

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JULY 13, 2020
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:30 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.

[5:30:19 PM](#) Call to order by Mayor Burke, quick roll call for council members, all present.

Public Concerns:

[5:31:27 PM](#) Bill Amaya, 611 Shoshone, own a building in Airport West Light Industrial area, ride bike to work every day, it is a nightmare to ride from Snow Bunny to St. Luke’s clinic on a bicycle. Especially North bound travel, feels like we should do something about it. There is a school down there, live work buildings, want a sign, bicycles can use the entire lane, huge difference in safety.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- ~~[CA 285](#) Motion to approve application to amend FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Project to secure critical infrastructure against winter storm and seismic activity, to increase funding to match current project costs, for a total grant project of \$225,950, authorizing a letter of match support in the amount of \$5,000 soft management costs and \$51,487 in matching capital funds, and including Resolution 2020-083 appointing Hailey’s authorized agent for the grant to be Mayor Burke **ACTION ITEM**.....~~
- [CA 286](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-084 authorizing Mayor to sign AIP-50, an FAA grant for the Friedman Memorial Airport’s Terminal Area Narrative Plan in the amount of \$297,367. **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 287](#) Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-085, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on an agreement with Joe’s Backhoe, to install larger pipelines through the Quigley Farms Development, for a not to exceed amount of \$24,245.00. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 288](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 13, 2020 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 289](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 17, 2020 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 290](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 22, 2020 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 291](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2020 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 292](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of June, 2020, and claims for expenses due by contract in July, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 293](#) Motion to approve Treasurer’s Reports for the month of June, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**.....

[5:33:58 PM](#) Heather removes Agenda item for fire station, CA 285.

[5:34:40 PM](#) **Thea moved to approve all consent agenda items minus CA 285, seconded by Husbands, motion passed with roll call vote. Husbands, yes. Linnet, yes. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes.**

[5:35:40 PM](#) Dawson, sent the draft off to IOEM last week, they made a couple of revisions to the document, slightly longer period than what is in the packet. Aug 2020 through July 2021, different than packet, schedule 36 month, about 4 months longer.

CA 285 [5:41:12 PM](#) **Thea moves to approve with changes made, seconded by Linnet, Thea, yes.. Linnet, yes. Martinez, yes. Husbands, yes.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

[5:42:00 PM](#) Mayor Burke, thanked the community, 4th of July turned out better than she could have imagined. It was a very well done parade, thanks to HPD for helping with the closing of the streets for the parade through town. Thanks to Mike McKenna and all who were involved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 294 *Consideration of a Final Plat Application by S.V. Flying Squirrels, LLC, represented by Bruce Smith of Alpine Enterprises Inc., to be located at 631 East Croy Street (Lots 1A and 2A, Quigley View Subdivision), to consist of eight (8) sublots, each unit comprising of approximately 555-574 square feet, which includes limited common areas ranging in size from 348 to 487 square feet. The total development comprises of 0.5 acres* **ACTION ITEM**

[5:43:33 PM](#) Horowitz, this application is a conversion from townhouse to condominiums, we believe there are solutions, want to continue in 2 weeks to work around the issues discussed today.

[5:45:02 PM](#) **Motion to continue this item made by Linnet to July 27th meeting, Martinez seconded, motion passed with roll call vote, Thea, yes won't be at next meeting though. Martinez, ye. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes.**

PH 295 *City Council discussion of FY 2021 Budget, with potential motion to approve a not-to-exceed budget of \$12,728,166, and to notice said budget for public hearing on August 10, 2020* **ACTION ITEM**

[5:46:12 PM](#) Dawson will present to council shows page in packet, pg 158 summary. The page is colored to help in viewing, green revenue, red expenses, general fund shows \$5,821,987 in revenue, balanced budget, this shows a 7.5% decrease in operation budget. Capital projects, 60% decrease in projects from last year due to 2 factors, lots of money spent last year on pathways for people, also spent capital balance down. We've look at the capital fund spreadsheet, there is more money in this fund but it is not slated for this year. This is showing a larger decrease for that reason. Next color, orange, bond fund, will be paid off this month. Blue, government fund expenses, 26% decrease. Enterprise fund, water revenue, water bond revenue, slightly different than last year. WW fund, same scenario, decrease in WW expenses, a study that is being conducted. Expenses are tied to the capital plan. Next page is general fund revenue page. Property tax revenue down 4.3%, next is Local Option Tax page. Last meeting council wanted to see if we could increase Chambers contract amount. In order to meet this request, we've funded the chamber at \$67,500 same as 2019. Mountain Rides, shows 25% reduction in last

