

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The special meeting of the Hailey City Council and staff was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mayor Susan McBryant. Present were Council members Rick Davis, Martha Burke, Don Keirn, and Carol Brown, and city department heads. The mayor turned the meeting over to Council President Rick Davis, who had requested a council discussion of Blaine County's 2025 Growth Plan.

The council began by discussing density at its borders. Brown said it is important that cities look like cities, and the county look different. She was opposed to density on Hailey's borders. McBryant noted that Hulen Meadows looks very different than Ketchum. Brown added that the worst case scenario for a city is when property on its borders is already developed and the city has to take it into its boundaries. She noted too that cities have the best infrastructure for dense development.

Keirn agreed that East Fork and Hulen Meadows areas should be further developed rather than land at the boundaries of cities. Brown noted that the proposed Timmerman City would have to be self-contained if it is to be successful.

Keirn wanted to know the economic base by which the county study derives its growth numbers. He said growth can't be sustained without economic development. McBryant added that the current economic base is predominantly service driven.

McBryant feared community housing development on the city's borders. Community housing needs to be integrated with a community, not clumped.

The council then discussed population bases, and Fire Chief Chapman noted that Hailey has a higher population than all other cities in the county combined. Brown noted that Hailey is 1/3 the entire county population base.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Davis moved and Keirn seconded that the council go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. A roll call vote showed all in favor. Williamson noted that an Executive Session had not been agendad, so rather than going into executive session, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Susan McBryant, Mayor

Heather Dawson, City Clerk