

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD DECEMBER 14, 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.

**5:30:50 PM** Call to order by Mayor Burke

**All council present.**

Public comments:

No comments from public.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- [CA 511](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-133, ratifying the Mayor’s signature on an agreement with Idaho Power in the amount of \$4,665, for electrical service to the Snow Storage site. **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 512](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-134, authorizing short-term extension to AR for the Airport Joint Powers Authority **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 513](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-135, setting appointment and term of Hailey’s representative to the Sun Valley Air Service Board **ACTION ITEM** .....
- [CA 514](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-136, setting appointments and terms of Hailey’s representatives to the Hailey/WRFD Joint Fire Board **ACTION ITEM** .....
- [CA 515](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-137, setting appointments and terms for the Hailey Planning & Zoning Commission**ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 516](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-138, setting appointments and terms for the Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission(HAHPC) **ACTION ITEM** .....
- [CA 517](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-139, setting appointments and terms for the Hailey Tree Committee **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 518](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-140, setting appointments and terms to Hailey Urban Renewal Agency **ACTION ITEM** .....
- [CA 519](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-141, setting appointment and term for Hailey City Council liaison to the Hailey Public Library Board of Trustees **ACTION ITEM** .....
- [CA 520](#) Motion to approve Summary of Ordinance. Nos. 1272 & 1273, amending the ACI agreement with Blaine County and Hailey Municipal Code Chapter 13, Water and Wastewater, to reduce financial hardships on rate payers and adjust leak processes **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 521](#) Motion to approve e banking customer service annual review and authorize the Mayor to sign **ACTION ITEM**...
- [CA 522](#) Motion to ratify claims for expenses paid in December 2020 **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 523](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of November, 2020, and claims for expenses due by contract in December, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**.....

**5:31:58 PM** Martinez moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Husbands, motion passed with roll call vote. Martinez, yes. Linnet, yes. Thea, yes. Husbands, yes.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

[5:32:35 PM](#) Mayor Burke, we've put in place wonderful representatives on our boards and committees, thank you for your service, we are very grateful.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### *NB 526 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report ACTION ITEM*

[5:33:16 PM](#) Mayor Burke opens the discussion, addressing county wide undertaking to reduce our energy footprint. At the center of the elliptical circles, in center, a hired person at the County, at City, we are offering, Rebecca Bundy and other staff, Brian Yeager, Becky Stokes and Lisa Horowitz, next circle Hailey and other cities. Next circle, energy partners, Idaho Power and local energy experts. Then next circle community stakeholder group. Last circle, governing bodies.

[5:36:31 PM](#) Dawson, County is in the process of hiring an individual. This presentation tonight is to show our progress being made.

[5:37:13 PM](#) Bundy, this is a good starting point, and very exciting, hopes that Ketchum joins in.

[5:37:50 PM](#) Mayor Burke, next part is greenhouse gas inventory by Bundy.

[5:38:06 PM](#) Bundy begins, we have been working on this since last January. Wanted to let council know what we've learned. Comparison of 2007 and current data, 2018, inventory methodologies may have been different from 2007 data to current. For example, with transportation, used county wide numbers, Bundy used ITD trackers from Hailey. Be interested in seeing the transportation numbers. 1<sup>st</sup> slide shows residential use, propane/gas is 1/3. [5:42:08 PM](#) CO2 reductions. Waste numbers are consistent. [5:44:02 PM](#) slide comparing community emissions, not sure if apples to apples comparison. Next slide, commercial vehicles, bottom right, commercial energy. Energy used measured, residential power went up from 2005-2018 comparison, natural gas down 15%, commercial gas up, waste down.

[5:46:47 PM](#) Bundy, we have done better job of tracking assumptions and data. Hoping next time, can know if apples to apples comparison.

[5:47:29 PM](#) Mayor Burke, what about County, do they have information? Bundy responds, county has data from 2007. Will still have problem in comparison.

[5:48:22 PM](#) Thea, in moving forward, can't really compare apples to apples. It is our baseline, looking at our goal in ten years. Bundy, with ICLEA guidance, it has helped.

