The special meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Susan McBryant. Present were Council members Rick Davis, Martha Burke, Don Keirn, and Carol Brown. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson and City Clerk Heather Dawson.

Mayor opened Dalai Lama issue. Renee said the insurance requirements had been doubled. Williamson said Hailey needs to consent to the Sawtooth Rangers subleasing the rodeo grounds property. Motion to approve applications subject to conditions; authorize the mayor to sign the agreement, and authorizing the mayor to execute the sublease. Delete D in the list, not appropriate language. Compliance with all federal, state, local laws, allows building inspector to inspect property the day before, traffic management plan, that parking area be mowed, that notice be given to residents about parking in that location.

Dave said he and Carl Hjelm had met with event organizers to go over concerns he had. Have been assured that we will have plans for these structures no later than August 26. Williamson said that is in condition F. The council agreed that parking spaces should be clearly called out in advertisements. The central Woodside Parking is the vacant ground on both sides of Countryside Boulevard. McNary said he was glad the parking had been put in Woodside. Overflow parking in neighborhoods will be prevented by barricading the neighborhoods. At some point in the future, people generally know we don’t enforce street-side parking in the summer, and we should put some language in our ordinance authorizing chief of police to authorize removal of parking during events, chip seal, etc. McBryant noted that some people in neighborhoods may have private events at their homes not related to the Dalai Lama event. Brown said condition C, amounts of each item of insurance. Williamson summarized approve insurance in amounts to satisfy the city attorney. Brown moved to approve the application dated Aug 8, subject to conditions in Staff report from City attorney dated August 11, excluding D. Item c would be an insurance policy as approved by city attorney. Keirn seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved to approve Agreement to indemnify, relating to reimbursement of expenses. Keirn seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Brown moved that the council consent to sublease of the rodeo grounds, with insurance policy naming the city as additionally insured. Keirn seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

McBryant said the event organizers should keep staff apprised of any changes, and if staff deems them significant, they will be brought to city council. City council should not be unaware of any changes that are planned.
Keirn moved that mayor read third reading by title only and authorize signature of the ordinance. Brown seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

2ND READING ORDINANCE 918 – Mayor and Council salaries.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 919 – Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

AIRPORT ITD AGREEMENT

Williamson said it allows ingress and egress onto the highway from the side of temporary construction at the airport. Davis moved to ratify the mayor’s signature. Keirn seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 917

Davis moved to approve. Burke seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

After making some remarks about the structure of the town hall meeting, the mayor recessed the meeting at 5:30 to transition to the Wood River Middle School.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a workshop Town Hall Meeting. She introduced the city council and staff, and thanked Jessica Trager for assisting the staff in preparing tonight’s electronic presentation. It is our intent to hear first and foremost from the people who live within Hailey. She displayed a power point presentation. She summarized by saying we are not under water yet in efforts with rising growth.

A gentleman said some of this information is scare tactics. How will fire insurance go up $800 if we don’t get a new fire station. Hjelm said state departments give fire departments a numerical rating. That rating is referenced by homeowner’s insurance companies in setting rates. It is possible in the face of growth that the numerical rating may drop, and if it does it is city wide. He said it is difficult to estimate individual insurance costs on different valued homes.

Stan of Woodside said with nuisance dog barking and dogs at large, we need a full time animal control person in our community. People have many dogs, more than allowed by ordinance. One of the responses obtained from police, there is no one on desk at 5:00 a.m. needs better instructions to callers. Came to the valley because of the tranquility of a mountain environment, and doesn’t want to be told have you tried earplugs. There is not an adequate transportation system in this valley. The mayor’s words that it is a benefit, not a necessity, is not acceptable. Transportation is a necessity. Jay Cone said the building department requires fees for outside review. Can we expect the restoration for projects similar to the EG Willis building. McBryant asked what type of personnel should be hired, would it cost more than $38,000? She said we don’t have the funds, and
that was an opportunity to move the project along faster. Cone said buildings similar have been improved in the past. He said this is an impediment to many commercial projects. It’s really not an opportunity. Carol Brown said a Regional Transit Group has been meeting every month, and we are starting to look at forming a regional transit authority. If we can combine the three existing bus systems and make the systems more efficient, and figure out how to fund it. Good examples of joint authorities for such a service.

Wynn Bird of 631 Myrtle Street was concerned about the old town core. She said the streets aren’t adequate for kids on bicycles, and she wanted to see a transportation study for people not to get through Hailey, but get around in Hailey.

John Dean of 1510 Heroic Drive asked where the local option tax and development impact fees issue stands. McBryant has been working on economic development. Keirn said a consultant is required to conduct a study, and we are getting proposals from consultants, one of whom worked for Ketchum on their impact fee project.

Richard Stopol said we had a growth referendum several years ago. That has been totally ignored, and rapid growth is affecting everything. Why is that being ignored. McBryant said that was an election in which 24% of registered voters voted.

Rod Kegley asked why Hailey had sold its sewer hookups outside its border. McBryant said we can’t talk about that because Kegley is suing us.

