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Message from the Mayor

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

The City of Hailey FY 2020 operating budget is improved by three significant elements: 1) a voter-approved franchise fee increase, 2) an ordinance setting an equitable cost for irrigation of city parks, and 3) a \$20,000 increase in general LOT based on a successful collection effort from short-term rentals. These elements allow us to properly budget street and park maintenance, a downtown flower program and increases to transportation services without negatively impacting other services.

Our capital budget utilizes a resource pool consisting money received only one time, such as a development fee, bond or grant. The City allocates existing capital resources to top priority projects, and spends the limited capital fund on key projects. Our FY 2020 Capital Budget continues with the project expenses we previously prioritized but have not yet completed. Overall, our capital fund decreases as we spend the fund on projects.

To summarize, our overall budget is increased \$84,492. The increase in the budget from FY19 to FY20 is a ½ % increase.

FY 2019 Budget **\$15,466,946**

FY 2020 Budget **\$15,551,439**

The table in the next column shows the amounts some budget areas, or funds, are increased and others decreased.

The proposed budget contains 57 benefitted positions, an increase of 2 over last year. Hours have been added to some part-time positions for additional work in environmental resiliency and IT maintenance.

General Revenues are increasing 3%. We are proposing a 3% property tax increase as allowed by law. Our property tax increase is projected to be \$77,000 this year. State and local sales tax are up. We are estimating a \$67,189 increase in state and local taxes. Franchise fee revenue is up \$120,000 following voter approval of the increase. Local Option Tax is up \$20,000, from our collection on short-term rentals. We estimate our general fund revenues to increase by \$184,738, up 3% over the previous year.

Water and Wastewater operating revenues are set by rates, to pay for the proposed expense budgets. A detailed analysis of water and wastewater rates will be distributed during the August public hearing on the budget, at which time we will set rates to cover the water and wastewater budget increases and the rate change from the parks irrigation ordinance recently adopted. We intend to spend some of our reserves on Water and Wastewater capital improvements identified in the master plans.

Fund	Amount
General Operating Fund Additional Expenses	184,738
Capital and Bond Fund Decreased Expenses	-191,381
Water User and Bond Fund Additional Expenses	34,773
Water Capital Fund Decreased Expenses	-118,695
Wastewater User & Bond Fund Additional Expenses	37,517
Wastewater Capital Fund Additional Expenses	73,000
Water & Wastewater Replacement Additional Expenses	64,540
TOTAL CITY BUDGET INCREASE	84,492

Hailey Public Library July Events

**2019 marks the 100th anniversary of
Hailey Public Library.**

To commemorate our centennial we are celebrating all year with a new logo, parties, learning and events for all.

Follow us for more information:

www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org

www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

We're on Instagram!

www.instagram.com/HaileyPublicLibrary#hpl100

This Month's Era: 1970s

Mondays, 10:30 AM: Baby Time. Librarian-led activities that support strong sensory development and baby's first exploration of play. **A community nurse will be available every third Monday to give advice and support to new parents.**

Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM: Story Time is an interactive story hour made especially [for preschool aged children](#). Decades themed stories will be on the 10th & 12th!

Saturdays, Beginning July 20, 4:00 PM: Conversational English Classes. Want to freshen up your language skills? Join us for casual conversations in English in the library every Saturday.

Monday, July 1, 4:00 PM: Pallets & Plants. A fun, hands-on workshop to teach participants how to create attractive, inexpensive outdoor furniture using pallets with Catering by Lago Azul. Jim Lynch, the creator of the new, colorful pallet furniture recently installed along Hailey's Main Street, will teach the workshop. Pre-registration is requested.

Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 PM: Library Reads Book Club. Every month, we'll be hosting a book club with picks throughout the decades. This month's read is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

Wednesday, July 10, 11:30 AM: Lunch in the Park. The Hunger Coalition, Blaine County School District, Hailey Public Library and volunteers from the community are partnering to provide free, nourishing meals and crafts for children 18 and under at Balmoral Park.

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 PM: Friends of the Hailey Public Library Meeting.

Saturday, July 13, 3:00 PM: 1970s Vintage Family Games. Come into the library to experience the types of games that were played in the 1970s.

Tuesday, July 16, 2:30 PM: Art in the Garden. Join us with your kiddos at Hope Garden for stories and watercolor crafts apart of our summer reading program!

