

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 11, 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, Juan Martinez, Sage Sauerbrey, and Dustin Stone. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Lisa Horowitz, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

Kaz Thea not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

[5:30:44 PM](#) call to order by Mayor Burke.

[5:31:02 PM](#) **Motion to accept amended agenda adding PP 126 made by Martinez, seconded by Sauerbrey, motion passed unanimously.**

[5:31:46 PM](#) **open session** no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- ~~[CA 110](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-038, authorizing FMAA grant with ITD for land acquisition for approaches in the amount of \$50,000 ACTION ITEM.....~~
- ~~[CA 111](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-039, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Adopt A Park Agreements with Wood River Pickleball Alliance to assist in court scheduling and maintenance during the 2026 season. ACTION ITEM.....~~
- [CA 112](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-040, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wood River Land Trust and the City of Hailey, for use of the City’s irrigation infrastructure to irrigate a property north of Old Cutters Park. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 113](#) Motion to approve and acquire the Mayor’s signature on the Special Event Decision and Agreement for the Special Event: Monster Truck Insanity Tour to be held June 13, 2026 4:30 to 9:30 pm at the Haily Arena. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 114](#) Motion to approve and acquire the Mayor’s signature on the Special Event Decision and Agreement for the Special Event: Hike for Hope at Hop Porter Park September 19, 2026. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 115](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2026, and to suspend reading of them ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 116](#) Motion to ratify claims for expenses incurred paid in December, 2025 ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 117](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of April 2026, and claims for expenses due by contract in May, 2026 ACTION ITEM.....
- ~~[CA 118](#) Motion to approve unaudited Treasurer’s report for the month of April 2026 ACTION ITEM.....~~

[5:31:56 PM](#) CA 110, CA 111 by Horowitz, Stone pulls CA 118

[5:32:48 PM](#) **Motion to approve all other ca items minus CA 110, CA 111 and CA 118, by Martinez, Stone seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Martinez, yes.**

[5:33:12 PM](#) CA 110, bring back in next meeting.

[5:33:24 PM](#) CA 111, pickleball alliance is present Horowitz introduces this item. Listen

[5:34:00 PM](#) **Martinez moves to approve CA 111, Sauerbrey seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.**

[5:34:16 PM](#) CA 118, Stone asks for a quick water fund explanation, functions in a deficit? Page in packet, water fund, treasurer's report. Yeager responds, water dept. does not work in a deficit. But we are drawing on fund balances to cover capital expenditures. YTD fund balance. Ruth Bailes, treasurer can look into this and get back with Stone.

[5:37:22 PM](#) **Stone moves to approve CA 118, Martinez seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

[5:37:40 PM](#) thanks Jade Riley and Lisa H. for putting together our goal setting workshop. Need to back up, prioritize what we are doing now, and then consider remaining. Suspect dispatch will ask for a 12% increase, won't be an easy discussion. Horowitz will bring back the goal setting notes at next meeting.

[5:39:44 PM](#) congrats Christina and Chief England, great Police conference in Sun Valley, Mayor attended.

Thanks EarthFest team, still hearing positive comments about the event.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 119 Update on Idaho code amendments allowing for annexation into Fire Districts: BC South Chief Kevan Crawley

[5:41:14 PM](#) Kevan Crawley, BC South presents to council. Recent state law changes, removes a couple of steps in consolidation, able to act quicker with voter approval. Reviewed by BC South attorney, and Alan Dornfest. Crawley shows timeline, first step, July, Political Action Committee being formed, separate and independent from the entities, to circulate petition. Step 2, BC south would review the petition, subject to states 30-day comment period, follow-up meeting, and submit to county clerk. Step 4, county commissioners grant or deny moving forward, then Blaine County clerk issues election notification. Majority vote passes.

[5:46:07 PM](#) Simms, been consolidation discussions in this valley since he has been in the valley, a long effort. Tasked with laying out the process, in JPA currently, will come back with recommendation from the fire board. Big question, if move forward with consolidation, Hailey Fire Dept would no longer exist.

[5:47:49 PM](#) Stone, what would the ballot language look like? Simms responds, discusses generally next steps of a consolidation effort. Horowitz comments, looking at an outreach consultant, will bring back to council for consideration.

[5:51:23 PM](#) Martinez, done a good job keeping our fire department going, with mostly volunteers. Excited about consolidation.

PP 126 Budget Overview from City Treasurer.....

[5:52:43 PM](#) Bailes presents to council, timeline, goals and focus areas. Property taxes 34.3%, permits, fees and licenses close to 1/3 and state shared revenue close to 1/3 of our budget. Next steps, June 8, presentation.

