

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 1, 2016
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 Fritz Haemmerle. Present were Council members Don Keirn, Pat Cooley, and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

5:30:40 PM Call to order by Mayor Haemmerle

Colleen Teevin not in attendance tonight.

Open Session for Public Comments:

5:31:04 PM Tony Evans Hailey citizen comments that Main Street looks fabulous with the lighted trees.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 434 Motion to ratify claims for payments due in November 2016

5:31:26 PM Burke moved to approve the consent agenda item, seconded by Keirn, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 435 Pathways for People 2017 plan and consideration of Contractor's recommendation on the location of the bicycle improvements from the Wood River Trail to Hailey's downtown central core, as contemplated in the approved levy, on East Croy Street, and to authorize the design team to prepare a conceptual design of these improvements as well as improvements on 2nd Ave. for public review and comment at an open-house on December 13, 2016

5:31:57 PM Opening remarks by Mayor Haemmerle.

5:32:33 PM Mariel Miller gave an overview, about 3 weeks ago staff began working on this project. Looking at East Croy, Bullion, and 2nd ave. Miller added that project segments for later is E. Myrtle across Main Street. The sidewalk maintenance has already begun on this budgeted amount. Miller shows visual of the areas being considered for the new sidewalks – Bullion or Croy Street, we cannot do both due to budgetary constraints. Miller explained the survey of residents, polling preferences, results were also prioritized by City Council, then selected a consultant – Alta Planning and Design. Alta's scope for 2017 segment recommendations will be presented tonight. Don Kostecek, Senior Planning Associate with Alta Planning and Design will present his findings.

5:36:43 PM Haemmerle asked about the Myrtle street project, grant in our sights for this segment.

5:37:20 PM Don Kostelet with Alta presented to Council. Project discussion was rather to do the sidewalks on Bullion or Croy Street. In less than 2 weeks, a meeting will be held in city hall to discuss the preferred option. We are about to move into the conceptual design phase of the project. Kostelet will present to staff mid Jan 2017 this conceptual design, then submit for bids. Anticipating summer 2017 for the construction of the project. The emerging target groups are: the “strong and fearless,” “enthused and confident riders,” and “interested but concerned,” and “no way no how riders.” When designing concepts, the main group targeted is the “interested but concerned.” We build to the main group added Kostelet. When Kostelet was evaluating the two options, they reviewed several resources including: Complete Streets and the Bike Ped Master Plan. Technical analysis, types of vehicles were observed, traffic characteristics, street configuration and observation of bicyclists types. Then compared the results to each other Bullion vs. Croy on North and South sides of the streets. There could be more opportunity to preserve the existing parking on Croy Street. Kostelet then review the different evaluation criteria, thumbs up, thumbs side and thumbs down – Croy vs. Bullion. From a connectivity standpoint it was a push – almost a wash between the 2 streets. From a safety perspective, there is more traffic on Bullion. More impact to parking on Bullion. The Croy crosswalk would be to implement flashing yellow signs activated by bikers and pedestrians. On Bullion, the bike path option is problematic with Atkinson’s truck deliveries. Facility types are then presented by Kostelet, leaning towards the preferred option of a “separated bike lane,” with stripe dividing cars and bikes and another that preserves existing sidewalks. Another option, paved paths. Buffered bike lanes, block off an area blocked off separating cars and bikes. Traditional bike lanes, extension of pavement, not the best option for the “concerned rider.” Kostelet explains why they suggest the preferred option.

5:54:41 PM Mayor Haemmerle asks a question about Boise city bike paths. Kostelet responds.

5:57:04 PM Cooley asks about the width of these solutions. Kostelet responds.

5:57:34 PM In summary, Kostelet explains the Croy Street recommendation which includes fewer impacts to parking and less impacts to bicyclists.

