The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:31 P.M. by Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. Present were Council members Colleen Teevin, Don Keirn, and Pat Cooley. Staff present included, City Clerk Mary Cone.

5:31:40 PM Call to order by Mayor Haemmerle.

Burke not in attendance at the meeting.

Open Session for Public Comments:

No public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 362 Motion to approve bid documents and authorization to request bids for Riverside lift station flood mitigation work.

CA 363 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-094, approving Health benefits for City of Hailey employees – renewal with Regence Blue Shield.

CA 364 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-095 and authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement with Blaine County Recreation District for Croy Nordic at Lions Park.

CA 365 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-096 and authorize the Mayor to sign the State/Local agreement with ITD to design and construct River Street improvements from Walnut to Galena Streets, agreeing to provide the City’s match of $160,452.40 and immediately paying the State $9,000 for incidental and administrative services.

CA 366 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-097, approving contract with Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley for annual amount of $16,000.

CA 367 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-098, approving contract with Blaine County Housing Authority for annual amount of $3,000.

CA 368 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-099, approving contract with Rick Allington for Misdemeanor prosecutions for annual amount of $44,133.

CA 369 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-100, approving a contract with Harmony Design and Engineering to conduct flood plain analysis for the riverside lift station construction project and present flood mitigation ideas to City Council for an amount not to exceed $4,800.

CA 370 Motion to approve Resolution 2017-101 authorizing Hailey’s Treasurer to write off Accounts Receivable balances; incorrect, uncollectable, cancelled items totaling $ 5,477.01.

CA 371 Motion to approve minutes of September 7, 2017 and to suspend reading of them.

CA 372 Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of September, 2017, and claims for expenses due by contract in October, 2017.

5:32:14 PM Keirn moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS:

AA 373 Employee Recognition – Kelly Schwarz
Mayor Haemmerle presented an Excellence award to Kelly Schwarz for this year’s flood event efforts. Schwarz thanked all of the city departments for help during the event. Applause for room.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 375 Consideration of a Lot Line Amendment for Phoebe Pilaro at 110 South 2nd Avenue, Hailey (Lots 17A, Block 35, Hailey Townsite), within Section 9, T.2N., R.18E., B.M., City of Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho. The proposal would create two lots, Lots 17B and 23A would comprise of 6,100 square feet. Lot 23A currently contains Jimmy’s Garden Park

Lisa Horowitz gave an update for this item.

Bruce Smith Alpine Enterprises is here representing Pilaro Trust, and he spoke to council. Smith stated that Pilaro is selling house and buyers do not want the park. This action is to separate the house property from the Park property.

No Public comments.

Motion to approve the lot line amendment to create two lots, lots 17B and 23A block 35 Hailey Townsite, made by Keirn, seconded by Cooley, motion passed with roll call vote. Teevin, yes. Keirn, yes. Cooley, yes.

PH 376 Consideration of a City-initiated Text Amendment to Title 17, Section 17.05, District Use Matrix, to clarify and add definitions of: Health and Fitness Facility; Studio, Artist; Performing Arts Center; Recreation Facility, Commercial; Recreation Facility, Public; and Recreation Facility, Residential, and amendments to Title 17, Section 17.02, Definitions to add or modify definitions related to the above. The changes are to correct clerical omissions in Ordinance 1208 (Continued from June 20, 2017)

Horowitz explained when we adopted Ordinance No. 1208, we missed one definition, “recreational facility.”

No public comments.

Keirn moves to approve Ordinance No. 1225, authorize 1st reading by title only, seconded by Cooley for discussion, Cooley asked about the definitions, are they the same? Horowitz replied. Motion passed with roll call vote with Teevin, yes. Keirn, yes. Cooley, yes.

Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 1225 by title only.

PH 377 Consideration of a request from Hailey Airport Inn, LLC, to the City of Hailey, to vacate certain sections of the City Right-of-Way at 820 South 4th Avenue (Lots 7-12, 19-24, Block 137, Hailey
Townsite), along the south side of Cedar Street, between Lots 1 & 13 of Block 137.  
(Item will be continued to October 2, 2017)

5:42:10 PM Horowitz asked for council to continue this item to the Oct 2nd meeting.

No public comments.

5:43:00 PM Keirn moved to continue this item to Oct. 2nd meeting, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.

PH 378  Consideration of a City-initiated Text Amendment to Title 17, Section 17.06, Design Review, to create a Pre-Application Design Review process.  
(Item will be continued to October 2, 2017)

5:43:22 PM Haemmerle asked for a motion to continue.

