

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 24, 2026
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:37 P.M. by Mayor Martha Burke. Present were Council members Kaz Thea, Juan Martinez, Heidi Husbands, and Dustin Stone. Staff present included City Attorney Allan Moriarty, City Administrator Lisa Horowitz, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

CALL TO ORDER:

[5:37:32 PM](#) by mayor Burke.

Open Session for public concerns:

[5:37:47 PM](#) Ben Schepps, Hailey resident, reads from a prepared document. Schepps, is against using Flock cameras, saving data. Our freedom is being compromised for the idea of security. Stop invading our privacy every time we get into our vehicles.

[5:39:59 PM](#) Helen Stone, Hailey, big brother is watching you. Wish this money was spent on education and prevention instead.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [CA 226](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-075, authorizing the Mayor's signature on a subaward agreement with the Idaho Military Division in the amount of \$12,600 for the purchase of an Extrication Ram. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 227](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-070, a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hailey and City of Ketchum Police Departments for cooperative police services. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 228](#) Motion to approve the Mayor's signature on a contract for service with GGLO for a Demonstration of Water-Wise Residential Small-Yard Landscape Plan. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 229](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-076, authorizing the Mayor's signature on a lease contract to place water right number 37-23364 into the Water Supply Bank. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 230](#) Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-077, authorizing Pay Application No. 5 with American Vac Services, in the amount of \$49,640.88, for work completed on the Site and Civil component of the Bullion Pathway Project. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 231](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2026-078, authorizing the mayor's signature on the Public Art Mural License Agreement by and between the City of Hailey, Sun Valley Car Wash II LLC (SV Car Wash owner), and Kika MacFarlane (artist), for a mural to be painted on the western wall of Sun Valley Car Wash in Hailey. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 232](#) Motion to approve and ratify the mayor's signature for the Special Event Application for First Lite's Grand Opening August 22, 2026 from 4-7 pm, located within the alleyway between East Bullion and East Croy Streets. ACTION ITEM.....
- [CA 233](#) Motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage Renewal Licenses for the following: Roadbars LLC for Liquor, Wine and Beer by the drink and Grocery Sale of Wine and Beer, Rojas and Sons 34 Inc. (Shorty's Diner) for Wine and Beer by the drink, Oasis Stop N Go LLC #31 for the Grocery Sale of Wine and Beer, Oasis Stop N Go LLC (Basecamp) for the Grocery Sale of Wine and Beer, WR Valley Enterprises (Grocery Outlet) for the Grocery Sale of Wine and Beer, A Taste of Thai for Wine and Beer by the drink and Grocery Sale of Wine and Beer, and 2- Talls Pizzaria for Wine and Beer by the drink, KB's Burritos for Wine and Beer by the

drink and Main 200 LLC- Serva Peru for Liquor, Wine and Beer by the drink and Grocery Sale of Wine

ACTION ITEM

[CA 234](#) Motion to approve minutes of August 10, 2026, and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**

[CA 235](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of July 2026, and claims for expenses due by contract in August 2026 **ACTION ITEM**

[5:40:36 PM](#) CA 226 and CA 227 pulled by Stone.

[5:40:46 PM](#) **Martinez moved to approve all consent agenda items minus CA 226 and CA 227, seconded by Thea, motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

[5:41:00 PM](#) ca 226 – high risk grant awardee, Horowitz, guess the age of our equipment. Baledge adds. Replacement cost is about \$10,000 each. Horowitz answers question about if lost or stolen replace it.

[5:43:19 PM](#) **Stone moved to approve CA 226, seconded by Martinez, motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.**

[5:43:29 PM](#) ca 227 – Stone, Blaine County Sheriff's, should be changed in the Resolution, KPD instead of BCO.

[5:44:14 PM](#) **Stone moved to approve CA 227, seconded by Martinez, motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PP 236 Presentation from Hailey Public Works and HDR Consulting regarding long-term planning for the Hailey Wastewater Treatment Plant NO ACTION

