

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JUNE 24, 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:

[5:30:16 PM](#) Call to order by Mayor Burke.

Open session for public comments:

[5:30:58 PM](#) there are none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 167](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-056, declaring surplus property and the proper disposal after approval
ACTION ITEM
- [CA 168](#) Motion to approve minutes of June 10, 2024 and to suspend reading of them ACTION ITEM
- [CA 169](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of May 2024, and claims for expenses due by
contract in June, 2024 ACTION ITEM
- [CA 170](#) Motion to approve unaudited Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2024 ACTION ITEM.....

[5:32:02 PM](#) Martinez moved to approve all consent agenda, seconded by Husbands. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 171 HPD recognition

[5:32:36 PM](#) Chief England celebrating retirement of a Hailey Officer, Shawna Wallace. Applause by room. Official retirement date is June 26th, 22 years of full-time law enforcement in Idaho is impressive, applause by room. Family and friends are here tonight to celebrate. Women in Police conference, asked her to write an essay, he read excerpts from Shawna’s essay, which detailed the one event that spurred her into law enforcement. Chief reviews her experience in law enforcement, the last 6 ½ years at Hailey. Wallace has a Masters, which is rare in law enforcement. England presents Wallace with some recognition gift, a thin blue line watch, engraved and a plaque. [5:44:23 PM](#) Wallace thanks her family, her mom, who paid for her to go to POST, thanks her friends, sisters and brothers outside of law enforcement.

PP 172 Update of Hailey’s Comprehensive Plan Update: A Presentation by Jacobs Civil and GGLO (no documents)

[5:48:29 PM](#) Mayor Burke this is a strained budget year coming up.

[5:51:13 PM](#) Robyn Davis opens this item and will turn over to GGLO. Darren Fluke And Mark Sindell with GGLO will present tonight. Derrick reviews the feedback from the public engagement groups. Clearwater Financial helped with the economy and opportunity portion of the comp plan. [6:02:45 PM](#) Mark Sindell GGLO reviews the community vision and goals feedback from the public. Sindell happy to answer questions or entertain comments.

[6:08:35 PM](#) Thea loves the vision statement, “intentional growth.” How did the Advisory group come to be? Davis replies to this question.

[6:10:56 PM](#) Stone, did we try to target some people under 35? Fluke responded, having discussions with team in order to reach out to this demographic group of the community. Stone comments on the draft vision, these are things we strive to do, “provides quality housing for all.”

[6:13:20 PM](#) Husbands agrees with Stone. Suggests wordsmith the vision statement.

[6:14:13 PM](#) Martinez, pleased with this statement and engagement of community members.

[6:15:53 PM](#) Burke agrees, vision statement, is who we want to become, we are on the right track.

Davis, no action needed, just an update on this process.

[6:18:34 PM](#) Sindell, next steps, add demographics.

PP 173 Presentations for 2025 Budget (5 minutes each):

- *The Chamber of the Wood River Valley*
- *Hailey Ice*
- *Mountain Rides*
- *The Senior Connection*
- *Mountain Humane*
- *Blaine County Dispatch*

[6:19:27 PM](#) Mike McKenna with Chamber, talks about Hailey and visitors and what the Chamber provides. Riverfest 5K has moved on, a dental group has taken over the fun run. Ribbon cuttings, Doll House is coming back to Hailey, will be getting a fly fishing shop, July 1st opening, next to Power House. Moment Luxury Vehicle rentals opening first week of July. Will start community coffee talks with Hailey Mayor starting in September.

[6:28:19 PM](#) Martinez adds, McKenna is doing a great job.

[6:29:00 PM](#) Sarah Benson with Hailey Ice. Just started new season March 2024 – May 2025, last year, over 50,000 people visited us. Benson gives highlights recap over the last year, including events and partners.

[6:41:07 PM](#) Wally Morgus with Mountain Rides Executive Director, speaks to council. New this year, will have one bus service to and from the airport on the upcoming year, air service board is helping to fund this service. Thea, how many trips, 3? Morgus, 3 or 4 trips on regular flights, year-round. Will bring back, late night blue service in Ketchum, starting on Friday and Saturday nights. Mountain Rides will add more electric buses to their fleet, passenger buses. Will continue to provide transportation to Twin Falls for medical appointments, have funding for next 2 years, Federal funding is underwriting this. [6:49:21 PM](#) Morgus, ridership is down a little bit, maybe a more normal activity, down from the big numbers during the pandemic.

