

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

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

ABSENT: Councilor; Brittany Hoversland

GUESTS: Rylan Limesand

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

7:00 p.m. Mayor Zachmann opened a Public Hearing on a plan to amend the 2022-2023 Budget. The purpose is to allocate funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to the Street Maintenance Fund for costs incurred by SID #36.

No comments

Hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Regular meeting continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Pat Ehret, second by Tracey Goerndt to approve the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the Meeting of June 7, 2023 as presented. Motion Carried. All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Tracey Goerndt to approve Pay Application #2 to JK Excavation & Construction Inc. for \$247,804.39. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Tracey Goerndt, second by Mike Loutzenhiser to remove the attached delinquent utility charge accounts from the accounts receivable list and submit as a tax levy if necessary. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Tracey Goerndt, second by Mike Loutzenhiser to approve an Events & Facilities Use Agreement with Baker Chamber Recreation Department for use of Coldwell Field August 1-3, 2023 for a soccer skills camp. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Pat Ehret to approve an Events & Facilities Use Agreement with The Tavern/Breeann Owens to lift the open container ordinance on August 19, 2023 in their parking lot on Main Street. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Pat Ehret to approve Resolution #746, a Resolution Amending the Final Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year for the City of Baker, Montana; Loutzenhiser, Ehret, Goerndt voted aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS INPUT:

Rod reported that construction has begun on the street renovations in the little east area. The county road crew is doing an excellent job thus far.

Kyle and he will be taking the new garbage truck to Billings for repairs later this week. The 2014 garbage truck has had some repairs done recently as well.

POLICE DEPT. INPUT:

Justin reported that the department has been involved in animal control issues with dogs. One officer was bitten this past week but is doing fine.

CLERK TREASURER INPUT:

The May 2023 Financial Report was available for review. Kevin reported that he has sent the 2024 budget requests to the department heads last week.

MAYOR INPUT:

Steve reported that he has responded to several inquiries regarding the SID #36 Project. The pre-construction meeting for the contractors will be held July 13th. The Street Water Project is going well, permanent connections have all been restored.

CITY ATTORNEY INPUT:

Rich stated that he has been assisting Kevin with some Zone Ordinance review questions along with several prosecutions since the last meeting. Rich wished all a happy & safe 4th of July.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Ehret – None

Goerndt – Tracey announced that Prairie Hills Recovery is hosting a road to recovery concert July 1st at the amphitheater. Bogey's BBQ will be available at 5:00 p.m., the concert begins at 6:00 p.m.

Loutzenhiser – Mike will be present at the July 5th meeting but will need to phone in for the following meeting. Urged everyone to have a safe 4th of July.

The following payroll was approved for payment:

PERD vendor liability \$2,554.41, MPERA vendor liability \$4,002.41, Nationwide Retirement emp w/h \$600.00, MT Dept. of Revenue emp w/h \$1,559.58, Montana State Fund work comp \$3,679.71, Dept. of Treasury emp w/h \$8,180.64, Direct Deposits: Brenda Dietz \$1,711.34, Larry Donnelly \$1,501.09, Kevin Dukart \$1,890.89, Blayne Higgins \$2,023.91, Justin LaCroix \$2,060.20, Jaramie McLean \$1,558.00, Rodney Morris \$1,919.69, Bryan Nevers \$2,201.39, Kyle Rogge \$1,839.10, Ashley Rost \$891.33, Cody Strandbakke \$1,822.47, Tyler Travis \$1,699.51, Sheena Veazey \$2,372.97.

Total payroll: \$44,068.64

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 7:21 p.m. Motion Carried. All Aye.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk Treasurer