

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor; Steve Zachmann, Councilors; Mike Loutzenhiser, Tracey Goerndt, Brittany Hoversland, City Attorney; Rich Batterman, Police Chief; Justin LaCroix, Director of Public Works; Rod Morris and Clerk Treasurer; Kevin Dukart.

ABSENT: Councilor; Pat Ehret

GUESTS: Jason Griffith

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Tracey Goerndt to approve the Consent Agenda Minutes of January 4, 2023. Motion Carried. All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Zachmann stated that the Interview Committee would like to recommend a job offer to Jaramie McLean for the open Public Works Operator position. Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Mike Loutzenhiser to approve this recommendation. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Karol Zachmann representing the Friends of Fallon Medical Complex Foundation, requested to hold a pub crawl on Friday, March 17, 2023 from 7:00-11:00 p.m., the Leaping Leprechaun Pub Crawl as in the past. Karol is working on the Event Use Application and asked for the open container regulations to be lifted from 2nd ST East to 1st ST West for the participants.

Motion by Tracey Goerndt, second by Mike Loutzenhiser to approve the event for the Friends of Fallon Medical Complex Foundation. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Received a memorandum of understanding from Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority on upcoming employee benefits renewal (health insurance).

Councilor Goerndt asked if we had completed a recent comparison on cost and benefits.

Clerk Dukart stated that about 2 years ago we compared to the school and county and at that time our cost and benefits were favorable in comparison.

PLANNING INPUT:

Steve reported for Mary that the upcoming Growth Policy sessions will be tomorrow, January 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Plevna Community Center and January 26th at Thee Garage.

COUNTY SANITATION INPUT:

Steve met with Rich Menger in regards to the golf course use of city lagoon water for irrigation. Rich is working on testing requirements to comply with DEQ regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. INPUT:

Rod thanked the council for approving the hiring of Jaramie. Rod reported that there are still two employees out on leave.

CLERK TREASURER INPUT:

The December Financial and Quarterly Pledge Securities were available.

Kevin reported that Royce Hammer who works on behalf of Denbury, stated they are preparing to begin seismic logging on February 10th. He will prepare the notifications as agreed upon.

MAYOR INPUT:

Steve reported that he has been working on a plan for options for city park maintenance this spring. He would welcome any input from the council or the public on the matter and will be preparing a plan in the near future for discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY INPUT:

Rich reported that he will have a jury trial upcoming.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Hoversland – none

Goerndt – Stated she is enjoying the recent mild weather.

Loutzenhiser – Hope all are enjoying the New Year.

The following payroll was approved for payment:

Dept. of Treasury IRS emp w/h \$5,515.55, MPERA vendor liability \$2,783.31, MT Dept. of Revenue emp w/h \$1,100.92, Unemployment Insurance quarterly vendor liability \$740.42, MT State Fund work comp \$3,679.71, PERD vendor liability \$2,262.79, Nationwide Retirement emp w/h \$600.00, ACH deposits: Brenda Dietz \$1,440.48, Larry Donnelly \$1,508.61, Kevin Dukart \$1,532.22, Blayne Higgins \$1,980.87, Justin LaCroix \$1,790.05, Rodney Morris \$2,001.51, Bryan Nevers \$2,014.25, Kyle Rogge \$1,419.41, Cody Strandbakke \$1,264.01, Tyler Travis \$1,422.28, Sheena Veazey \$1,365.27.

There having been no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time, Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Tracey Goerndt to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion Carried. All Aye.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk Treasurer