year's amount, Hailey Ice, now shown reduction at 75%. Senior Connection transportation reduction, 75% reduction. Other line [5:56:40 PM](#) items, letter from Tree Committee, 0% reduction. In the legislative budget on next page in packet, line items in italics, near middle of page, funding of contracts entered here. Other pages of budget have not changed. Capital projects budget, page changed modestly for the fire station grant, otherwise no changes. On to next page, Water and Wastewater capital projects page remains unchanged. Then you'll see public comments. Additional public comments were put on the website from comments received after the packet was completed. Mayor and council did all see the additional public comments.

[6:01:37 PM](#) Dawson displays a presentation to council, Resiliency Planning and Communication. With Covid some resiliency work has slowed down on these goals in response to the Covid epidemic. The Mayor's committee was brought together and working on energy use by city. We are working with other entities for energy efficiencies. We also applied for and received, a grant, audits performed in June, waiting for information from these audits, will have an opportunity to apply for grant funds. [6:04:23 PM](#) PW Director has asked Bundy to work on the solar panels at the WW treatment plant. City management team, what do we do? [6:05:19 PM](#) We do have a few new vehicles in our budget, looking at an electric vehicle, [6:05:56 PM](#) Linnet asks if we've looked at long-term maintenance costs are less with electric vehicles. Thea, gasoline costs are less. In addition to the electric vehicles, area of Parks, have had some xeriscape budget. New subdivisions with robust water conservation implementation. We've been focused on reducing, reusing and resiliency. [6:08:52 PM](#) Dawson, we are at a juncture, to continue if necessary. First sheet, total \$12,728,962 total of all city funds. Adopt a not to exceed budget, publish then take public comments in August 2020. [6:10:24 PM](#) Thea, we can move around as we see fit after that right? Dawson, affirms, yes correct, within those general operating funds. Enterprise fund changes must be made in those departments. [6:11:32 PM](#) 2nd decision tonight regarding the property tax, Governor's property tax reduction measure. If you have questions, Simms and Dawson can address those. G/O Bond fund, no decision today needed on this today. DIF committee is meeting again will submit recommendations to council.

[6:13:11 PM](#) Linnet, property tax increase 3% option, associated with the CARES ACT. Sounds, like we don't need to decide now, can wait. There still are questions about how the state program will work, making it hard to make the decision now. Would be in favor of discussing in 2 or 4 weeks when we have more information. [6:14:52 PM](#) Burke agrees with Linnet. Thea is in agreement with Linnet and Burke. [6:15:11 PM](#) Dawson, we can send a letter of interest in by July 17th then get more information. Husband would like to get this money instead of raising taxes. Burke explains, money savings to taxpayers, same money to city of Hailey. One year tax break for citizens. Then taxes would increase the following year. [6:17:17 PM](#) Husbands, we have 8.9% unemployment in Idaho, we should save taxpayer's money.

Public comments:

[6:19:02 PM](#) Burke asks for comments

[6:19:17 PM](#) Scott Runkel, Northridge drive, great to hear the progress made in the last year made by the resiliency coordinator, not the time to restrict the amount of money. Realize that a full time position would be challenging right now, suggest keeping that line item where it is now.

There will be more of a need to set goals and achieve them. Everyone is busy, find more money in budget, continue supporting resiliency.

[6:21:24 PM](#) Mike Shaughnessy of 641 Myrtle, any increase in taxes by 4%, sets new baseline for next year, adding insult to injury, when plenty of money out there.

Council deliberation.

[6:22:52 PM](#) Burke sounds like we want to go with the Governor's plan and then look at the details. Ask Simms to weigh in. [6:23:21 PM](#) Simms is familiar with the letter, prosecuting attorney's questioning the legalities in the plan. Any concerns would be ironed out before this would become law. Dual path is a good idea.

Burke, let's go back to the overall budget.

[6:24:40 PM](#) Husbands, page 4 of packet, partial reduction of hours for resiliency coordinator, how many hours are reduced? Dawson, 20 hours per month / propose 15 hours per month.

