

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The special meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Mayor Susan McBryant. Present were Council members Rick Davis, Don Keirn, and Carol Brown. Martha Burke was absent. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson and City Clerk Heather Dawson.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor McBryant informed the council that she had sent personal invitations to the people who served on the local option tax committee to attend Hailey's town hall meeting on August 11, 2005.

COX CABLE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE – EXTENSION OF TIME

Williamson said he had stated in the previous city council meeting that he had been pleasantly surprised at how easily Hailey and Cox Cable Company had come to terms regarding the new franchise agreement. However, last Friday when he met with Cox Cable representatives to go over the language of the agreement, he learned that they didn't interpret the language the same as he did, and in fact we are not close to finalizing the agreement. We are now waiting to hear from Glen Parker about what Cox will or will not do. We won't be coming to a quick agreement, and thus need an extension of the current franchise for another 90 days.

Davis asked about bringing in competitors. Williamson said the proposed franchise draft is non-exclusive. If a competitor knows that the other game in town has a short franchise, they may be willing to come in. It may cost as much as 10 million dollars to put in another service. McBryant said she doesn't think the current provider is interested in abandoning new infrastructure which has just been installed. She also wondered how the citizens would respond to having the whole town turned up again. Technology is changing quickly, and a three year term might be an appropriate term. The 3 year term makes it attractive for the next best game in town to come in. We don't want to limit ourselves by giving too much term, nor enrage the beast that we have. Keirn asked if we would make the three year term exclusive. McBryant said she envisioned it as non-exclusive.

Brown was fine with moving ahead with the 90 day extension. Davis moved to adopt Ordinance 915, extending the current franchise through October 20, 2005, waive the three readings, and read by title only. Brown seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dawson noted that several special events already scheduled would be subject to the new ordinance after it is adopted, but that adoption would occur so close in time to those events that it could be problematic for event planners. She said new events coming in, and events scheduled after Labor Day, including the Dalai Lama's visit and the Trailing of the Sheep Festival should be subject to council approval. She suggested other events be allowed to be approved by staff. She said events under 200 people scheduled already within Hailey's parks need not be subject to the higher special event application fee.

Brown moved that the council allow city staff to approve events with applications already files which are scheduled on Labor Day weekend or earlier, and that the Dalai Lama event, Trailing of the Sheep, and new event applications be subject to the new ordinance and city council approval. Keirn seconded; the motion carried unanimously

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Keirn said he would meet with Blaine County Commissioner Bowman on SEIDO issues. He wanted to involve Chief Chapman in his meetings.

Davis said folk festival buttons are available.

Dawson discussed the impact fee study, saying she was pursuing cost projections for the impact fee study from Management Partners and Tischler Associates. The council was interested in working on an impact fee study concurrently with the ongoing annexation study.

There being no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Susan McBryant, Mayor

Heather Dawson, City Clerk