

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AUGUST 16, 2021  
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Martha Burke. Present were Council members Kaz Thea, Juan Martinez, and Heidi Husbands. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, and City Administrator Heather Dawson.

Sam Linnet, not in attendance.

[5:00:29 PM](#) Call to order.

Open Session for public concerns:

[5:01:01 PM](#) No Comments.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

*PH 289 Consideration of amendment to the FY 2021 Budget, which would increase Hailey's annual appropriation by \$950,000 for the purchase of real property, and by \$200,000 for the Cares Act Small Business Grants passed through to Hailey businesses in January, 2021. ACTION ITEM .....*

[5:01:54 PM](#) Heather Dawson explained action tonight is to look at and improve or consider an increase to the budget. Dawson explained the process to amend the budget. Dawson stated original budget is \$12,728,166 and increase proposed is \$1,150,000, concluding total budget will be \$13,878,166. Dawson explained in order to increase budget, need to show increase of revenue. Dawson noted typo on page displayed right now to council, should read FY 2021, not FY 2020. Dawson explained increase of revenue is from the Care Acts, small business grant of \$200,000 received in January 2021 and \$950,000 from Capital Funds balance to purchase real property adjacent to City Hall. We have not budgeted these funds yet.

[5:05:45 PM](#) Thea asked what type of businesses could the grant go to. Dawson explained there were 34 businesses that received the grants, these grants issued in January 2021, funds.

[5:07:05 PM](#) Mayor Burke opened public comment.

[5:07:42 PM](#) Keith Winnovich, 1551 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, knows what the Cares Act was for. The other is the real property purchase, assuming that being proposed is for a town center kind of thing. He has worked with Chase (Goulay) before, and he is very capable. He is struggling with the business case, are we trying to get more people in or just to procure the property? Otherwise just an expense. Has not seen any kind of proposal, if the point is to get more people here to create more business or, struggling with why someone would build there. Very fortunate that we have as many parks as we do. What is the value to the city right now?

[5:10:19 PM](#) Mayor Burke explained the goal was to own the old post office, that it increases the city campus that would allow the City to expand various departments,

[5:12:19 PM](#) Thea stated in between there is a big space, that could be used for a gathering space.

[5:14:38 PM](#) Mayor Burke closed public comment.

[5:14:54 PM](#) Husbands is definitely for adding the cares act to the budget. Does not think we should purchase the building out of the capital fund, thinks should put in front of voters to make that decision.

[5:15:54 PM](#) Juan stated this seems like paper work from staff perspective.

[5:16:16 PM](#) Mayor Burke asked for a motion.

[5:16:24 PM](#) **Juan motioned to adopt a tentative not to exceed FY 2021 budget \$13,878,166. Thea seconded. Husbands – nay. Thea- Yes, Juan-Yes. Motion passed with Linnet absent. 2-1.**

[5:17:50 PM](#) **Juan motioned to adjourn. Thea seconded. All in Favor.**