

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 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:

[5:30:19 PM](#) call to order by Mayor Burke

Open session:

[5:30:51 PM](#) no comments

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 127](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-042, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on a MOU and the Collaborative Program Agreement between The Hunger Coalition and the Hailey Public Library describing their partnership to host the Bloom Lunch Program and youth STREAM activities during the summer of 2026. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 128](#) Motion to ratify Resolution 2026-041, as approved on the 05/11/2026 council meeting. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 129](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-043, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on a grant agreement with the KeyStone Concept in the amount of \$20,000 to complete the Rooted in Hailey – Urban Forest Management Project. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 130](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-044, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on a grant agreement with the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) in the amount of \$49,983.54 to install a photovoltaic solar power system on the roof of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 131](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-045, ratifying the Mayor’s signature on Locals Only ADU documents for K. White **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 132](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-046, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on Locals Only ADU documents for K. Rhee **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 133](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-047, ratifying Staff signature with System Tech Inc. to install new audio and camera equipment in council chambers for quote of \$30,000. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 134](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-048, authorizing the Mayor’s signature on an agreement with Boswell Asphalt Paving Solutions, for the 2026 chip seal projects. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 135](#) 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**

[5:31:00 PM](#) Martinez pulls CA 133, Sauerbrey pulls CA 130, CA 137, CA 132, CA 131, CA 134

[5:31:34 PM](#) Thea moves to approve remaining Consent Agenda items, Martinez seconds.
Motion passed unanimously.

CA 127 [5:31:59 PM](#) Stone, what street scape is closed during this event? Horowitz, alley closed only.

CA 130 [5:32:46 PM](#) Sauerbrey, important to take additional capacity, biggest electrical contracts, would like to see adding to this.

CA 131 and CA 132 [5:33:46 PM](#) Stone, as this program continues to comply. Horowitz replies to question. Stone wants to make sure we are holding them accountable to these parameters. Thea thinks an annual report would be a good idea and suggested this to Michelle Griffith. Stone would like to see a plan going forward with the reporting.

[5:36:54 PM](#) CA 131, Sauerbrey will recuse

[5:37:18 PM](#) **Stone moves to approve CA 131, Martinez seconds, motion passed with Sauerbrey recusing.**

[5:37:32 PM](#) Stone CA 133, asks some questions about the sound system item. More discussion on this item.

[5:49:20 PM](#) **Martinez moves to approve CA 133, Thea seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**

[5:49:34 PM](#) CA 134 Stone, Adan Hernandez explains this plan, weekend 12-14th, fogging at a later date.

[5:51:41 PM](#) **Martinez moves to approve CA items as presented, not otherwise approved, Thea seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

[5:52:21 PM](#) Burke, praised Geegee Lowe for another great Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery.

[5:53:07 PM](#) Burke congratulates the Library on a successful election campaign.

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS:

AA 136 Presentation of check to the City of Hailey from Kiwanis regarding a donation in the amount of \$15,627 towards the Hop Porter Pavilion

[5:54:35 PM](#) Kiwanis Club donation. Geegee Lowe and Bob Weiderrick, present \$15,627 to help fund the Hop Porter Park stage, and raised over \$25,000 last year from Wood River Women's foundation.

AA 137 Appointment of new City Attorney, with consideration of Resolution 2026-049, approving Independent Contract for Services Agreement

[5:58:18 PM](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-049 appointing Allan Moriarty as Hailey City Attorney, Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

[5:59:21 PM](#) Oath of Office of Mac Moriarity.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 139 Public hearing on a budget amendment to the 2026 adopted budget to add \$107,000 in expenses for a total FY 2026 budget of \$21,306,904 and conduct a first reading or Ord. No. 2026-__ and read by title only. ACTION ITEM

[6:00:43 PM](#) PH 139, Horowitz opens with this item, \$107,000 in additional expenses for total budget of \$21,306,904

Public comments:

[6:02:46 PM](#) there are none.

[6:03:05 PM](#) Thea moves to approve Ordinance No. 1363, conduct 1st reading by title only, Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.

[6:04:11 PM](#) Mayor Burke conducts 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1363, by title only.

upon research after this meeting, this adoption of Ord. No. 1363, was premature. This budget amendment will be brought forth to council in a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

*OB 140 Discussion of Hailey Fire annexation process into the Blaine County South Fire Protection District. Opportunity for objection as council members or Mayor may find appropriate, or alternatively for expressions of support for the process whereby the voters of Hailey will decide the issue of whether to annex into the consolidating fire protection and EMS entity **NO ACTION ITEM***

[6:05:44 PM](#) OB 140, Christopher Simms, non-action item on this, we are on the eve of forming a political action committee for this process.

[6:07:05 PM](#) Stone, comments, appreciates manner in which city staff has handled this over the last 30 years. Would like to see transparency on the financial impact, what are the benefits to this proposed plan, somewhere in the plan, if it does not pass, contingency plan if voters do not pass.

[6:09:02 PM](#) Mayor Burke, was on the 1st JPA board, 20 years ago, it always coming down to money, hopes community stays tuned in.

Thea is in support and glad voters will decide, feels the need is there.

[6:10:52 PM](#) Martinez comments, sees this as an up in the level of service, the whole valley. Commends Baledge for running a successful department.

[6:11:48 PM](#) Stone, people of the valley have been asking for this for decades, voters can decide.

*OB 141 Consideration of Resolution 2026-050, adopting City Council goals for the FY 2027 Fiscal Year
ACTION ITEM*

[6:13:56 PM](#) Horowitz staff made suggestions shown in italics, decide whether it is appropriate or not. Stone, the ones presented make sense to him. Sod reduction plan, maybe a 5-year plan, discussed with Yeager, to reduce water usage, Horowitz, pg 217, of packet Sustainability section has it. Stone, Annexations, discussing infrastructure. Add “require” community housing in annexations, instead of “strive for.” [6:20:50 PM](#) Simms suggests asking surface and groundwater water rights of annexations.

[6:22:21 PM](#) **Martinez moves to approve Resolution 2026-050, goals, Thea seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.**

OB 142 Approve Summary for Ord. 1362: Text Amendment to Title 15: Public and Commercial Swimming Pools. ACTION ITEM

[6:23:10 PM](#) **Motion to approve Summary of Ordinance No. 1362 by Sauerbrey, change signature to new attorney, Allan “Mac” Moriarity, Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

STAFF REPORTS:

[6:25:10 PM](#) Stone Mountain town climate change, been approached, wasn’t sure what this was all about when brought up in a past meeting. Stone, would like to see council make a decision. Simms responds, not on agenda tonight, public needs to be notified of this discussion.

[6:28:02 PM](#) Mike Baledge, sent an engine out to the Oakley fire today, earliest we’ve sent help out. Noon today spread to 1,200 acres.

[6:29:17 PM](#) Martinez, went to Tulsa, “the gathering place” main feature was a wave park, zones of the park, very nice community park. 35 courts in the expo center.

[6:30:29 PM](#) England, end of school year coming up, will have a presence at the graduation events.

[6:32:12 PM](#) Horowitz, pickleball association did some maintenance on the courts last weekend, lots of compliments this weekend.

[6:32:54 PM](#) **Martinez moves to adjourn, Stone seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**