

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2024
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 Kaz Thea, Juan Martinez, Heidi Husbands, and Dustin Stone. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Lisa Horowitz, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

CALL TO ORDER:

[5:30:07 PM](#) call to order by Mayor Burke, and she asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda.

[5:30:30 PM](#) **Thea moves to approve late added item PP 065, Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

Open session: [5:31:09 PM](#) none

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 056	Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature on a letter to the Idaho State Legislature in opposition of the proposed amendments to Idaho’s existing annexation law (proposed Senate Bill 1293). ACTION ITEM	1
CA 057	Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Mountain Rides grant application for 5339c funding (Low or No Emissions Grant Funding) ACTION ITEM	5
CA 058	Consideration of Resolution 2024-011, adoption of Cyber and Data Security Plan ACTION ITEM	8
CA 059	Motion to approve alcohol license for new business in Hailey ACTION ITEM	21
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CA 061	Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of January 2024, and claims for expenses due by contract in February, 2024 ACTION ITEM	34

[5:31:40 PM](#) **Martinez moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Thea. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Husbands, yes.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor asked Steve England to give his report on data ticket and winter towing. Before getting software in place we towed approx. 40 vehicles which ended up not charging for. We have gotten the word out on the towing process via social media, our town newsletter and businesses directly. Kenny has been working nights with the street crew, we have issued 290 tickets since January 12th, most are \$40 fines. Approx. 235 are winter time restrictions, \$40 fine. 14 of those are relocation tows, \$135 each, much less than previous towing, versus approx. \$300/\$400.

[5:38:03 PM](#) Bike lane violation is a \$35 ticket.

[5:39:22 PM](#) Husbands, more important is the education. People have been using the bike path, appreciates what Kenny has been doing.

[5:40:01 PM](#) Thea, we need to teach people to respect the bike paths for what they are.

[5:40:56 PM](#) England, drove around with Kenny before he started, don't be petty, if bumper is over the line. Kenny can take a picture when he issues a ticket.

[5:42:14 PM](#) Yeager, with the intermittent snow, we've had trouble with access to one of the towing lots in Woodside. We may tow some vehicles to the Park n Ride at Bullion and River.

[5:43:57 PM](#) Stone asks England, if no lines on path? England responds, spoke with businesses in front of the areas that do not have striping, he explains.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 065 ESCI Fire/EMS Phase 1 report

[5:47:54 PM](#) Horowitz, asked ESCI to present to you, we may bring a MOU to council in the future. Richard Curtis, Hilary Fletcher with ESCI. Fletcher is facilitator of the project. Have been retained by the County to assess consolidation, new entity that oversees fire/ems in the county. There is a current JPA, with some organizations, will talk through that in the presentation. A JPA is not impeding our work or long-term goal. Project scope, providing feasibility, identify implementation steps, conduct collaborative process. Have a steering committee, 1 member from each jurisdiction, 1 meeting/Quarter. Have been pleased with process so far. [5:54:32 PM](#) Opportunities for efficiency, balance skill levels, coordinate training, make sure Fire / EMS is responsible and flexible. First meeting, common goals, highest level of service with resources that are available. We are in the data collection phase, next phase is implementation, then consolidation. Ultimately, long-range planning effort. The JPA has some fragility, in that partners can exit at any time, full consolidation takes more time to implement. [5:58:11 PM](#) efforts to date, visited every site, done call data analysis, reviewed budgets from each entity and coordinated with legal analysts. They are looking at the Ambulance Districts rates, would be helpful to have a good, solid replacement schedule. Looking at other models in Idaho, and complications. Will provide preliminary recommendations, hands over to Richard. Curtis's, initial review of the data, facilities, equipment and personnel. Concentration, want them to be located in proximity to each other to respond to calls timely. Facilities, analysis of systems, red icons, are the 16 fire stations. Used 2021-2022 call data, separated them into fire and ems calls. [6:07:18 PM](#) determined best locations for facilities, 6 fixed facilities in county, 3 Carey, 1 west magic and 1 in Smiley creek. Sun Valley, 4 existing facilities, 2 optimized facilities, 2 stars are the optimized sites. North Blaine FD, greenhorn station, optimized site is slightly north. In Hailey, optimal site is East of current Wood River Fire Station. Bellevue, 2 facilities, optimized site is between these 2 sites Wood River Fire/Bellevue. EMS analysis, [6:12:47 PM](#) 4 optimized sites using ArcGIS, 2 optimized sites, near existing Ketchum Fire and hwy 75 and Elkhorn Rd. Will come back with more information with "preferred sites." Horowitz asks to clarify about the optimized site and difference if a station is close by that site. [6:17:35 PM](#) General recommendations, short-term and mid-term. [6:19:14 PM](#) one mid-term goal is to issue a standard cover document.

[6:21:31 PM](#) Fletcher discusses Idaho Joint Powers, in the next round of work effort. Next Steps, continued analysis, ongoing legal analysis, and steering committee meeting in May. Happy to take any questions.

