

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD JANUARY 26, 2026  
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, Sage Sauerbrey, and Dustin Stone. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Lisa Horowitz, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

[5:30:09 PM](#) call to order by Burke

**Open session:**

[5:30:31 PM](#) there are none

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

[5:30:45 PM](#) Horowitz CA 025  
Stone pulls 026 & 028

- [CA 023](#) Motion to approve the Mayor’s signature on two contracts for service for the Kiwanis Park Tree Planting project. ACTION ITEM .....
- [CA 024](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-009 authorizing an agreement with Clear Solutions Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$72,600, to provide design phase services for the Sunbeam Municipal Well House project. ACTION ITEM .....
- ~~[CA 025](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-010 authorizing an agreement with Emily Jones for technical editing services related to the Hailey Sustainability Action Plan. ACTION ITEM .....~~
- ~~[CA 026](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-011 authorizing a contract for services with the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley, dba Mountain Humane for animal impound and shelter services for FY 25/26 in the amount of \$27,689. ACTION ITEM .....~~
- [CA 027](#) Motion to approve minutes of January 12, 2026, and to suspend reading of them ACTION ITEM .....
- ~~[CA 028](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of December 2025, and claims for expenses due by contract in January, 2026 ACTION ITEM .....~~

[5:31:09 PM](#) Stone moves to approve consent agenda minus CA 025, CA 026 and CA 028, Sauerbrey seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey.

[5:31:35 PM](#) CA 025, corrected, hourly rate as described in exhibit A,

[5:31:55 PM](#) Stone moves to approve as amended, Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey.

CA 026 [5:32:16 PM](#) Stone, AIS, overall contract amount decreased, or increased. Horowitz responds. Good news is that the Chipping process is working, partnership with HPD.

[5:34:11 PM](#) Stone moves to approve, Sauerbrey seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

Ca 028. [5:34:35 PM](#) Stone, legal fees in our last month? Yeager responds, this is our water rights attorney, Michael Lawrence.

[5:35:35 PM](#) Stone moves to approve CA 028, Sauerbrey seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

[5:35:52 PM](#) Burke introduces Sheriff Ballis, talks about collaboration between law enforcement departments, opened up training, cross-deputize all jurisdictions, expand narcotics enforcement team. As part of operations, sometimes assets are sold to raise money for training of narcotics enforcement. \$120,000 seeded fund for narcotics training. Meet monthly for career exploration with students. 30 middle school and high school cadets. Next year, looking to create a county-wide task force. Will aggressively go after child predators on social media. Average life span of retired officer is 5 years, this company will provide initial screening, heart attack is know risk of officer retirees. 2ndly, want to send to stronger families retreat, it is phenominal, learn to deal with trauma at work and not bring it home.

[5:41:58 PM](#) Burke, everything you have mentioned, you have delivered and it is remarkable. Applause by room.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS:**

AA 029 *Motion to approve Resolution 2026-012, reappointing Dan Smith and Janet Fugate to the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term, set to expire December 31, 2028, and to appoint Bozena Morawski to fill a vacancy, set to expire December 31, 2027***ACTION ITEM**

[5:42:38 PM](#) P&Z,

[5:43:32 PM](#) Sauerbrey, feels they bring a lot to the P&Z, reviewed Bozena's interest, looks like she will be good on P&Z.

[5:44:13 PM](#) Stone moves to approve Resolution 2026-012, reappointing D. Smith and Janet Fugate, and appoint Bozena Morawski, seconded by Sauerbrey. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Martinez, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

PH 030 *Consideration of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, a City-initiated Text Amendment to the Hailey Municipal Code, Title 10: Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.40 Bicycles, E-Bikes, and Alternative Electric*

*Motored Vehicles, by clarifying certain elements for consistency and alignment with state statutes. ACTION ITEM*

[5:45:25 PM](#) Emily Brooks, gives an overview of this item, had 3 public hearings on this item, last heard in November 2025.

[5:46:41 PM](#) Stone, asks what led us to add minor mandatory helmet on bikes? Simms, responds. This is a requirement on e-bikes. More discussion about this. Simms, intention was helmets on all devices.

Public comments:

[5:50:27 PM](#) David Lipton, Hailey resident, comments on bike path, strange that we would have speed limits, when dogs are pooping and peeing on the bike path. Have you seen the jaywalking and public intoxication at public events. This is not the town I grew up in, thanks.

[5:54:01 PM](#) Alycia Cavadi, helmets I am all for, son and his friend are here too.

[5:55:00 PM](#) Hawkins speaks to council, he is 13 years old, don't want privileges taken away, he uses his ebike for transportation.

[5:56:15 PM](#) Oscar Mullins Senior at Wood River High School, not too angry about the proposed bill, but used to work in Ketchum, if there was a speed limit then, may not have made it on time to his job on his bike back then. Biking is an important part of growing up. If you are in a rush, you should be able to go quick.

[5:57:48 PM](#) Jay, Wood River High School student. Helmets are important, some may not have an opportunity to have a helmet. Having a speed limit can push people away from biking.

[5:59:09 PM](#) Ellen Glaccum?, not a student at the high school, read the Ordinance it is good, anyone driving a motorized bike, be licensed. Small kids are riding ebikes and it is an accident waiting to happen, seems reasonable to have them be licensed if young.