No public comments.

5:43:49 PM Cooley moves to continue to oct. 2nd, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.

PH 379  Consideration of Resolution 2017-___, amending water and wastewater connection fees and water rates for FY 2018

5:44:10 PM Miller gave council an overview of this item. 2 increases described.  Last year there were no increases in fees, slight decrease in usage fees.

No public comments.

5:46:53 PM Cooley has some questions for city engineer, would like to have them answered before adopting them.  Miller responded that engineer

5:48:20 PM Tony Evans with Idaho Mountain Express asked a question, are you adopting tonight? Haemmerle replied, we will continue this item to Oct. 2nd.

5:48:47 PM Keirn moves to continue, seconded by Cooley, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 380 Discussion of Hailey comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the BLM travel plan for Blaine County and the Hailey area. This plan addresses motorized and nonmotorized recreational uses on BLM lands surrounding Hailey, including numerous new trails.

5:49:09 PM blm travel plan John Kurtz is here again tonight to answer any questions council may have.  Looking at option B to start.  Horowitz pulled up the maps to show while discussing.

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BLM travel plan has multiple connections through Quigley, shows the biking trail head on the map. 5:52:38 PM Haemmerle asked how long is a “short loop” Horowitz commented about 5 to 6 miles is a short loop. 5:53:32 PM John Kurtz, map would be a BCRD like all the others. There will be shorter hiking loops as well. Haemmerle asked if BLM creating a pocket map? Kurtz responded, mostly electronic. Horowitz commented, we will update the Hailey trail map. Major portal at Woodside trail, then deadman’s gulch out Quigley, would be nice to connect Old Cutter’s to Quigley, proposing only seasonal access due to wildlife corridor. Quigley pond trail head, suggestion to connect trails to this spot. Next comments was about motorized access out Quigley. Horowitz asked Kurtz what that means. Kurtz commented, would be small parking area for 8-10 vehicles in there. Kurtz clarified there are motorized corridors on some back roads but not off road. 6:00:12 PM Cooley asked about snowmachines? No comments yet, Kurtz replied. Is there a map city limit signs yet, Cooley. Horowitz, we don’t have those indicated on Google maps yet. Kurtz replied to Cooley, this does not limit horseback riding or foot travel in any way. Old Cutters park trail access, comment, hiking but not equestrian access, parking would not accommodate horse trailers, comments Horowitz. These are seasonal trails. Kurtz comments on horowitz’s question, they are designed for foot traffic in mind, too steep for bikes. Next comments are on Colorado Gulch area, feel loop trails would be good. Possible work with State lands on Della mountain, short loops and even connect to new animal shelter location. The county will decide what happens with the Colorado gulch bridge, horowitz commented, seems impractical until bridge rebuilt to accommodate heavier traffic. 6:08:42 PM Kurtz, lees gulch to Colorado gulch, west of there is sage grouse habitat, not east of there.

Horowitz asked council for their comments.

Teevin asked a question, listen?6:10:11 PM Today what is motorized, Teevin. What about today’s trails, which ones are motorized? Kurtz comments, 8 miles are motorized, 15 miles are not motorized today. Kurtz, will electronic bikes be allowed? BLM feels that electronic bikes are like other motorized vehicles right now. BLM is proposing new 29 miles of trails non-motorized, 97 miles motorized with new trails. Kurtz explained this is why BLM is asking for comments from public. 6:14:36 PM Horowitz, Kelly Canyon Gulch, existing trail is mostly in the shade in the summer. Last comment on camping, great to have camping in Lees gulch or Kelly Canyon Gulch, Horowitz presented. Need to remit comments in by end of this week.

6:16:36 PM Haemmerle, Quigley there are motorized uses, mostly on roads, right? Kurtz, agreed. Would you build new roads for 4 wheeling out Quigley? Kurtz replies, build new trails for motorized use. Kurtz clarified, would connect people to existing trails on the authorized use, would not open them up to new or other vehicle use. Haemmerle asked if they have a mandate to create motorized trails, Kurtz replies, no there is no mandate. 6:22:32 PM Haemmerle would like to acknowledge motorized use and allow e-bikes on those trails too. Cooley comments.

Keirn would like the emphasis on hiking and biking. Horowitz can incorporate tonights comments.

