

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BAKER CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor; JoDee Pratt, Councilors; Pat Ehret, Leigh Ann LaCroix, Steve Zachmann and Steve Fradenburgh, City Attorney; Rich Batterman and Clerk Treasurer; Kevin Dukart.

GUESTS: Shannon Hewson, LaRita Huether and Brandon Heal.

Mayor Pratt opened the Public Hearing on the environmental review record for the proposed phase I water main replacement project of deteriorated waterlines within downtown Baker at 6:00 pm.

Shannon Hewson, City Engineer gave an overview of the Phase 1 project with a map indicating project location and presented information on several alternatives in regards to cured in place, open cut and asphalt replacement.

LaRita Huether inquired about the cured in place process and whether there would be cost savings. Mr. Hewson replied that there could be some savings but would ultimately depend on how the project bids are received.

LaRita also inquired about a time line for the project. Shannon stated funding request approval will follow the 2019 Montana Legislative Session, so project would most likely not commence until late 2019 or 2020.

Public Hearing closed at 6:12 pm.

Special meeting continued.

Shannon Hewson explained findings in the official Environmental Review check list to be submitted with the TSEP Grant application. Any impact such as noise, dust or water service disruption will be temporary.

Resolution #685, a Resolution to accept the determination that no environmental impact is appropriate for the City of Baker, Phase 1 –Water Main Replacement Project was presented for approval. Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by Pat Ehret to approve above mentioned Resolution #685. Ehret, LaCroix, Zachmann and Fradenburgh voted aye. Resolution Passed.

Shannon Hewson requested to solicit bids for the following projects:

- FEMA Street Repair due to tornado debris hauling traffic.
- Watermain replacement under a portion of streets damaged by heavy traffic due to debris removal.
- Production of a new water well.

Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by Leigh Ann LaCroix to approve to advertise for bids for the above projects. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Director of Public Works, Luke Holestine arrived at 6:20 pm.

Mayor Pratt stated that as we now have two vacancies, she requested the Council consider the written request to include the recruitment of two operator/laborers for the City of Baker at the wage listed in the request of \$20.48 per hour. Motion by Leigh Ann LaCroix, Second by Pat Ehret to approve the request to advertise for two public works department employees. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Mayor Pratt introduced a proposal to have a committee review the current recruitment policy. It was agreed to add this item to the June 20 Agenda.

Shannon Hewson discussed the scope of work for the Phase 1 project for grant application with TSEP is estimated at around \$7,000,000. It was agreed to use that estimate for grant/loan applications.

There having been no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time. Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by Pat Ehret to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Motion Carried. All Aye.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk Treasurer