h and extension office, grappling with this topic, routine cleaning after each use, reason park service has shut down parks for now. We are holding off on holding any activities until phase 2 or 3.

Burke suggests this comes back to council for more discussion.

4:42:45 PM Burke wanted to have parks accessible to small groups, but not prepared to open the restrooms at same time. Cannot believe that we can work this out.

4:44:30 PM Linnet, maybe we open bathrooms with big warning, use in emergency, maybe not best decision.
4:45:35 PM Martinez, we need to do our best to eliminate risk as best we can. Maybe we ask users to wipe down.

4:46:29 PM Husbands, feels strong that we cannot open one without the other.

4:46:48 PM Thea, not all parks have restrooms. Wait a week and see what the response is from the coaches from the first week.

4:47:59 PM Thea is willing to open restrooms.

4:48:31 PM Larry Schwartz, some practices are held when bathrooms are closed, they can operate, either way. They can work around them if know in advance.

4:49:31 PM Burke, we need to move away from this discussion and into the other events.

4:50:19 PM Linnet, not hearing definitive arguments to have restrooms open. If this stalls reopening, more inclined going to phase 1 to public.

4:51:56 PM Dawson suggests changes, leave restrooms closed under stage 1.

Linnet, correct.
Thea, stage 1, still isolating in place, opens more in stage 2. Stage 1 is just beginning the reopening plan.

PH 198 Council consideration of whether to consider applications for large signature summer events in Hailey, including: ACTION ITEM

July 4th Fireworks
Sawtooth Rangers Days of the Old West Rodeo
City/Chamber Independence Day Parade
WRLT River Fest
Antique Market
Summer’s End (August)

4:57:50 PM Dawson talks about Rodeo, WRLT how to allow people to still enjoy the river, outdoor markets, start maybe as early as June.

Public hearing comments on events:

4:58:46 PM Julie Flolo, treasurer for the Sawtooth Rangers club, they go back and forth whether or not to have the rodeo this year. Cost is about $60,000 every year, and we know that if don’t do the event will lose money, open to hear people’s thought’s on this, this is where we are at.

5:00:18 PM Linnet asks question of Flolo, what is the drop dead date on contractors? Flolo responds, they have been in contact with them, May 15th is the drop-dead date, it is a big production.

5:01:46 PM Linnet asks, what if you give it a green light and maybe there is a second spike, what happens? Flolo responds. Some people don’t think the Rodeo should happen. Considering our options right now.
5:02:26 PM Jane Drussel, like everyone else, has mixed emotions, all businesses would like to be open? Sun Valley has cancelled all conferences. How does it look, that they have cancelled, and we are moving forward. The fireworks, should happen, people can stay in cars. Drussel is on the fence. Rotary is not doing the Road Apple Roulet. At Jane’s back door entrance only, must have mask, use sanitation area, no gloves, no public restroom, only 4 in store at a time.

5:05:07 PM Sarah Busdon, wondering if City Council is planning to submit safety protocol for operating procedures for events.

5:06:24 PM Burke, maybe we need to do something or decide that event should not happen.

5:06:52 PM Sarah Busdon asks, Blaine County School District, anyone using their facilities, must have a plan for cleaning in place for events.

5:07:37 PM Mike McKenna with Chamber, have had lots of comments over the last 8 weeks. Fireworks yes, 100%. Parade, maybe do different parade, river fest, not sure. As Governor has stated, if they (people) feel comfortable, they will show up, McKenna states. Can answer any questions anyone has today.

5:10:53 PM Husband, 4th of July fireworks, asks about the booths to sell fireworks. Dawson responds, the pyrotechnics company is hired by city of Hailey and Chamber. Stands are independent safe and sane fireworks permits issued by the Hailey Fire Dept. Husband doesn’t think fireworks stands should happen. Not sure how to keep it local and small. Everything else we should wait until next year. 4th of July limited parade and fireworks.

5:13:14 PM Linnet, for clarification, there will be a formal public hearing on May 11th. 4th fireworks okay, enforcing social distancing, possible parade, with restrictions. Not comfortable with Rodeo or Riverfest events at this point. Antique market and fireworks booths might be okay, on the fence with this.

5:15:13 PM Thea, have fireworks, leaning towards not having any other events. Focused around only that one weekend. Feel we should forego all other events.

5:16:23 PM Martinez, fireworks yes, rangers rodeo, want to still have this event. Parade, big as possible for HS seniors. Riverfest, eco if not safe, people won’t go.

5:19:19 PM Simms asks Council for a continue motion.

5:19:34 PM Thea motions to continue this item to the May 11, 2020 meeting, Martinez seconds, Martinez, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes. Thea, yes.

5:20:24 PM Motion to adjourn made by Martinez, Husband seconds, motion passed unanimously.