

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JULY 6, 2015
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:31 P.M. by Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. Present were Council members Carol Brown, Don Keirn, Pat Cooley, and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

[5:31:26 PM](#) call to order

Open Session for Public Comments:

No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 258](#) Motion to ratify grants.gov grant application for Cops Hiring Grant, deadline for submittal was June 19, 2015 for a maximum Federal Grant award of \$125,000 for a 3 year grant period
- [CA 259](#) Motion to ratify grant application submitted to Idaho Firefighters license plate by Hailey Fire Department, potential grant award is \$1,000
- [CA 260](#) Motion to ratify Idaho Community Foundation grant application for a picnic shelter and picnic tables at Balmoral Park
- [CA 261](#) Motion to approve Heart of Gold Fund grant application for a picnic shelter and picnic tables at Balmoral Park.....
- [CA 262](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2015-54, authorizing Joint Powers Agreement with Mountain Rides Transportation Authority (current agreement expires October 2015)
- [CA 263](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2015-55, authorizing indemnification agreement with Blaine County School District for City of Hailey fireworks display
- [CA 264](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2015-56, ratifying the Mayor’s signature and approving the agreement with Nitro Green for herbicide and fertilizer application
- ~~[CA 265](#) Motion to approve special event being Las Cruces Jaripeo/Baile to be held at the Hailey Rodeo Arena on Sunday, July 19th from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.....~~
- [CA 266](#) Motion to approve minutes of June 29, 2015 and to suspend reading of them
- [CA 267](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of June 2015, and claims for expenses due by contract in July, 2015

[5:31:57 PM](#) Dawson pulled Consent Agenda item number 265

Burke moved to approve all consent agenda items minus CA 265, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.

[5:32:25 PM](#) CA 265 – Dawson handed out the associated Use Agreement for this arena event at the beginning of the meeting tonight. Dawson suggested approving Resolution 2015-58 authorizing use agreement as the event is planned for July 20, 2015.

[5:34:12 PM](#) **Burke moves to approve with Resolution 2015-58 authorizing Use Agreement and modifying to a 9:30 pm cutoff time for the event music, seconded by Keirn. Motion passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

[5:34:53 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle gives congratulations to the Hailey Chamber of Commerce for a successful 4th of July event.

Carol Brown said River Fest at Draper Preserve was successful. Pat Bowton with Chamber commented on the Draper Preserve festival. Round of applause. Bowton announced that the Chamber raised about \$16,000 towards the fireworks this year.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 268 Airport Discussion

[5:37:09 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle gave an update of FMAA actions recently changed to Master Plan based on Hailey's comments on removing alternative #7?

No public comments.

PH 269 Mayor's presentation of FY 2016 Budget

[5:39:11 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle talks about the budget and refers to page 178 of packet while discussing it. Mayor's memo was provided in a new format this year. Salaries discussion, employees earning under \$66,000 should get a 3% increase and others 2% or less, to lessen the gap between employees. Haemmerle stated that we will attempt to bring departments competitive to other jurisdictions.

[5:44:30 PM](#) Haemmerle talks about building maintenance and radon mitigation. Suggestion to separate Parks & Streets for budgetary reasons. Proposed part time positions, for park maintenance and Parks coordinator, also part-time.

[5:48:47 PM](#) Park capital needs – Dawson explained this item. Suggest that in-lieu fees be matched with Development Impact Fees to do some maintenance at Parks.

[5:50:13 PM](#) Streets – Mayor Haemmerle announced that this budget is 30% more than last year, Mayor speaks about a memo that he handed out with budget overview items. A backup generator for city hall is proposed in anticipation of any power outage.

[5:52:01 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle answers Browns question from earlier in the meeting. Yes we can raise fees to cover Water Department salaries but other expenses are unknown, like the water rights attorney costs could be substantial and could go on for years.

Police Budget [5:54:26 PM](#) one officer left the Police department and that salary was used to increase the salaries of other Police department employees.

[5:55:51 PM](#) Craig Aberbach speaks to 2 trucks in service and that they have reached their useful life. There are refurbishing companies out there that could do a good service job on them so that we could have more years of use. Aberbach is looking to get one of these 2 trucks refurbished.

[5:57:53 PM](#) Lisa Horowitz will be staying on as a contractor into part of next fiscal year.

[5:59:03 PM](#) Library, LeAnn Gelsky speaks regarding building maintenance items in the Library.

Capital fund – desperate need in this area. Mayor Haemmerle brings up some options to add funds to our capital fund such as, increasing LOT categories, and increasing tax levy.

Mayor Haemmerle asked for public comments.

[6:02:35 PM](#) Tony Evans Idaho Mountain Express asked a question about capital needs for the Fox Building. Mayor answered this question. [6:03:56 PM](#) Platt, there is no significant movement of the building when we had engineers survey it recently.

[6:04:48 PM](#) Pat Bowton asked if there was budgeted funds for a Town Square. Haemmerle answered this question.

[6:05:43 PM](#) Susan McBryant speaks to council thanks council for approving the Mountain Rides contract. McBryant feels Mountain Rides is a considerable asset and deserves consideration of increased funding if any should become available. McBryant asks council to take capital needs to voters, to grow this nest egg and get out of the black hole.