[6:25:50 PM](#) Linnet would like to see the resiliency coordinator stay at the same amount. Overall impact to budget seems miniscule, want to see these efforts continue. Don't want to have to make up for lost ground after this turmoil, I think we can fit this in. [6:27:19 PM](#) Burke comments, don't want to lose ground and find this \$10,000 somewhere. Thea would like to see more hours. Can we look at seeing an Americorp volunteer. The welcome sign, electrical connection, want to move that money to the bike way or resiliency coordinator position. [6:29:29 PM](#) how can we move that money, Thea asks. Dawson, we could do that, but we could easily pay the salary in CD, to meet this goal. Husbands, we want to keep the resiliency coordinator position funding. [6:30:52 PM](#) opportunity to walk, would like to see one-way streets, need to become more bike / walk friendly town. Want to do something about Aviation drive traffic. We need to put traffic on Main street and not through town. Capital budget don't see projects, do we need sidewalks. 1st, 3rd and 4th Ave looks like 2nd Ave, speed bumps, need to curb cars, time is now to do that. [6:33:12 PM](#) Martinez, leadership value in Rebecca is big, look at situations when he looks at the budget, how efficient can we possibly be. What about making the Library more efficient by using the resiliency coordinator. [6:35:06 PM](#) Dawson, Idaho statute gives Library boards control over their budget. The city council cannot change anything in their budget, but can work with them in information exchange.

[6:36:17 PM](#) Linnet, approve bottom line budget. Generally like all the work done on this budget, biggest comment is to find the \$10,000 to fund the resiliency coordinator. No issue with the bottom line number at this time. Burke in accord with Linnet. Thea would like to find this and other money to improve bike / ped improvements. Burke, capital discussion is next. [6:40:01 PM](#) Thea, we need more money, somehow. There is not a lot to move around to fund bike / ped projects as it stands. [6:40:52 PM](#) Burke, everything with bike / ped takes an engineer, but that is a different discussion. If so, we don't do chip seal. To get money, apply for grants, must put on the capital projects list. [6:42:10 PM](#) Linnet, agree with Thea, there are a number of projects that will improve bike / ped, at this point, would like to tell PW, to come up with projects. But want to see a plan, not comfortable with that. [6:44:21 PM](#) Thea wants to hear from Brian Yeager.

Yeager, the Capital Improvement list is flexible. On some complex projects, River Street, attempted to populate it with planning money, try to get major infrastructure moving through the process. Airport way upgrades, come out of a future URA. To actually to projects like 2nd Ave, not a lot of cost to do this, a project like this, chip seal the road first and then stripe it. If council wants to prioritize projects, they would do this prioritizing. Yeager, 8th and bullion street improvements, if you don't want to see this project, then you put the project you want as a priority. [6:48:54 PM](#) Husbands agrees with Thea, don't want to see the money to pay for the Welcome sign, would like other streets to be striped like 2nd Ave.

[6:51:01 PM](#) Burke would like to go back to the bike discussion, would like to see more bikes and less cars. Staff understands that everything we do, heads in that way.

[6:52:47 PM](#) Martinez, agrees with Mayor Burke, would like to see more biking through our city. Would be helpful to see some pictures of examples. We have great opportunities in Hailey for outside activities. [6:54:27 PM](#) Husbands, more people are outside right now.

[6:55:04 PM](#) Burke, don't lose sight of, when we mature, things shift, how brave you feel walking on ice, at the post office. Part of your community will have a challenge getting around at some point, leave plenty ability to allow someone to use their wheelchair.

Public comments capital projects:

[6:56:40 PM](#) Burke asks for comments

[6:56:58 PM](#) Mike Shaughnessy comments, there are lots of places in the budget to find \$10,000 increases in salary for individuals, easy to find to lessen increase of another employee.

[6:59:09 PM](#) Simms, also, authorize letter to state for taxes.

Linnet happy with where we are now not to exceed. Want to allocate more money as discussed tonight. If we have surplus in future, feel more comfortable instead of not knowing where it is coming from.

[7:00:31 PM](#) Thea, likes the suggestion of salaries. If we are going to put projects on the ground. Burke responds to this comment, who will do the projects? These employees had a salary freeze for many years. We've done that and we lost people. Burke continues, she is Philosophically opposed, it is the worst thing we can do to our employees. I cannot help anyone else, people that we work with need to know that they are valued. [7:02:40 PM](#) Linnet we have the budget right now to pay our employees. We would be jumping the gun, to cut salaries, and lose people. That would cost us more than the 3% increase. At this time, want to prioritize keeping our personnel. Don't want to discuss this at this time, want to remain competitive and keep our employees.

