

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 4:32 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.

[4:32:16 PM](#) Call to order by Mayor Burke. Amended agenda.

[4:32:37 PM](#) Linnet moves to amend agenda adding CA 323, Thea seconds, motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Husbands, yes. Linnet, yes.

Open session for public comments:

CONSENT AGENDA:

*** CA 323** *Motion to approve Alcohol Renewals ACTION ITEM*

[4:33:14 PM](#) Thea moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Linnet, motion passed with roll call vote. Husbands, yes. Linnet, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

[4:34:06 PM](#) In the latest mayor's covid update meeting, South Central Health District, St. Luke's, elected officials, school district, Harry Griffith. We are facing a crisis, would like to reinstate a mask mandate, hesitant because people are on one side or the other on this topic. We won't mandate that the businesses require masks but suggest they do it for the health of everyone. [4:36:28 PM](#) after the state lockdown, it was easier to require masks, and willingness may not be as well received right now.

[4:37:43 PM](#) Linnet, has concerns about reinstating a mask mandate, on other side, feel strongly it is the right decision. Ideally, the Governor would do it, but that is not our reality right now. All healthcare advisors are asking us to wear masks, because they are the ones dealing with this day-to-day. The justification for wearing masks, is to protect vulnerable populations, including children under 12.

[4:40:21 PM](#) Burke we are going to have this same discussion in the future. Wanted to bring up this now.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 322 *Consideration of Second Amendment to the City of Hailey FY 2021 Budget, which would increase Hailey's annual appropriation by \$818,000 to appropriate additional revenue received from fire mutual aid reimbursements, local option taxes, and development permits.* **ACTION ITEM**

[4:41:09 PM](#) Dawson, we have 1 month left in this fiscal year, 2 months of revenue is estimated. Why do we amend the budget now? Dawson, because it needs to be contractually spent in categories, for example, Local Option Tax 1% for air. If we don't amend our budget, we will go over in some categories, including LOT and building permits. The building permits funds, we must pay DBS, so we don't want to go over budget. [4:43:31 PM](#) This is still an estimate. We met with Mayor Burke and entire staff team and covered these proposals. Divided categories into operational expenses and capital fund. Dawson reviews the breakdown, including \$130,000 increase in building permits. [4:45:48 PM](#) these are all areas that we could go over in, and this amendment could help defray that. We are estimating, \$170,000 LOT, \$375,000 overage in general LOT category. Suggest replacing our snow blower, which we purchased with our first LOT funds many years ago. [4:47:12 PM](#) Library restrooms, need to be refurbished and open the restroom to the outside, funds identified for this also. [4:48:04 PM](#) additionally, Fire department has been sent out on wildland fires this year, they need to replace an engine and replace another engine, to build money for that replacement. [4:48:54 PM](#) \$818,000 total amendment for this. This meeting is to adopt a not to exceed and then discuss later. Dawson gives options for council.

[4:49:59 PM](#) Burke, if we don't get a fire truck, then we can spend in another area. Dawson replies. May or may not expend the money by the end of the month, unspent money rolls into the capital fund for the next year.

[4:51:20 PM](#) Heidi Husbands, what does the \$12,000 cover versus. Yeager, building rehabilitation is something different, 2 different projects, one comes out of the operational budget. Library is a different budget for their windows.

[4:53:20 PM](#) Thea, how accurate are these numbers? Wood River Valley project, they could use more than \$2,000, would love to see more money go to them if possible. Dawson, these numbers are estimates based on our revenues to date. there are 2 ways to approach, move money within the categories or increase building permit revenue by how much we want to provide.

[4:55:50 PM](#) Burke, wants to give them money but don't want to take away from other necessary categories like street repairs. Dawson reviews the allowable categories eligible for LOT funds, forest enhancement project. [4:57:51 PM](#) Thea, the goal is environmental safety, reduce fire hazards to protect your community.

[4:58:23 PM](#) Martinez, echoes Mayor Burkes comments, take care of our city first, a little worried about where the focus is. One year in the game will tell us more. The snowblower purchase in 2006 was a long time ago, we need to effectively do snow removal.

[4:59:55 PM](#) Husbands, \$518,000 spend on these items, leaves \$300,000 to put in other categories. Dawson responds, \$518,000 are capital fund items. Additional \$300,000 includes the \$170,000 LOT for air fees, would come from operating budget, not the capital fund.

[5:01:20 PM](#) Thea, we reduced staffing, new hire, do we look at this? Burke, don't necessarily want to establish a position with these funds, may be one year only.

[5:02:09 PM](#) public hearing: no comments

[5:02:41 PM](#) Lyn Drewien speaks to the Library project, back in March and April, discussed capital improvement projects, retrofit of the restrooms, asked for \$75,000 initially. Didn't think we'd get these funds, wanted this on a future capital improvement list. Having public facilities that are adequate, is important to them. Starting to see more repairs in the bathrooms. Lucky to get grants this year, but not able to get funding for capital improvement projects. Thank you for your consideration.

[5:05:49 PM](#) Dawson, the main category, \$45,000 payment to DBS is in the total but not shown as a line item.

[5:06:33 PM](#) Steve England, received emails on state bids on vehicles, \$18,000 to pay off current explorers. Budgeted 2 vehicles in next budget year. State bids for police packages are still not in, hoping late this year or early next year will be available.

[5:08:48 PM](#) Linnet, our choice to make sure we don't lose out. Ready to move forward. **Linnet moves to approve second amendment FY2021 budget \$818,000, Martinez, seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Linnet, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

Staff reports:

[5:10:07 PM](#) Dawson, Sept 27th, is the date of public hearing, from 4-5 that day, please visit Toe of the Hill Park grand opening before the meeting. [5:11:02 PM](#) Yeager, there is AstroTurf there right now. Native grass is green right now around the turf, once established will drop irrigation levels.

[5:11:57 PM](#) Martinez, throws out name, "heritage square" forming the identity of Hailey. Burke, we will keep this in mind. Dawson, Heart of Hailey is already being used for Hailey Elementary school.

[5:13:43 PM](#) **Martinez motions to adjourn, Linnet seconds, motion passed unanimously.**