Regarding council salaries [6:07:56 PM](#) McBryant feels this is important and you (Mayor and council) have more responsibilities than they've had in the past.

[6:09:08 PM](#) Haemmerle comments on Mayor and council duties.

[6:09:44 PM](#) Burke comments, ham or turkey was pay for P&Z commission when she first started. People with young children would need to hire sitters to cover the meetings, so having some payment helps attract younger citizens.

[6:11:17 PM](#) Burke feels it is important to continue discussion on property taxes and LOT, we need to act now, not later.

[6:12:08 PM](#) Cooley thinks we should look at the LOT additional tax, hotel rooms and car rentals are more a resort tax than restaurant drink and food.

[6:13:14 PM](#) Haemmerle, everyone is going to feel some pain in some way. This is a starting point for the discussion. There may be other options. Burke concurs with the capital funding plan, start it now.

[6:15:59 PM](#) Brown will miss the next meeting and wants to comment now for July 20th not to exceed. Brown comments on Parks position, can you increase capacity?, if so, she would be

supportive of this position. Brown supports an increase in LOT, if Chamber is on board, then Brown would be all for this. Haemmerle responds, it was there idea.

PH 270 Presentations by partners funded through Hailey's budget, including Hailey Chamber of Commerce, Mountain Rides Transportation Authority, Blaine County Housing Authority and Hailey City boards and commissions

[6:20:54 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opens this discussion

[6:21:21 PM](#) Pat Bowton presents from the Hailey Chamber of Commerce. Bowton announced that the Chamber directly supports the City of Hailey in events by way of sponsoring them, marketing them with advertising, including radio ads, newsprint and social networks. The Chamber raised \$16,000 this year for the fireworks show. Bowton asks for more space in the Welcome Center to allow for retail sales in the Chamber.

[6:27:07 PM](#) Haemmerle comments to Bowton. Occupancy rates in Hailey have been higher than the North Valley and Haemmerle thanks the chamber for its leadership, it has improved.

[6:30:11 PM](#) Tony Evans Hailey resident, have friends that want to camp around here too. Evans thinks we should allow camping.

PH 271 Proposed FY 2015 Budget Amendment to appropriate additional revenue received from grants and contracts, including the contract with Wood River Rural Fire District

[6:32:53 PM](#) Dawson speaks to this item. \$112,433, page 234 & 235 of packet.

No public comments.

[6:35:02 PM](#) **Keirn moves to approve the not-to-exceed proposed amount \$112,433, as shown in the council packet, seconded, Cooley, motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 272 Introduction of Ordinance to increase mayor and city council members' salary

[6:36:00 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle referred to the spreadsheet on page 238 of packet, reflecting the proposed increases. Haemmerle stated until year 2007, every 2 years the Mayor and Council salaries have been raised.

[6:37:10 PM](#) Brown comments on the duties involved in being a council member. It is time to give another raise.

[6:38:22 PM](#) Dawson comments on the Mayor and council on medical insurance, all members have waived the insurance. Dawson brings this up because this is a significant decrease to elected officials.

[6:41:16 PM](#) Bowton comments on medical insurance and Affordable Care Act.

This item will be discussed under Public Hearing at the next meeting.

[6:42:03 PM](#) Peter Lobb thinks it is a good idea to raise your salaries. Lobb suggests that the Mayor's salary should be more, he does more.

[6:43:08 PM](#) Brown agrees with Lobb. Burke agrees with Brown.

[6:44:39 PM](#) Dawson asks for clarification on the council's wishes.

NB 273 Consideration of Resolution 2015-57, authorizing Biosolids Programming Task Order # 11, Amendment 1 with HDR, for plant controls and programming at new facility in an amount not to exceed \$119,490

[6:46:20 PM](#) Platt introduced this item, task order 11 amendment 1, was anticipated.

[6:47:20 PM](#) **Burke moves to approve resolution 2015-57, authorizing task order 11 amendment #1, and asked that the resolution text reflect accurate text regarding this item and it be reviewed by the city attorney, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.**

Presentation cont'd:

[6:50:48 PM](#) Jason Miller presents from Mountain Rides. Ridership has surpassed 500,000, huge landmark for such a small valley. Hailey route has been improved. Miller requests \$75,000 base this year from Hailey. If funding is flat, there are impacts, service cuts, add fare, or lose out on available federal funding.

[6:59:29 PM](#) Peter Lobb comments on free service suggests a nominal payment from people.

[7:00:24 PM](#) Bowton agrees with Lobb.

[7:00:42 PM](#) Brown comments, cars off the road.

[7:00:54 PM](#) Burke, volunteers in homes. Many seniors use Mountain Rides and volunteer groups that enable seniors to stay in their homes longer.

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:02:12 PM](#) Craig, there were 3 fires after the fireworks show, it was a very busy 4th of July.

[7:02:45 PM](#) Dawson echoes thanks to Chamber and their involvement in events over the past year.

No Executive Session is needed tonight.

With no further business, [7:03:18 PM](#) Burke moves to adjourn, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.