

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JULY 8, 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 Heidi Husbands, Kaz Thea, Sam Linnet, and Juan Martinez. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, and City Administrator Lisa Horowitz.

Call to Order: 5:29:54 PM by Mayor Burke

Open session for public comments:

5:30:14 PM Fritz Haemmerle, speaks to council, 2 Saturdays ago, he took limbs to the dump. H noticed a non-descript car parked by Sheriff building, drug dog going around the car, woman was scared, assuming that was you, I think you would find yourself embarrassed intimidated. As former prosecutor, there is a time and place for drug dogs. If someone is pulled over for a traffic infraction, there should never be a time that a drug dog should be called out, that is wrong, not who we are, not our time. Who gets the drug dog? Are we using them for white people and color the same? This fact was noted in a court of appeals opinion, Haemmerle reads a quote from this opinion. Do you know how these drug dogs are being used. Our government is moving towards a fascist society, not Hailey. You need to be sensitive to the use of these drug dogs. City of Hailey is not like that. The council is head of the police, I urge you, not to let this happen, it is ugly. Try to understand the policies so we the citizens don't get run over by the police.

5:36:22 PM Lora Hubbard McKercher Blvd. concerns around the neighborhood. Have not gotten a response from city over the past year. Bike path is being used by motorized vehicles even though it is not supposed to be. No one pays attention to the speed limit signs. Wants to buy a radar gun but they are expensive. It is getting crazy out there. The neighborhood wants some help.

Steven Daniels, Broadford Rd. asks question about Comprehensive Plan, comments on safe streets, appendix c, 10.. 5:40:33 PM encouraging slower traffic. We are seeing speeds exceeding 60 mph on Broadford Road now.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- CA 175 Motion to accept bid from Elevation Builders in the amount of \$148,297.50, for renovations of the Town Center West Building, and motion to adopt Resolution 2024-____, authorizing the Mayor to sign the bid proposal and project related documents. ACTION ITEM.....
- CA 176 Motion to approve Resolution 2024-____, authorizing MOU with CSI for use of Library and Town Center West buildings for English language classes during school season ACTION ITEM.....
- ~~CA 177 Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-____, authorizing the Mayor's signature and purchase of a Schwarze A7 Tornado Street Sweeper, pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2807 by use of the Cooperative Purchasing contract #093021-SWZ, in the amount of \$394,037.12 ACTION ITEM.....~~
- CA 178 Motion to approve minutes of June 24, 2024 and to suspend reading of them ACTION ITEM.....

[CA 179](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of June 2024, and claims for expenses due by contract in July, 2024 **ACTION ITEM**.....

[5:42:49 PM](#) **Motion to approve Consent Agenda items minus CA 177 by Martinez, seconded by Stone. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

[5:43:12 PM](#) CA 177 Yeager, our existing sweeper is 17 years old. 2 items on this agenda, cooperative purchase agreement, and funding 3 options, we can lease lower monthly rate, finance at higher rate and keep when lease ends. This type of equipment tends to age quickly. If we lease it, save money, if lease for 7 years. Leaning towards option 1 right now, lease.

[5:49:15 PM](#) **Thea moves to approve CA 177, Resolution 2024-060, for option 1, Husbands seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

MAYOR’S REMARKS:

[5:49:41 PM](#) Mayor Burke had a lovely 4th of July, great fireworks, thanks to police, fire and street departments, and Chamber. Horowitz adds, Parks staff too, they cleaned the parks after all the events.

Discussion of the candy, hand out instead of throwing.

[5:51:58 PM](#) Mike Baledge, tells people to not throw candy before starting the parade, this would be great.

[5:53:34 PM](#) Burke and Martinez toured the dispatch facility, these people are first responders, we have schools, city property, that are not taxed. Lots of calls from various places, wants everyone to be aware of this importance.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

PP 180 Blaine County staff response to Hailey Councilmembers questions regarding FY 24/25 Dispatch Contract for Services and Budget

[5:55:39 PM](#) Mandy Pomeroy, Blaine County Administrator talks to council.

There is a short fall, pay increases, challenging, not directly, part of it is, but not all of it. Pomeroy gives some general fund increase comparisons between Hailey and Dispatch. Dispatch went to a 3 on 4 off, 12 hour days, 36 hour work week, seems to have stabilized the personnel.

[6:01:53 PM](#) Stone asks, pay average for dispatch employee. Viewed chart, 1, 2 after training, \$30 \$39 per hour. They had guaranteed over-time before changing the work schedule, Pomeroy added.