[6:50:33 PM](#) Jovita Pena from Senior Connection presents, thanks Hailey's team you are a critical partner to the Senior Center. Transportation is an essential need from our aging population. Older adults usually outlive their driving years by 7-10 years. Pena explains that only 4% of their funding comes from government agencies in the form of reimbursement.

[6:55:30 PM](#) Mountain Humane, Kelly Mitchell, Senior Director, presents to council. Microchip program allowed them to remove pet licenses, had a donor fund this cost for implementation. If they are short, they pull funding from donor program. Private donors don't like having to fund the impound program for cities. Working with Steve England and team to try to get the volume down. City of Boston pet microchip program, can return pets to owners immediately, want to mirror this program.

[7:02:58 PM](#) Horowitz comments, huge effort from HPD to reduce numbers. 75% of cats that are taken to shelter are not reclaimed by owners. HPD is scanning and reuniting pets to owners.

[7:05:31 PM](#) Burke comments, we are trying to move this program forward.

[7:06:26 PM](#) Thea asks about the free micro-chip program. Mitchell responds, free is an easy thing to sell.

[7:08:50 PM](#) in 2022-2023 ,72 impounds, this year 42, at or above last year, Mitchell gives numbers.

[7:11:42 PM](#) Chief England speaks, to their challenges and plans with using the scanner. Mitchell, suggests an ad campaign, don't take to Mountain Humane, call animal control.

[7:13:41 PM](#) Mandy Pomeroy, Robin Stellers and Stephen McDougall Graham. Pomeroy starts, contract for service documents in the packet, this has been an effort in collaboration, in bringing together budgets. The current contract was put into place in June of 2013. TAC, technical advisory committee, Robin Stellers has been leading this group. May of 2019, deficit in funding of dispatch in the minutes of the TAC meetings. Pomeroy recounts the conversations between county and city staff, have proposal in front of you, in packet. Thea asks a question, Ozzie Gripentrog with Blaine County, answers.

[7:26:00 PM](#) Horowitz, we have discussed all these options with open honesty. England, adds, Horowitz summed it up well. Trying to get there, agrees with Horowitz, we need to keep this partnership strong.

[7:27:04 PM](#) Stone, seem to be making decisions on future council. Each year, cities set their budget, adds Horowitz. Pomeroy, we are in beginning stages of drafting a new contract, but wanted the numbers first.

[7:29:47 PM](#) Simms comments, cannot commit a future board.

[7:32:04 PM](#) Martinez asks a question, funding that they receive, how do you get these funds? Gripentrog, property taxes fund dispatch as essential services.

[7:33:39 PM](#) England comments, lot of discussions back in 2013, if we can come to a fair effort to get to where we need to be, that would be the best solution.

[7:35:11 PM](#) 5-minute recess called for by Mayor Burke.

[7:40:24 PM](#) reconvene meeting.

[7:40:49 PM](#) Horowitz, no decision tonight.

Dispatch conversation [7:42:11 PM](#) continues.

We should see a LOT increase for Alpine Racing event at ski resort next spring, Thea comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 174 Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-___, authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2024 Blaine County Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update. ACTION ITEM

[7:51:01 PM](#) Some information about Hailey is outdated, Horowitz adds. This will help with grant writing in the future. Thea asks, why is Hailey's comp plan not mentioned? Horowitz will add this.

Public comments: [7:52:50 PM](#) there are none.

[7:53:22 PM](#) Stone asks what does this mean? Horowitz responds. More discussion about this document.

[7:55:48 PM](#) **Thea moves to approve Resolution 2024-057, Blaine County Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update, Martinez seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:56:38 PM](#) England having meetings for July 4th event, will be prepared. Life Church is having an event. Pancake event is coming back again this year.

[7:58:21 PM](#) Martinez library raffling off an ebike.

[7:58:39 PM](#) Horowitz Parks irrigation have had hiccups, been working through the issues. Community Development has had 20 inquiries into the new Accessory Dwelling Unit pilot program, we'll see how many applications we get.

[7:59:08 PM](#) Simms, resort cities liquor license, time restrictions? General discussion regarding this.

[8:02:49 PM](#) Thea bike safety at LL Greens, have several people almost get hit, Horowitz will look into this. Bike path crosses exiting vehicles from LL green's parking lot. England will get numbers on ticketing next meeting. 1st and Carbonate, mercantile, Java / Hangar Bread, no stop sign, Horowitz will look into this and bring back. Sidewalk is deteriorated, and is responsibility of property owner, Horowitz adds.

[8:07:17 PM](#) **Martinez moves to adjourn, Husbands seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**