Deb asked if Hailey has a strategy for dealing with annexation applications. Rick Davis explained that applicants must go through a fiscal impact study that shows there would be no costs to Hailey’s residents.

Traffic. Tom Hellen, City Engineer since November 1999 said telephone calls about traffic have been increasing in the past. We do traffic count and traffic speed studies periodically. The number of traffic tickets has risen in the past year. ITD has a page on its website where local traffic counts can be seen. A traffic signal on Bullion Street now has a left-turn arrow. We’ve looked at our subdivision standards for improvements. Slow Children at Play signs are not an approved sign by ITD standards. Gives a false sense of security. Stop signs on long straight stretches cause people to speed up in between the signs. People will travel as comfortably as they feel. Hellen said the traffic study is a 14 month study funded by ITD.

Mayor McBryant noted that Janis Gillet went door to door asking businesses to contribute money for crossing flags. We are lucky to have people who make a difference individually.

Ginny Balou said her son was struck in 1992. All of her children wanted to take entry level jobs, most of which are in Ketchum, and needed transportation. Wendy Jacquet wanted to raise funds to bring in people from Twin Falls to take those entry level jobs.
Though all of the parents are good at carpooling, the cars travel to Ketchum empty to pick up the kids.

Rob Thomas of 621 East Carbonate asked if we are going to discuss the overlay townsite. He said we could have bought a lot of stop signs for all the asphalt we’ve piled up in the middle of roads. We’re double covered in the city in terms of fire protection, and our city police are under-funded. Need to reevaluate fire department funding. We need to suggest to ITD that River and Main be made into one-way streets, a plan which ITD approved. River was zoned commercial for that reason. We need to make this town more pedestrian friendly. Main Street should not be dark, and we need to get our old brighter lights back.

Redford of 3140 Glenbrook said it is becoming increasingly difficult to get onto Highway 75 from Woodside. She would like to see stoplights put in at both those intersections, and traffic slowed down. That stretch of the highway may be set back because of the airport. Hellen said the plans that ITD have plans for traffic signals. The timing is up to the E IS study.

Shiela Dallman of Motherlode was concerned about annexation transportation study. Will this transportation study be completed prior to the annexations. Hellen said the ITD study will take 14 months. Another woman said we must get an ITD study completed before we do any annexations. Our town should not annex a thing. The townsite overlay density increase was a mistake, and there is no way to get across into Old Hailey. Make our streets safe before we annex anything else.

Mayor McBryant turned this portion of the meeting over to Martha Burke, who explained what it will take to meet current standards for C-3 planes at Friedman Memorial Airport. She concluded by inviting all to come to an Airport Authority meeting on September 28, where options will be discussed. McBryant said the airport authority has not heard much from residents of Hailey. We don’t know if that is because elected officials have stated their support of relocation. Pepin Corso-Harris explained that Q-400 aircraft require the tower to clear the airfield. Burke said when Allen Company was here, and FAA official was watching to see that the procedure is followed.

John Goff of 961 Foxmoor asked how long has Friedman been accepting FAA funds. Burke suggested we look that up. The first gentleman asked if we move the airport somewhere else, do we have the city’s assurance that this one will be shut down. Burke explained the Friedman deed, and said if we take FAA money we still have to be compliant. Chris Kastner said Hailey elected officials have taken a lot of heat from people up north. Let’s get the airport out of here. Rich McIntire of Doeskin Drive said a well laid our presentation was stunned to hear that citizens of Hailey haven’t weighed in. He said between the jets and the barking dogs, he hasn’t needed an alarm clock for years. Jim Spinelli of 2310 Moonlight said he has been on the site selection committee representing the businesses of Hailey. Committee members from the north ask why Hailey businesses aren’t showing up to the site selection meetings. He encouraged all to attend the September 28 meeting. Betty Grant of 40 Buttercup Road said we all talk
about how we wish we still had a small town. Encouraging large planes to come in encourages growth. What’s wrong with the Twin Falls Airport? She asked if we have the power to just say no to FAA funds and use of the airport.

Kathryn Graves said she would like a stoplight at Elm and Main for kids getting to school. She is in support of moving the airport. She asked what could be done with that land if the airport is gone. McBryant said if airplanes cease to land, the airfield will revert back to the Friedman Family.

Mayor McBryant then addressed the Hailey Townsite Overlay. Since then some issues have been raised that weren’t contemplated. We have recently established an historic preservation committee. Aronn Dominy has agreed to assist in putting together an ad-hoc committee to determine the character of old town. Kim Johnson said since Smart Growth has been pushing this ordinance through, have there been models and studies. Peter Lobb of 403 East Carbonate said it is terribly inappropriate to have Smart Growth involved. He hoped reconsideration of that would occur. All the problems in the city with money are related to growth. Infill will bring us into bankruptcy. Why would we want to infill old Hailey. That decision needs to be reevaluated. McBryant said the moratorium deadline was a priority; the council has already met twice this week. She said it is the elected official’s job to listen to constituents, but she said that doesn’t necessarily mean that change will occur in the manner that citizens want.