[6:00:34 PM](#) Fritz Haemmerle, Hailey resident, part of the problem here is that state law covers most of this proposed Ordinance. You've tailored the local ordinance to state law as best you can. State laws, bikes must obey rules of the road. You have the ability to set speed limit. Why would speed limit for ebikes be faster than cars. Once this is adopted, enforce the law, no need to go through this without enforcement. Encourage to pass as is.

[6:03:16 PM](#) Steve Crosser, hailey resident, How are you going to enforce helmet laws for all bikes? Burke, helmets for minors. If passed, you need to enforce it.

[6:05:08 PM](#) Mark Davidson, BCRD, have lots of thoughts on this topic. One of the most important thing we can do county wide is to be on the same page with these bike laws, can modify as needed, need a unified law across all jurisdictions. We are at an interesting point on

how we move, ebikes are a part of how we move, won't go away. Wood River Trail is for all to use, we should be encouraging this use.

[6:08:58 PM](#) Simms speaks, Idaho legislation, ebikes, 4 areas in addition to state law, 20 mph, applicable to bike path, other speed limits defined by roads. State law, doesn't address vehicles 750 watts. Misdemeanor violation, added, also not in state law.

[6:11:07 PM](#) Todd Peck, Assistant Chief, will need to have education and time, 99% of population would be able to comply. HPD will make a priority if adopted. 10.4.04.080, can think of 3 or 4 instances in the last week would applied. A lot of times, not black and white or as simple, many conditions play a factor in these situations. CSO could help curb these complaints by issuing a citation for helmets.

[6:13:29 PM](#) 10.40.150 (B), any person that violates any provision of this chapter. Simms agrees, can amend, by removing "guilty" in phrase.

[6:14:40 PM](#) Thea, 20 mph, it is a narrow path, lots of people doing lots of things on this path, out of respect, 20 is plenty fast. Thea almost got run over, many years ago, by an adult. It is best to keep the speed down. It is important to wear helmets, smart thing to do. Mountain Rides used to give out helmets. Makes sense for all users.

[6:17:10 PM](#) Martinez, appreciates comments from tonight. Speed was a number that we wanted to use for our Police to pull them over, someone operating in an unsafe way. Hesitate to create a policy that goes against the nature. Helmets, thinks about the kid who left his helmet at his house...put in a position of feeling like a criminal. Don't necessarily feel like we should require helmets.

[6:20:48 PM](#) Stone, inside city, bike path 20 mph, in support of 20 mph within city limits on bike path. Supports helmets on ebikes not on pedal bike. Misdemeanor is large jump from infraction.

[6:22:19 PM](#) Sauerbrey, 20 mph within city limits on bike path makes sense. Thanks all comments tonight. We are just trying to create safer way for all people. Helmets, likened to a seat belt, way to protect yourself, agree with Stone on ebikes but not pedal bikes. Misdemeanor, 3 citations and then a misdemeanor, see no reason to change this point.

Conversation with Simms on pedal bikes and helmets. Thea can live with that. [6:26:36 PM](#) The letter that we received Richard Mull? If we have new regulations, maybe we need signage, posted on the bike path.

[6:28:58 PM](#) Martinez, stand with user whether or not they wear a helmet. Good with either one.

Discussion about misdemeanor situation.

[6:32:33 PM](#) **Stone moves to approve Ordinance No. 1358, read by title only, Thea seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.**

[6:34:02 PM](#) **Burke conducts 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 1358, by title only.**

Burke thanks everyone that has been working on this item for 2 years.

Burke [6:35:31 PM](#) reads a public comment, 2 ladies driving, Jerry Carter stopped to help them on their way out of town, suggests a good citizenship award, Mary Lou Roberts. Street department employee Jerry Carter! Carter stopped to help them as he was going home from work that day. This letter will go in his file.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

[6:37:11 PM](#) Robyn Davis gives the Community Development annual report, 30 permits residential, 3 ADU permits THOW. Last year, 42 multi-family or mixed use permits, includes Ellsworth Inn, renamed Herberger Hideaway last year. 214 permits issued overall, slight decrease from previous year. 60 residential permits, 2022, 176 permits issued. \$11,000,000 in 2025. P&Z 21 meetings, Council 24 meetings. [6:42:08 PM](#) Davis discusses a few projects specifically in 2025 including Copper Ranch phase 6, is closing in, started in 2003, great to see closure on this longstanding project in Hailey. Hope to address mobile vending in 2026. Hope to bring something to council on community housing code. Refining municipal code, simplify codes, ADU's or Tiny Homes on Wheels. 37 new business open and 27 closed.

Burke thanks staff. Burke, sat next to Steve Kearns former Hailey Mayor at an event last weekend, complemented Hailey Community Development staff. Davis, team effort. Applause by room. Thea thanks Davis and staff, wonderful job.

[6:51:39 PM](#) Bullion Pathway, Mark Sindell here to present, no action tonight, looking at final layout, refinements and then will go out to bid in the spring, with construction in summer 2026. Council excited about project generally.

[7:02:29 PM](#) Yeager, Blaine County, road/pedestrian project BUILD grant, app due in February. Airport URA project, roundabout and connection to Airport and Airport way. Yeager, build grant County applying for bridge out Croy, pedestrian bridge past Hop Porter.

[7:05:35 PM](#) **Motion to adjourn by Sauerbrey, seconded by Stone, motion passed unanimously.**