[6:06:14 PM](#) Martinez, if we aren't able to come up with the money you are asking for, what happens? Pomeroy, not sure what then. If it is a no, then they have to go back and figure out what to do. Next question, what is the total shortfall, \$497,000, split between all payors in the system. \$196,000 short fall will still exist if get payments as allocated by chart, then will catch up through 2030 year.

[6:13:14 PM](#) **Martinez, dispatch** is crucial to helping us meet, health safety and welfare. why is there a shortfall? Pomeroy, in 2022, county funded about \$440,000 towards the short-fall, TAC. In the contract, communication is to be made in each of the agencies out of the TAC meetings.

[6:16:57 PM](#) Steve England, substantial jump in 2022, there is also, over the last few years, upgrades to equipment, repeaters on the mountain. HPD had to update antenna and comms.

More discussion generally about dispatch.

[6:19:35 PM](#) Thea makes comments, wise how you've done it to catch up.

[6:20:27 PM](#) Mayor Burke, we have to meet people where they are. Hopefully we can offset this payment increase with LOT estimate increase in the budget.

Martinez, amazing efforts, excellent job with Dispatch.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 181 Consideration and tentative approval of Not to Exceed FY 24/25 Budget for all funds ACTION ITEM.....

[6:23:17 PM](#) budget Horowitz opens this item, tentative approval for a not to exceed amount tonight. Math errors in one table, total amount is \$34125166, small amount of \$70000, in Water department.

[6:25:18 PM](#) Husbands, has been talking to Chief England, number of officers has not increased, concerned about growth, but we are not accounting for the growth in the Police department, need 2 more officers. Mayor Burke responds to Husbands comment. Thea, we need to find ways to add revenue. [6:29:44 PM](#) Chief England will continue to work with the resources that we are given. Other departments are seeking employees as well.

[6:32:25 PM](#) Thea, capital fund, fund summaries, project fund, table, looks different than last year. Want to discuss In-lieu fees. Do we have flexibility in in-lieu fees. \$363,000 is mostly Development Impact Fees. [6:36:18 PM](#) Yeager responds to what DIF goes towards plan, updated every 5 years.

[6:38:13 PM](#) Stone, other departments, water dept., PW, Water table didn't have funds for cost/repair. Yeager responds, same as previous budget year, no change.

[6:39:37 PM](#) Husbands do we have money from housing that we set aside? This year, \$324,363. Spent of the \$500,000. Previous year we over spent by \$12,000. Yeager, comments, the more money we spend in the capital fund, housing fund comes from here, takes away from all other capital projects.

More discussion about budget generally.

Mayor would like to increase LOT by \$6,000. [6:45:31 PM](#) Stokes, worry about committing to funding if revenue does not come in as budgeted.

Pomeroy, 5% increase for this upcoming year, not 8%.

General discussion about budget, Mountain Humane, and Dispatch.

Public comments:

[6:56:05 PM](#) Bill Miles, Broadford Road, suggests to cancel the Broadford path road to save money.

Martinez, likes the Mayor's suggestion on the LOT revenue increase to fund Dispatch.

[7:00:11 PM](#) I think it is the place that can make it happen, LOT increase.

[7:06:17 PM](#) \$34,131,166 proposed budget Horowitz, add increasing LOT revenue estimate by \$6,000.

[7:07:13 PM](#) **Martinez moves to approve \$34,131,166, increasing LOT by \$6,000, Thea seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

PH 182 Consideration of Resolution 2024-____, establishing municipal fees, including fees in excess of 5% ACTION ITEM

Horowitz gives an overview.

Public comments:

[7:13:09 PM](#) there are none.

Horowitz, please make a motion to continue to first august meeting.

[7:13:49 PM](#) **Thea moves to continue to August 12th, Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Husbands, yes.**

PH 183 Consideration of a City-Initiated Infrastructure Project pursuant to Title 18, Mobility Design, consisting of the proposed design and plans for construction of the Broadford multimodal

*pathway located on the eastern side of Broadford Road, between Cedar Street and Colorado Gulch Road and motion to direct staff to proceed with phased implementation including final design. **ACTION ITEM***

[7:15:21 PM](#) Yeager presents to council. Broadford Road workshop, 9 people in attendance. Points of interest, Broadford Rd intersection, Daniels property, Bilger property and Miles' property. Suggests, continue to next meeting, new information received today. Contracted Hales Engineering to do a report on the intersection on Broadford Rd and Cedar Street.