PP 120 Proclamation regarding mental health awareness month

[6:02:31 PM](#) **Mental health proclamation, mayor and council share the reading of this proclamation, starting with Martinez.**

PP 121 Proclamation regarding Fair Housing awareness month

[6:05:51 PM](#) **Fair Housing proclamation, mayor and council share the reading of this proclamation, starting with Martinez.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 122 Consideration of Ordinance No. _____, a City-Initiated Text Amendment amending Hailey's Municipal Code, Title 15: Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.20: Special Code Requirements, creating a new section, Section 15.20.020: Public and Commercial Swimming Pools, which establishes definitions and regulations for public and commercial swimming pools.
ACTION ITEM

[6:08:24 PM](#) Davis gives an overview of this item, it aligns South Central Health laws, best practices, with MOU.

[6:11:36 PM](#) Stone, concerns with adopting code that gets updated every 3 years. Curious about opinion this Josh SCPHD. Josh responds.

Baledge, common with fire and building code adoption.

[6:19:57 PM](#) more discussion generally about this process in the future.

Public comments:

[6:21:29 PM](#) Dominic Finazzo at BCRD, aquatics director , been a pleasure working with staff and Josh and to be inspected, make sure everybody is safe.

[6:22:27 PM](#) Mayor asks for a motion to adopt ord.

[6:22:45 PM](#) Sauerbrey moves to approve Ordinance No. 1362, waive 1 and 2 reading, seconded by Martinez. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Martinez, yes.

[6:24:06 PM](#) Mayor Burke conducts 3rd and only reading of Ordinance No. 1362, by title only.

[6:24:52 PM](#) Martinez moves to approve MOU with SCPHD, permitting and inspection of pools, Sauerbrey seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Martinez, yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 123 Discussion of FY 2026 Housing Capital Plan ACTION ITEM

[6:26:32 PM](#) Horowitz, Davis and Bailes reviewed housing expenditures reported to date. Davis, today, interested party, locals for ADUs, if approved, would be \$30,000 expense.

General discussion about possibly having a cap on number of locals for ADUs. [6:30:05 PM](#) Sauerbrey, would like to show another “renewal” for ADU for local program.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 124 Consideration of the First Draft Review of the Hailey Sustainability Action Plan (“SAP”), a strategic plan for community and city-initiated actions that support greenhouse gas emissions reductions, resource conservation, for each of the SAP’s five (5) chapters: Transportation, Energy and the Built Environment, Waste and Circularity, Land Use and Land Stewardship, and Water. ACTION ITEM

[6:36:40 PM](#) Emily Brooks presents to council. Presents outcomes of focus groups, P&Z, staff, what’s necessary. April 14, public workshop at Town Center West, about 30 people attended. Open to feedback from council and answer questions.

[6:46:27 PM](#) Martinez, thanks for putting this together.

[6:48:16 PM](#) Stone, partnerships? What do you mean in partnerships, first slide. Brooks, responds, Blaine County, City provided in-kind labor in their Idaho Power energy effort, creating a baseline. Stone is interested in seeing, reality of money, would be great to show potential capital costs and effort. Stone, does not like single-use plastics limitations on events, can be stifling to have events, [6:52:11 PM](#) , but also, city gains revenue for the large events.

[6:52:38 PM](#) Sauerbrey comments, then discussion continues that event producers state that this is a burden. Congestion, hardest problem to solve in our valley. HOV lane, Burke comments, been

talking with ITD about an HOV lane, there is no interest in their plans. Yeager, proposed detailed letter about adding more bus stops on Main Street.

[7:00:52 PM](#) more discussion about ITD. Stone, turf reduction plan? Yeager, no actual plan. Stone would like to see a 5-year turf reduction plan on city property. Yeager responds.

[7:05:03 PM](#) Sauerbrey has a few questions/comments. Potential annexations into the city, and water, suggest 20% turf irrigation for annexations. Mountain rides, need to make bus more competitive with car, HOA lane. Annexation, gray water, opportunity. Yeager, grey water separation at source, Sauerbrey means water re-use.

STAFF REPORTS:

[7:13:40 PM](#) Yeager, can answer questions council you may have. General discussion about the galena groundwater district memo in packet. Water revenue vs. expenditures, looking to spend 2.1 million, plus 2 million, pulling 2 million from reserves. [7:17:23 PM](#) Yeager shows spreadsheet on ways to reduce water consumption across the city, parks will be distressed this year. Conservation program button on the city website, workshop this Wednesday at Town Center West 5:30 pm.

[7:22:44 PM](#) Davis, HPPC selected an artist for mural at Hailey Car wash, west wall, old car wash.

Martinez, headed to Tulsa this week for a tournament.

[7:24:00 PM](#) Baledge river peak on Thursday.

[7:24:31 PM](#) **Martinez moves to adjourn, Sauerbrey seconds, motion passed unanimously.**