[5:50:28 PM](#) Burke we have good base.

[5:50:42 PM](#) Thea, challenge now, comes the real investment. Before we accomplished the low hanging fruit. The data presented last time, how is that compared to what we are looking at today, the grant, minerals organization. Bundy, have been tracking city facilities. This

presentation is the community's information. Bundy has been comparing city information. The OMR stuff was to improve municipal facilities. [5:53:15 PM](#) Thea, this is a great start.

*NB 527 Introduction of Joint Clean Energy Cooperation Agreement with Idaho Power as a step in the development of a new 10-year electricity franchise agreement ACTION ITEM*

[5:53:54 PM](#) Bundy, agreement with Idaho Power, joint clean energy goals. National renewable energy lab, most agreements are operational, not terribly specific. Idaho Power feels this is a different document from the franchise agreement and should not be included in the franchise agreement. [5:56:14 PM](#) We see this as a similar step to realize the city's goals, important first step to get utility on board with the city's goals. We are in a better position that SLC was when they made an agreement with Rocky Mountain Power. Idaho Power is in the process of closing one of their coal plants and in a few years will close another one. This cooperation agreement describes the city's goals, section 3 is the goal section. Idaho Power cannot offer Hailey anything separate from other rate payers, but they have great systems in place already and will consider new programs. Section 5, implementation and timing of plans. This is the first such agreement that Idaho Power has entered into with any municipality. [6:00:14 PM](#) Bundy feels this is a good step in a productive relationship.

[6:00:34 PM](#) Thea, did you talk about state legislative, similar to HB411 bill in Utah? Would like to see us do that. Bundy, we've spoken to Ketchum and Boise, like sharing goals, talked with them about energy codes. Bundy, the HB411 got the utility company on board with the goal. [6:02:27 PM](#) Horowitz, feels that we are farther along than Utah was at that time, and better use of our time. Thea, 23 communities have signed on after the legislation passed. Bundy it would be great if we could do that, feels it might be an uphill battle at the state level.

Idaho power comments:

[6:04:40 PM](#) Megan Ronk, Director of Business integration development, appreciated opportunity to work with staff on this cooperative agreement. There are some areas with common goals, can work together. Idaho Power's goal of 2045 clean energy goal.

[6:06:02 PM](#) Simms thanks Idaho Power, we are encouraged by their willingness for them to work with us. Thea agrees as does Mayor Burke.

[6:06:50 PM](#) Mayor Burke, no action needed tonight, looking forward to something in a future meeting.

*NB 528 Discussion and consideration of motion to approve Resolution 2020-\_\_\_\_, authorizing the mayor to sign the ITD State/Local Agreement for the Croy to Quigley shared-use path, and authorizing an initial payment to ITD in the amount of \$3,890.00 as a deposit to cover the state's expenses on the project. ACTION ITEM*

[6:07:29 PM](#) Brian Yeager presents to council. [6:09:54 PM](#) far left of map of Wood River Trail, applied for a grant to extend to East to connect to Quigley Road, agreement you have in front of you is that. [6:10:33 PM](#) Yeager reviews, in capital projects budget, \$47,600 allocated to match the project. Also, you have approved some other projects in the area. Funding coming on Curtis

Park and along. This project is 93% of Croy shared path. Have considered doing similar to other part of Croy, and also have considered curb and gutter. Design timeline is 2021 summer/fall. Next year, construction, 2022. Will be trying to match other projects with this in 2022.

[6:14:16 PM](#) Thea asks, where is the funding coming from for our share? Yeager responds., the matching money actual will be \$36,000, some of that money from Pathways for People, we've earned interest on the funds, \$33,821, and sidewalk in—lieu fees. Wertheimer money is still there, and available, does not affect that project. Yeager discusses other capital projects including Quigley projects and pathways.