6:24:05 PM Teevin asks? Not sure if time or place, but would like to have conversation around use. Haemmerle, e-bikes don’t make noise. Gas motors do make noise. Kurts answers, Teevins concerns.

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6:26:44 PM Cooley would like to see the county repair the bridge to allow motorized traffic, enhance the access. Horowitz and Cooley comment on Haemmerle’s question.

6:27:57 PM Haemmerle asks about camping. Kurtz a lot of BLM area is not-conducive to camping, limited in ability to offer camping.

6:29:09 PM Teevin asked, changing use of exiting trails? Kurtz, no. Kurtz, keefer park trail head could see change of use, to introduce bikes where today it is mostly hikers. Kurtz had an opportunity to demo an e-bike this summer and did not see an increased impact on the trail. Miller asked timeframe. Kurtz, it depends, 2019 decision and 5-8 years to build all the trails out.

Haemmerle would like to see Quigley and cutters to be a priority. Would like to see e-bikes recategorized as a bike not like a motocycle. 6:33:53 PM Teevin asked for clarification on e-bikes. Kurtz we could create a new class for e-bikes, 3 classifications, class 1, pedal-assist bike is best description and stops assisting you at 20 mph speed. Haemmerle is in support of this new category. Teevin asks Haemmerle. Teevin would like to know where to expect them. Cooley comments.

6:37:11 PM kaz thea public comments. This is exciting building new/more trails. Also interesting to consider camping in this area. Thea, there is a lot of motorized trail access proposed, want to know if Hailey has gotten any comments from citizens. Haemmerle responds. Kurtz will modify options based on the public comments.

NB 381 Consideration of Resolution 2017-____ to adopt the updated Hailey Parks, Lands & Trails Master Plan, the original Master Plan was written in 2002 and has not been updated

6:40:37 PM Stephanie Cook presented to council, last update to this master plan was in 2002. We have decided to begin taking public comments and present to council in November for proposed adoption. Cook presented the goals, to establish funding opportunities, maintain partners is important, Blaine County School District (BCSD) is an important partner. In the plan we’ve combined like action plans and development standards. We are updating irrigation systems when we are able to and the inventory is updated. A park planning sheet for Hop Porter park is presented to council tonight, will have one for each park, which will make it easier for us when applying for grants for each park.

6:45:49 PM Haemmerle congratulates Cook on this document. We need to have a sense of use for our Parks, Jimmy’s Garden and skatepark are for specific uses. For example, Haemmerle states, Balmoral Park is a great park in need of a Pavilion. 6:47:11 PM Miller comments, will bring back to council on November 20, 2017. Our hope is to get the word out and collect public comments between now and then. Haemmerle would like to see one or two parks addressed at a time, assign specific uses to our parks possibly. More focused conversations with neighbors is what the Mayor would like to see. Miller will take comments back to Parks and Lands Board and come up with a plan.
6:50:05 PM Cooley suggests adopting the update and then piecemeal updates with more specific information for neighborhood parks. Haemmerle agrees with Cooley. And would like to see an ongoing process for updating.

6:52:23 PM Keirn comments, Cutter “barn” maybe needs to be revised, out of place, maybe from another document. Cook will remove that language.

STAFF REPORTS:

6:53:03 PM Aberbach Oct 7th there is a Fire JPA open house, 10 am Saturday, it is the Wood River Fire station just south of Bellevue.

6:53:39 PM Miller announced that the Broadford Road reconstruction is approximately a 2 week schedule for repaving, and the weather should be warm enough. Miller has handed out to council a 5-year street plan, various projects and indicated dates for goal completion, all are budgeted and we have funding for them. One project you approved tonight, River Street design complete streets from Galena to Walnut. Also, Hailey Greenway Master Plan meetings on Oct. 10th, 11th and 12th – you can see the flyers posted at city hall. Haemmerle asked for a future update on pathways for people, Mariel will give an update in the future.

6:55:53 PM HPD, Gunter road barricades will be put up soon at life station. They are doing a Spaghetti dinner Saturday night for the high school football team.

6:56:28 PM Cooley will not be here for Oct 2nd meeting, can call in to do consent agenda and then call back in and may be able to attend via phone on his way to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Property Acquisition (IC 74-206(1)(c))

6:57:54 PM Teevin moves to go into Executive Session for Real Property Acquisition (IC 74-206(1)(c)), seconded by Keirn, motion passed with roll call vote, Teevin, yes. Keirn, yes. Cooley, yes.