[7:22:49 PM](#) Yeager shows briefly the Hales Engineering report, discusses the pathway in front of the Daniels property, then discusses the Bilger property, property exchange and vegetation replacement. Miles' property. 4 areas of focus, suggests that you might want to continue this item to give more time for review.

Public comments:

[7:32:28 PM](#) William Miles, Broadford Road issue with this pathway impacting his mailbox, safety issue crossing their driveway, issue still exists, several code and standard compliance issues too detailed for comments tonight. Offer to work with Bilgers but not his property. 2 questions, would you like a path across your front lawn? Is this even necessary?

[7:34:53 PM](#) Steven Daniels Broadford Road, compliments Yeager on hearing their concerns. Curb and gutter, further you move the path towards the road, the better, can move shrubs and bushes would like to not impact trees. Significant amount of traffic going to Post Office. Funding, suggests funding resources to help out the cost.

Mayor Burke is okay with Yeager discussing a land exchange.

[7:38:12 PM](#) Martinez, asks emergency services, what do you think about this proposal. Baledge, no issues driving emergency vehicles on bike paths.

[7:39:25 PM](#) Stone curious, alternative routes, do any of them make sense, rhetorical. More discussion about Broadford Road pathway connections at Cedar Street.

Mayor Burke appreciates your concerns about speeding cars all over town.

Mayor asks staff to work with Mormon Church on alternative path suggestion locations.

[7:57:17 PM](#) **Thea moves to continue item to July 22, 2024, second by Martinez. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Husbands, yes.**

*PH 184 Consideration of Resolution 2024-_____, approving a City-Initiated Infrastructure Project pursuant to Title 18, Mobility Design, consisting of an easement dedication over, under, and across a parcel of land within Lot 11B, Block 2, Friedman Park Subdivision, for non-motorized access, ingress, egress, for and on behalf of the general public's right to travel across, to and from publicly owned lands, and/or lands otherwise open to the public. **ACTION ITEM***

[7:58:18 PM](#) Robyn Davis opens this item. Public right of way access easement for lot 11b, like the lot next to it, 11 AA.

Public comments: [8:00:33 PM](#) there are no comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 185 Presentation by Hales Engineering regarding ongoing project efforts to create a Regional Safety Action Plan (SAP) on transportation safety of all roadway users, including specific analysis and recommended actions for the City of Hailey ACTION ITEM

[8:02:21 PM](#) Yeager, this is a contract with county and Josh Gibbons with Hales Engineering. This is a county plan. Gibbons reviews some statistics gathered in this plan. Yeager adds, this can help prioritize projects if they are on this list.

No action needed tonight.

NB 186 Introduction of Resort City Liquor License Proposed Ordinance ACTION ITEM

[8:11:54 PM](#) Simms gives an overview of this item. This would put guardrails on this license, specialty alcohol license.

[8:13:53 PM](#) Stone asks to amend #1 & #2. Also, thinks we should have cut-off at 11 pm instead of 10 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 187 Consideration of Resolution 2024-_____, authorizing a contract for services with the Blaine County Charitable Foundation to provide relief for municipal utility bills based on determinate of need from the BCCF ACTION ITEM

[8:17:35 PM](#) Simms, brought back with edits, discussion and consideration.

[8:18:48 PM](#) Martinez moves to approve resolution 2024-062, seconded by Thea. Listen.

Staff reports:

[8:19:39 PM](#) Mike Baledge working with rating bureau, ISO, at the end of this process give a rating 1-10, now ISO 3, previously a 4, better rating.

[8:21:12 PM](#) Steve England, 4th of July went well. Fire on the bike path, central woodside area, fire dept. put it out quickly. Had about 20 fireworks calls, and of course had other calls for service that night.

[8:22:42 PM](#) [8:25:33 PM](#) Brian Yeager, Riverfest this weekend, had his drone at the event, showing the attendees, shows analysis and zones, quick count 1300 – 1400 people. Will put a drone at Hailey Rocks also upcoming. Behind the stage of Hop Porter, large trees, dead top, recommend that we take 2 of the 3 trees, Monday of next week, 2 trees will be gone. May take the 3rd tree in the next year or two.

[8:25:36 PM](#) **Martinez moves to adjourn, seconded by Thea, motion passed unanimously.**