Wednesday, July 17, 5:30 PM: Board Meeting.

Friday, July 19, 4:00 PM: Centennial Celebration Bash. A block party on Croy featuring raffles, kids' activities, live music, food and much more to celebrate out 100th birthday!

Friday, July 26, 10:30 AM: Ready! For Kindergarten: Part Two of Three. A very special story time that encourages parents to talk, sing, read and play with their child in simple ways that foster essential pre-literacy, pre-math and social-emotional skills.

Thursday - Friday, July 4 & 5— CLOSED

Independence Day Holiday Closures

Public Works - Water Quality Report

Each year the City of Hailey creates a Consumer Water Quality Report to fully inform the public about the quality of water within the City of Hailey. The new report has been compiled from water samples taken last August, and is available on our website's homepage. Find it at www.haileycityhall.org

Park Donations

**Seagraves Family Foundation
Renovates Hop Porter Play Structure**



The Seagraves Family Foundation contributed \$64,500 to renovation of the 20-year old Hop Porter Play Structure. The project, still in progress, sports new swing sets and new impact material, creating a safe landing for users of the play equipment.



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Kiwanis Club - Can You Dig It?

Kiwanis Club of the Wood River Valley donated two digger toys to add to the play equipment at Deerfield Park. In the meantime, they are in the



middle of a fundraising campaign to purchase additional play equipment for Keefer Park in Woodside.

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**Kiwanis (Balmoral) Park Improvements
Nearing Completion**

The City of Hailey has nearly completed amenities for Kiwanis (formerly Balmoral) Park. The amenities include a covered picnic pavilion, a play structure and swings, expansion of the basketball area to a full court, new permanent goals for the soccer field, improved landscaping and benches, pathway linking the park elements and beautification of the park's

entryway. This project would not be possible without the generous support and contributions of Hailey Parks Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Conrad Brothers Construction, Wood River Women's Foundation, Valley Paving, Sluder Construction, Roberts Electric and Mark Spencer. A grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of \$75,092 paid for approximately half the

improvements, with the remainder of the \$150,184 project funded largely by the local donors listed above.

Meeting Calendar

City Council	7/08/2019
City Council	7/22/2019
Planning & Zoning	7/01/2019
Planning & Zoning	7/15/2019
Arts & Historic Preservation...	7/09/2019
Joint Fire Board, Hailey WRFD	
Parks & Lands Board.....	7/24/2019
Public Library Board	7/17/2019
Tree Committee	7/11/2019
Sun Valley Air Service Board...	7/31/2019
Urban Renewal Agency.....	7/11/2019
*Independence Day	7/04/2019
* Friday after Independence Day	7/05/2019

** City Offices and Library Closed*

Events and Meetings

Town Square Sneak-Peak

In celebration of the Hailey Public Library's 100-years, a pop-up town square will be erected on Croy Street for a three week period from July 1 through July 22, 2019. Activities will be conducted there, culminating in the Library's July 19 Centennial Celebration Bash.

Costs and design elements of the two proposed permanent Town Square sites will be presented for city council discussion on Monday July 8, 2019. The landscape architects who worked with the public in a late April workshop will present ideas developed from community meetings. The proposed sites can be found on the City website <https://haileycityhall.org>

Budget Hearings & Process

July 8 Hearings on Tentative Budget

July 22 Hearings on Tentative Budget

Aug 12 Public Hearing on Budget and Water & Wastewater Rates

Hailey City Council Meetings begin at 5:30 PM at Hailey City Hall, 115 South Main Street., Hailey ID

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Sage School Students and Staff

Staff and students of the Sage School have structured their curriculum so that students are able to get out into the community and be engaged in volunteer efforts that bring the students new knowledge and understanding. Hailey parks were a recipient of this program this spring. A variety of work was accomplished by the students. Parks Division Manager Stephanie Cook said, "The staff and students with whom I worked shared experiences and told stories that will undoubtedly shape these young people. I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to work with and get to know such an enthused, determined and well rounded group of people. I expect these young people will do great things one day."

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Park Adoption Sponsors

The banner at left contains the logos of companies that have adopted a Hailey city park. New among the group of adopters is Hailey Police Department. HPD has taken on the mowing and care of McKercher Park. The park is adjacent to the police station, and lawn care of the police station yard and McKercher Park are done together by HPD. Hailey's parks look beautiful this year, thanks to the effort of many volunteers and city staff.