[6:23:24 PM](#) Burke, this is an update as to where we are, broad questions would be good at this time.

[6:23:54 PM](#) Stone asks, do you need anything from us to go into Phase II? Fletcher, have received everything that we need from Hailey, still in data collection phase.

[6:24:49 PM](#) Thea, should more people join the JPA, wait and see, how are we supposed to look at that? Fletcher, each entity must make that decision. They have provided feedback on JPA. Baledge, there is a draft JPA, hoping to launch it by October. Horowitz, comments. Baledge responds, all entities dissolve, and form a new district. In Idaho, you cannot have a combined Fire and EMS district. Thea appreciates the document, easy to read and understand.

[6:29:26 PM](#) Mandy Pomeroy, Blaine County Administrator, thanks to ESCI, Horowitz and Baledge, appreciates your participation. The ambulance district board hired ESCI to do this study, contracts for EMS services were going up exponentially, on an unsustainable trajectory.

[6:32:17 PM](#) Baledge, this is a longer process, than a JPA. Hope to get a good result of this process.

[6:32:58 PM](#) Pomeroy, JPA, no matter what agreement is out there, ask yourself, what are you getting for your money. Fletcher, full formal consolidation, will know better next phase, easily a couple of years.

PP 062 Intro to Hailey's Comprehensive Plan Update: A Presentation by Jacobs Civil and GGLO (no documents)

[6:35:24 PM](#) Davis, Comprehensive Plan, in process of updating this plan. Welcomes, Jacobs Civil, Deren Fluke, and Mark Sindell with GGLO, turns over to Daren Fluke. Fluke presents to council, will explain what each team will be working on. Envision Hailey. Scope of Work, community profile by Agnew::Beck, baseline data and visioning, existing conditions, by Jacobs, and community vision GGLO. Public engagement is the 2 phase of work, which occurs throughout all phases. 3rd phase, plan development, future land use, mobility & transportation, economic development and housing. [6:43:26 PM](#) Schedule early April advisory meetings, May-May of 2025, draft content and get comments from public, then go back to public and advisory committee. Final comp plan target of May 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 063 Consideration of Resolution 2024-_____, adopting the 2024 Hailey Downtown Master Plan ACTION ITEM

[6:46:32 PM](#) Horowitz kicks off GGLO presentation, Bob Brand with the URA is present tonight. Sindell speaks to council, it has been about 1 year since presented to council last. Have chapter headings, streetscapes piece, pocket park, have taken highest priority items and added more detail. Hop Porter Park is one of those things. Added some options for flexibility. Sindell, mentions highest priority projects, bullion street promenade, main street improvements, main street crossing improvements, river street improvements, hop porter park and property acquisition.

[6:52:16 PM](#) Stone, pg. 58/59, circles, Lions Park, recommendation of program looking forward. Stone, Hop Porter Park, dog walking all have this year-round. Stone, public outreach, interactions with businesses? Sindell, did a targeted survey with businesses, page 15 of presentation.

[6:56:55 PM](#) Thea, parks, Town Square being an Urban Park. This document has specificities in it, are we adopting all of them. Would like low maintenance trees, no acorns, for example. There are specific trees in the document, do we have to use them if adopted? Sindell, goal is to set a specific direction, some things are important. More detailed process in figuring it out during each project. The trees were vetted with Webb Landscaping and Tree Committee.

[7:04:22 PM](#) Stone, follow up question, what does this mean? Horowitz, many cases this is a guide for future use.

[7:05:57 PM](#) Martinez, interested to know what you are excited about with the Comprehensive Plan? Sindell, Hailey is in a unique position how it serves the valley, family friendly, place to be.

[7:09:56 PM](#) Husbands, happy for pocket parks and River Street.

[7:11:32 PM](#) **Martinez moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Thea. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:13:07 PM](#) Yeager River St. bids LHTAC project. Big Wood River Groundwater meeting, will have future discussion on water rights. Groundwater management plan, 3 year plan, through the end of 2024. Starting to work on long-term agreement. Last year we paid \$60,000 to Galena Groundwater District, what should be expect in the future, the plan would provide security, will work on this over the next year. Legislation adopted giving IDWR more teeth. Simms, will wait for water attorney to give more information.

[7:16:18 PM](#) Horowitz, at last meeting, Goal Setting, would like to move this meeting to April, after Thea returns, don't need to pick a date tonight. 2nd March meeting cancelled, may or may not need to schedule another meeting.

[7:17:51 PM](#) Stone recently toured the Wastewater facility. Colorado Gulch bridge out for bid, with county.

[7:18:33 PM](#) Thea went to 2Talls Pizza last weekend, she would like a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, 11 am this coming week. Thea works a lot at Rotarun Ski hill, talking to Wally, asks us to give them some love.

[7:23:18 PM](#) Martinez, basketball season is over, conference player of the year awarded to a Wolverine.

[7:24:03 PM](#) **Motion to adjourn Martinez, Thea seconds, motion passed unanimously.**