[6:17:02 PM](#) **Thea makes motion to adopt 2020-142, approving agreement with ITD, Linnet seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote, Martinez, yes. Linnet, yes. Husbands, yes. Thea, yes.**

*NB 529 Report on Hailey Small Business Grant Program ACTION ITEM*

[6:18:24 PM](#) Dawson, included a brief summary on the program. One business owner was appreciative of the first come first served approach. Other businesses are struggling to complete the reimbursement application program, some businesses are behind in their rent, so cannot apply for reimbursement. Dec 2 & Dec 3, information is out in community, 31 applications received, not all qualify, some need more information. Should wrap up this grant program this week.

[6:21:16 PM](#) Mary Clare Griffin, Executive Chef Services, wasn't clear that it was a reimbursement. When she submitted her application, didn't have expenses, took out personal loans. She is being forced to sell her house. Grateful that the City has this program, but businesses like hers are falling through the cracks.

[6:23:51 PM](#) Mayor Burke thanks Griffin for her comments. We will think about her comments.

[6:24:36 PM](#) Griffin asks if there are any other programs out there, situation is dire. Griffin has applied for jobs outside of culinary field. Applaud council for offering businesses this grant opportunity.

[6:26:13 PM](#) Linnet, asks Dawson, does the state come up with the guidelines for the grant. Dawson, broad parameters yes, specifics, city council adopted grant parameters on November 30<sup>th</sup>, used guidance from the State. Linnet asked if staff could look at this to see if it could fit needs of Griffin's and other businesses like her. Linnet wishes there was more being done at state and federal levels.

[6:29:58 PM](#) Griffin responds to Linnet's comments. It is upsetting to not be able to act on the funds available. Appreciates Dawson's suggestion for Griffin to make comments to council.

[6:32:05 PM](#) Mayor Burke will discuss this with staff.

[6:33:16 PM](#) Thea asks Dawson a question about the parameters. Dawson, we will use the entire amount. If we change the parameters now, then we will change expectations to successful applicants. What we need is a new program for this group.

[6:37:42 PM](#) Mayor Burke understands Griffin's hardship we will discuss this tomorrow.

[6:38:08 PM](#) Dawson, several applicants are in the 75% loss category, cannot pay rent so cannot apply for the entire \$10,000 reimbursement.

[6:39:43 PM](#) Mayor Burke grateful to Dawson and Stokes for finding these funds and making this possible for some of our businesses.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*OB 530 2nd and/or 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1274, adopting the 2018 International Fire and Wildland Urban Interface Code, and adopt Summary ACTION ITEM*

[6:41:10 PM](#) **Thea moves to waive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of 1274, by title only authorize mayor to sign, Linnet seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote, Husbands, yes. Thea, yes. Linnet, yes. Martinez, yes.**

**Mayor Burke conducts 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 1274, by title only.**

### **Staff reports:**

[6:43:31 PM](#) Simms states that 16,000 doses of the Pfiser COVID vaccine were received in Idaho today.

[6:44:03 PM](#) Dawson comments, that council approved chamber expense, city staff \$50 chamber bucks gift certificates, and \$25 to boards and commissions, in-lieu of a city holiday celebration and it supports local businesses.

[6:44:56 PM](#) Linnet gives a Covid update, in last week, experienced a doubling of covid transfers since Thanksgiving. This Wednesday we should have another update. 1/3 of hospital is covid patients, this time of the year, holiday finds more people vacationing, corresponds to increased visits to the hospital. We should think creatively about what we can do. "The more you do the more you fill in the holes of the swiss cheese."

[6:47:55 PM](#) Steve England, Police Chief, Andrew Tucker, new officer, graduated from POST last week, online class. Will celebrate next week, socially distanced party, that is.

[6:49:01 PM](#) Martinez, thanks staff for presentations tonight.

[6:49:22 PM](#) Thea comments on ITD, reading about Ketchum's upcoming highway. We will look at repaving the highway. Wants to have a group formed to discuss this repaving. Bike/Ped and engineer with ITD, suggested that a group form and make suggestions to ITD. Thea wants to see

this type of group formed to prepare for this resurfacing. Wants to see bike/ped friendly changes. Mayor Burke will discuss with Brian Yeager.

[6:51:49 PM](#) **Martinez moves to adjourn meeting, Thea seconds. Moton passed unanimously.**