

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President; Pat Ehret, Councilors; Mike Loutzenhiser, Brittany Hoversland, City Attorney; Rich Batterman, Director of Public Works; Rod Morris, Police Chief; Justin LaCroix and Clerk Treasurer; Kevin Dukart.

ABSENT: Mayor; Steve Zachmann and Councilor; Tracey Goerndt.

GUESTS: Jackie Martin, Patricia Rost, Kyle Rogge and Randy Morris.

President of the Council Pat Ehret called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Brittany Hoversland to approve the Consent Agenda Minutes of June 21, 2023 and Claims for June 2023 with two changes. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Mayor Zachmann arrived at 7:02 p.m. and assumed the chair.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Mike Loutzenhiser to approve Resolution #747, a Resolution of the City of Baker Montana updating Zoning and Annexation fees. Ehret, Hoversland, Loutzenhiser voted aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pat Ehret, second by Brittany Hoversland to approve the Comprehensive Insurance Policy Renewal for 2023-2024 from Insurance Store Inc. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Pat Ehret to approve Resolution #748, a Resolution of the City of Baker Montana amending the boundaries of Special improvement District #36. Ehret, Hoversland, Loutzenhiser voted aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Zachmann opened nominations for a 1-year term for City Council President. Brittany Hoversland nominated Pat Ehret. No further nominations were received. Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Mike Loutzenhiser to cast the unanimous ballot for Pat Ehret as City of Baker Council President. Motion Carried. All Aye.

POLICE DEPT. INPUT:

Justin reported that July 4th went very well with only a few minor incidents reported.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT:

Kevin reported that Mary Grube has resigned her position as Planning & Zoning Administration Assistant.

Kevin stated that he has sent an email notice regarding the upcoming Dept. of Revenue meeting to discuss the recent property tax appraisals. This will be held July 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the Fallon County Fairgrounds.

MAYOR INPUT:

Mayor Zachmann stated his appreciation to the residents for a safe July 4th holiday.

CITY ATTORNEY INPUT:

Rich stated that with the resignation of Ms. Grube, it will likely have an impact on our interlocal agreement with Fallon County for planning and staff services.

Rich also reported on a specific land use issue ongoing regarding a request from a mobile ice-cream vendor to operate on the city residential streets. Rich stated that in conversation with Forrest Sanderson an option for this request would be separate from zoning and consider a permit for this activity by ordinance instead. If so desired, this could be an action item for the July 19th meeting.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Ehret – Asked Rich about the process for allowing mobile vendors? Rich clarified that this could be a separate ordinance if the council wishes or could be included in the zoning process if changes are made to the code. Pat thanked everyone for having a safe 4th of July.

Hoversland – Stated her appreciation to Kyle and Sheena for street sweeping in the early morning hours and for the rest of the crew for the maintenance on the streets.

Loutzenhiser – Was appreciative of all the moisture this season which helped with the fire risk over the holiday.

The following payroll was approved for payment:

3558 Pattie Ehret \$310.46, 3559 Brittany Hoversland \$346.31, MPERA vendor liability \$5,307.90, PERD vendor liability \$2,417.01, MT Dept. of Revenue emp w/h \$1,779.91, Nationwide Retirement emp w/h \$600.00, Dept. of Treasury emp w/h \$9,372.61, MMIA health insurance \$15,403.40, Direct Deposits: Albert Batterman \$2,881.39, Thomas Bruha \$294.29, Brenda Dietz \$1,698.88, Larry Donnelly \$1,380.53, Kevin Dukart \$2,344.50, Tracey Goerndt \$260.46, Blayne Higgins \$1,607.04, Jill Hildebrand \$608.48, Justin LaCroix \$2,060.20, Michael Loutzenhiser \$339.56, Jaramie McLean \$1,437.45, Rodney Morris \$1,919.69, Theresa Myers \$922.00, Bryan Nevers \$1,899.41, Kyle Rogge \$1,606.87, Ashley Rost \$770.10, Cody Strandbakke \$1,556.61, Anna Straub \$1,486.23, Tyler Travis \$1,555.70, Sheena Veazey \$2,079.65, Steven Zachmann \$818.95.

Total payroll: \$65,065.59

The following claims were approved for payment as listed:

E check Dept. of Revenue 1% contractor's w/h \$5,283.59, 15137 Mary Ellen Bagley building demo reimbursement \$400.00, 15138 Baker Area Hardware supplies \$862.14, 15139 Baker Metal weld scoreboard, supplies \$668.86, 15140 Baker Volunteer Fire Dept. relief pymt \$3,977.00, 15141 Batterman Law Office stipend \$2,000.00, 15142 Boss Office Products supplies \$364.07, 15143 Brosz Engineering project services \$61,900.00, 15144 Carquest Auto parts \$238.50, 15145 City of Baker petty cash – postage, deposit refunds \$847.42, 15146 Dakota Pump service & parts \$1,490.73, 15147 Diamond J Construction pay app #6 tank to wells \$128,223.07, 15148 Direct Electric unhook/hookup scoreboard, services \$2,113.76, 15149 Kevin Dukart vehicle subsistence \$30.00, 15150 Emergency Apparatus service & parts \$3,552.12, 15151 Energy Laboratories Inc. water samples \$97.00, 15152 Fallon County Treasurer building maint., planning, tipping \$7,000.70, 15153 Fallon County Treasurer MT Ave loan pymt, SID #34 & #35 pymt, building \$179,735.22, 15154 Fallon County Water District collections \$4,796.07, 15155 Brenda Flint services \$75.00, 15156 Galls LLC supplies \$684.32, 15157 Griffith Steel repair overhead door \$1,080.00, 15158 Hawkins Inc. supplies \$7,621.01, 15159 Blayne Higgins subsistence/animal control \$183.33, 15160 JK Construction & Excavation pay app #1 & #2 6th ST watermain \$394,822.93, 15161 Justin LaCroix subsistence/animal control \$183.33, 15162 MDU utilities \$7,112.33, 15163 Mid-Rivers phone services \$1,046.75, 15164 Municipal Emergency Services supplies \$353.29, 15165 Bryan Nevers subsistence/animal control \$183.33, North Baker Water District collections \$13,840.36, 15167 Northside Truck parts \$76.83, 15168 Northwest Pipe SID #36 fabric \$21,815.80, 15169 Todd Olmstead training services – fire dept. \$350.00, 15170 Lisa Passmore park maintenance \$10,020.00, 15171 PowerPlan parts & repairs \$7,262.29, 15172 Precision Parts & Supply parts \$1,166.27, 15173 Reynolds supplies \$51.73, 15174 Rolling Rubber services & tire \$110.43, 15175 Runnings supplies \$347.41, 15176 Scout Energy may operating expense \$75.92, 15177 Cody Strandbakke subsistence/animal control \$183.33, 15178 the

Badlands Patriot publishing \$177.20, 15179 US Bank Voyager fuel \$4,087.76, 15180 USPS stamps \$450.60, 15181 Utilities Underground Location dept. revenue annual fee \$20.10, Verizon cellular services \$209.04, 15183 VISA shop – weed spray & parts \$750.43, 15184 Wyrick Construction pave dig outs \$20,060.00, 15185 Wyrick Construction hot mix \$1,149.50.

Total claims: 877,130.87

There having been no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time, Motion by Mike Loutzenhiser, second by Pat Ehret to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Mayor _____ Clerk Treasurer _____