Public comments:

5:58:53 PM Matt Engel Hailey resident and business owner. Engel appreciates the presentation and is excited to see a solution on 2nd. This is a big improvement for downtown. Engel offices on Bullion, parking is already congestion on Bullion, and likely not going to get better. If there is any way to use the wider right-of-way on Croy, he would like to see this happen. Engel likes the cross walk button flashing light solution discussed tonight.

6:00:49 PM Jacob Greenberg Shorty’s restaurant owner spoke to council. Greenberg comments regarding the Courthouse parking, he is concerned for Croy Street parking, this area is fully utilized for parking and it feels congested. Greenberg has no problem with the bike path, he

generally is concerned with safety of bikers and pedestrians, and he has seen lots of close calls on Main Street. Greenberg cautions to keep people safe.

Council deliberation:

6:04:08 PM Burke announced that she lives at 2nd and Bullion. Burke is neutral on both of these options.

6:04:38 PM Keirn likes the Croy solution. Bullion traffic has sped up since the installation of the stop sign on 3rd ave. and Bullion.

6:06:02 PM Cooley likes the Croy Street suggestion.

6:06:52 PM Haemmerle has been a big fan of Croy for a long time. Haemmerle rides bikes, and Croy seems more open and has less obstructions, and a better natural connector than Bullion. Bullion has more traffic and more dangerous to bike traffic.

6:09:29 PM Burke would like to see a light at Atkinson's 1st and Bullion, and not to lose sight of that.

6:10:11 PM Cooley makes a motion to authorize Alta Planning and Design to begin design concepts and collect public input and feedback on the East Croy street location, seconded by Burke, motion passed with roll call vote, Burke, yes. Cooley, yes. Keirn, yes.

6:11:23 PM Mariel Miller reviewed public comments received on this topic so that it is entered into public record. Comments received from Hannah McNees, owner of Jersey Girl restaurant on Croy Street is in favor of Croy Street. Deborah Hall owner of Bullion Street business is in favor of Croy Street. Nathan Fierman owner of a property on Bullion and Main Street is not in favor of a Bullion Street solution. Cindy Ward and Larry Schwartz owners of separate businesses on Bullion Street near River Street are in favor of Croy not Bullion Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 436 3rd Reading Ordinance No. 1206 and Summary of Ordinance, which adds a new chapter, Chapter 10.44 to Hailey Municipal Code authorizing a traffic safety program

6:13:28 PM Burke moves to approve 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 1206, seconded by Keirn, motion passed with roll call vote. Burke, yes. Cooley, yes. Keirn, yes.

6:14:11 PM Mayor Haemmerle conducted the 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 1206, by title only.

OB 437 2nd Reading Ordinance No. 1207, which amends Hailey Municipal Code Title 17, Section 17.05, District Use Matrix, to clarify: Restaurants, including Drive-through and Restaurants which may or may not include the sale of alcoholic beverages; Parcel Delivery and Shipping Services, and

amendments to Title 17, Section 17.02, Definitions to add or modify definitions related to the above

6:14:57 PM Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1207, by title only.

OB 438 2nd Reading Ordinance No. 1208, which amends Hailey Municipal Code Title 17, Section 17.05, District Use Matrix, to clarify: Dance, Martial Arts and Fitness Facilities, Health and Fitness Facility, Performing Arts Center, Studio, Artist, Recreation Facility, Commercial Indoor Recreation Facility, and Commercial Outdoor Recreation Facility

6:15:47 PM Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1208, by title only.

OB 439 2nd Reading Ordinance No. 1209, which amends Hailey Municipal Code Title 15.12, to adopt the 2015 International Fire Code, 2015 International Fire Code Standards and 2015 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code

6:17:27 PM Mayor Haemmerle conducts the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1209, by title only.

STAFF REPORTS:

6:18:20 PM Mayor Haemmerle announced that there is the tree lighting tomorrow at 5:30 pm at the Blaine County Courthouse.

6:18:33 PM Motion to adjourn made by Keirn, seconded by Burke, motion passed unanimously.