[7:04:43 PM](#) Thea, a worthy conversation, worth our collective conversation. Husbands, agrees with Thea. [7:06:03 PM](#) Burke, we have the money to pay staff, want to protect the staff, grateful for council's input. Finding quality employees is difficult. We don't need to fall apart with our staff.

[7:07:13 PM](#) Dawson attempts to show a graphic to illustrate what Mayor Burke is stating. Dawson will email graphic out to council.

Need a motion to proceed.

[7:08:57 PM](#) **Thea moves to authorize mayor to sign letter to state, Husbards seconds, Linnet, yes. Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Husbards, yes.**

Not to exceed budget, pg 158 of packet, all funds, \$12,728,166, not to exceed. [7:10:00 PM](#) **Linnet moves to approve not to exceed budget of \$12,728,166 , Thea seconds, Husbards, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes. Linnet, yes.**

Dawson, we have accomplished our goal for tonight. Capital discussion in next meeting.

[7:11:55 PM](#) Thea, asks question about resiliency, will that show in next discussion. Husbards, can we discuss projects next time? [7:13:15 PM](#) Yeager interjects, propose a staff meeting with council members separately so that they can ask as many questions as they would like. Thea and Husbards would like that. Simms supportive of this suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 296 Motion to approve (or deny) Resolution 2020-086, authorizing a contract for service with NAMI Wood River Valley to provide mental illness education, support and advocacy to residents of Hailey in exchange for credit of the park rental, special events and banner hanging fees incurred for outdoor events on city parks or streets. ACTION ITEM

[7:15:42 PM](#) NAMI, Dawson, this contract is in same spirit as the recently approved Hunger Coalition agreement.

[7:16:18 PM](#) **Motion to approve 2020-086, Thea with NAMI, seconded by Husbards, motion passed with roll call vote, Linnet, yes. Martinez, yes. Husbards, yes. Thea, yes.**

NB 297 Review and discussion of the final design for the Sunbeam Subdivision Phase I Park and Open Space, to be located on Tax Lot 6655, Section 9 & 10, T2N, R18E, Hailey ACTION ITEM

[7:17:22 PM](#) Horowitz, Ben Young, can do a quick presentation from his computer. Young shows his screen, where we left off, slight changes reviewed with Parks and Lands Board, key for tonight was to give an overview of the tweaks given to-date. And amenities and features, park design, added Horowitz. Parking lot highlighting in yellow, leave more land for park and allows for more expansion of parking lot into the phase 2 into the park, practical change. Existing Curtis Park parking lot remain, asks Linnet? Yes, it will remain, replies Young. Have mounded knoll for kids in the winter, can use soil from the project instead of hauling offsite. Bike path connectivity is still in plan. Connecting to Bullion is not a safe alternative, connection remains at Carbonate Street. Trees will go in around park in phase 1. Intersection to future Carbonate, funny shape in middle of plan. Gravel parking lot, 2 ADA stalls, with ramps, sidewalk and curb, 2 bike racks, ADA accessible bench overlooks intermediate playground. Working your way into the site, natural play area, other vegetation remains the same with exception of tree diversity after staff notes from a meeting. Have not specified the grass, getting

very close. Other technical developments, will be retrofitting the pump at Curtis Park, will be upgraded to serve both this park and Curtis Park, efficient use of the system. Also, in Parks and Lands board meeting will stub out water and sewer for future restrooms, along San Badger, something that will grow to the North. Upgrading amenities as we go as we can. [7:28:10 PM](#) Young will answer any questions.

[7:28:19 PM](#) Thea thanks Young for his presentation, what is acreage of phase 1 and then phase 2. Young estimates, 4 or 5 acres and 9 with phase 2 design. Applaud Young with design, likes the separate areas and nooks. Likes where the parking lot was moved to and encourages lots of uses.

[7:30:48 PM](#) Husbands, likes the idea of preparing for future restrooms and picnic tables, great diversity. Linnet gives a thumbs up.

Martinez, great design.

[7:31:58 PM](#) Young thanks council and mayor.

No action needed tonight.

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:32:58 PM](#) Steve England attended the NAMI event on Friday, crisis intervention training, fielded some questions, where to go from here. That Q&A went well.

Martinez, recognizes Thea and Linnet, NPR interview, spoke well and articulate. [7:34:17 PM](#)

[7:34:27 PM](#) Yeager, Airport Way will be getting Chip seal this summer will try to fill in some of the bumps, will overlay the whole thing in August.

Motion to adjourn [7:35:34 PM](#) made by Martinez, Thea seconds, Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes. Martinez, yes.