[5:44:35 PM](#) Brian Yeager opens with the presentation, Bryson Ellsworth also present, Brad Bierke with HDR Engineers, WW designer on the heels of retirement. Presentation is a continuation of the tour at the Wastewater plant just before the meeting. [5:48:21 PM](#) Ellsworth reviews the plant operations process. Operational Challenges, with the plant as it ages, typical days including performing lab samples to ensure we meet our minimum standards. SBRs were originally installed in 2000. [5:53:01 PM](#) FIRM capacity is a planning measure, we have 2 SBRs. If we lose one SBR, then we are at 50% capacity. 1.4 million gallons per day. If we are down one SBR we would have trouble keeping up with our FIRM capacity. [5:56:26 PM](#) we have to find a way to increase capacity beyond 50%. Brad Bjerke, HDR speaks to council, [5:57:31 PM](#) compared the studies, this year we looked tighter to find things that would give us a little bit more, original study suggests that we go from SBR to MBR. Your parameters total suspended solids. Looking at ways to run the cycles faster, mobile organic biofilm, media you put into the sludge, to add capacity. Capacity study HDR just did, suggested adding 2 tanks, MBR, Effluent. Yeager, 2022, MBR estimate cost was \$20 million, suspect it would be more like \$40 million if

done today. [6:02:04 PM](#) HDR scoring criteria, results, came out process intensification, and mobile organic. Wanted to use existing SBRs and install an MBR processing in conjunction to increase FIRM capacity. This product is not currently used in Idaho, want to try it, Yeager give estimates of capacity if this product works as hopes. Not a long-term solution. Parallel MBR, and how it works, Yeager explains this. Goal tonight is to introduce you to the need, suspect our future will be a bond measure. Before then, we need to come up with a funding strategy. The effluent would go from a 60 minutes drop to 2 minutes with the wood chips. Pilot study \$120,000 pilot to get the Novota study set up. Do an air upgrade, imminent need, putting in early, \$700,000? Would like to upgrade our air system which would help us do the pilot study. Headworks project will be finished spring of 2027. The Novota project would start after that. Yeager no decision tonight, just wanted you to understand the parameters.

[6:21:35 PM](#) Martinez, MOB, Novota, 60 minutes to 2 minutes is great.

[6:24:32 PM](#) Stone, GSW, 2 or 1, Yeager one. Stone, can the GSW be used with the future MBR? Ellsworth, yes it can. Stone asks a technical question, Ellsworth, only increase the longevity of the equipment would not increase efficiency.

[6:29:13 PM](#) Thea asks a question about doing this now or moving forward to full MBR. Yeager responds.

More discussion and questions from council about presentation ideas.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 237 Consideration of motion to adopt Resolution 2026-079, authorizing the mayor's signature the City to include \$35,416 of Forgone Tax in its FY2027 Budget. ACTION ITEM

[6:44:59 PM](#) Forgone tax intro.

[6:45:16 PM](#) public comments: there are none.

[6:45:45 PM](#) Thea moves to approve Resolution 2026-079, forgone tax resolution, seconded by Martinez, motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB 238 3rd Reading, Ordinance No. 1364, Title 17: ADU Revisions ACTION ITEM

[6:47:00 PM](#) Stone moves to adopt Ordinance no. 1364, read by title, Martinez, seconds, And approve summary, Martinez seconds amendment, for summary. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.

[6:49:16 PM](#) Mayor Burke conducts the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1364, by title only.

OB 239 3rd Reading, Ordinance No. 1365, Title 15: Historic Timelines Revisions ACTION ITEM

6:51:36 PM Thea moves to approve ord. no. 1365, read by title only, seconded by Martinez. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.

6:53:11 PM Mayor Burke conducts the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1365, by title only.

OB 240 3rd Reading Ordinance No. 1366, FY 2026 Budget amendment ACTION ITEM

6:53:42 PM Thea moves to approve ordinance no. 1366, amendment appropriation ordinance, read by title only. Martinez seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Martinez, yes. Thea, yes. Stone, yes. Sauerbrey, yes.

6:55:53 PM Mayor Burke conducts the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1366, by title only.

OB 241 2nd Reading Ordinance No. 1367, Adoption of FY 2027 Budget, all funds ACTION ITEM

6:56:57 PM Mayor Burke conducts the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1367, by title only.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 242 Discussion of possible monetary contribution to MT2030 Climate Summit scheduled for October 13-14, 2026, in Sun Valley, Idaho. ACTION ITEM

6:58:07 PM Thea speaks, Muffy Davis asked Hailey to contribute \$5,000 towards this event. We should work together. Stone is generally in support, ask for better advance planning in the future. Stone asks how many tickets will be given, 2 or 4? Sauerbrey, we may have funds in legislative travel budget. Horowitz confirmed we have funds available in the travel budget. Sauerbrey wants to confirm the number of tickets we will receive. Martinez in support.

7:01:32 PM Thea moves to provide \$5,000 to the Climate summit to be held in Sun Valley in October 2026, Sauerbrey seconds. Motion passed with roll call vote; Sauerbrey, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

Donation from Hailey Parks Foundation, for the shade structure at the skatepark. This foundation is looking to dissolve after many years. The Keefers are ready to retire.

7:06:04 PM Martinez moves to adjourn, Sauerbrey seconds, motion passed unanimously.