

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

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

GUESTS: Jackie Martin, Rylan Limesand, Jason Griffith, Lacey Berg and Kyle Rogge.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Pat Ehret to approve the Consent Agenda Minutes of July 5, 2023 as presented. Motion Carried. All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jackie Martin addressed the matter of 1st Reading of Ordinance #387 an ordinance establishing standards and rules governing conduct of businesses by mobile vendor units.

Jackie asked for clarification of the distance to be able to operate from public schools. It now restricts within five hundred feet.

It was discussed to consider a change to 1 block or from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. when school is in session. There was also discussion on the restriction to offer only pre-packaged food items. It was also discussed to modify the ordinance to allow sale of items as approved by the County Sanitarian Dept.

Motion by Tracey Goerndt, second by Brittany Hoversland to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #387 with the noted edits. Motion Carried. All Aye.

A bid was received for a storage shed located at Milwaukee 1st Addition, Block 14, Lot 2 from Sheena Veazey for \$200.00. Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Tracey Goerndt to accept this bid. Motion Carried. All Aye.

A bid was received for the sale of Lot 2, Block 14 of Milwaukee 1st Addition from Little Beaver Soil Conservation District in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion by Pat Ehret, second by Brittany Hoversland to approve this bid. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Lacey Berg of the Community Food Forrest stated that due to the conditions of the soil at the city property location for the Food Forrest, she was forced to find a new location on land owned by Fallon County. She has removed all the flags and stakes from the city land and requests to dissolve the agreement between SMART and the City of Baker for the Food Forrest.

Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Tracey Goerndt to dissolve the agreement dated May 2, 2023 with SMART for use of city land located in Section 13 Township 7 N Range 59. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Rylan gave an update on the 6th Street Water Main Replacement, the Tank Hill and the SID #36 Projects. All are progressing with the two water projects close to being completed.

Motion by Brittany Hoversland, second by Tracey Goerndt to approve Pay Application #3 to JK Excavation for the 6th Street Water Project gross amount of \$207,124.02. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Tracey Goerndt, second by Pat Ehret to approve Change Order #2F for 6th Street Water Main Replacement Project a reduction of \$34,710.00. Motion Carried. All Aye.

PUBLIC WORKS INPUT:

Rod reported they have several potholes prepared and are expecting delivery of hot mix later this week.

POLICE DEPT. INPUT:

Justin stated that the department offered a tour of the detention facilities to a youth group recently.

The police also participated in security training at the Bank of Baker recently. Office Higgins is attending a training session this week as well.

CLERK TREASURER INPUT:

The June 2023 Financial, Quarterly Investment and Pledge Securities reports were available.

With commitments from local governments; Fallon County, City of Baker, Baker Schools and EMEDA, we are able to reduce the bond request from \$3,410,000 to \$3,100,000. This lowered the cost for all the assessments to under \$.22 per square foot, this will be finalized in the last week of July.

MAYOR INPUT:

Steve thanked the Dept. Heads and Brosz Engineering for attending the meetings to work out the details of the street improvements. Steve also wished to recognize the County, School and EMEDA for their commitment to prepay the SID assessment so that we can now lower the original estimated square footage from .28 cents to .22 cents for the assessment.

CITY ATTORNEY INPUT:

Rich reported that he has been in contact with Rich Menger regarding a sanitation matter East of Baker Lake with a collapsed sewer line. There were issues with this residence in the past.

CITY COUNCIL INPUT:

Ehret – Reminded everyone of the upcoming Baker Crazy Days. The Lions Club will be hosting Bingo at Thee Garage.

Hoversland – Thank you to the city crew for the street repairs and to Clerk Dukart for the extra zoning duties.

Goerndt - Tracey apologized for missing the last two meetings. She stated that she is looking forward to the mobile ice-cream truck.

Loutzenhiser – Thank you to the city crew for their excellent work.

The following payroll was approved for payment:

PERD vendor liability \$2,289.35, MPERA vendor liability \$3,521.71, Nationwide Retirement emp w/h \$600.00, Dept. of Treasury IRS emp w/h \$7,026.81, MT Dept. of Revenue emp w/h \$1,326.67, Unemployment Insurance vendor liability \$769.57, MT State Fund vendor liability \$3,743.45, ACH Deposits: Brenda Dietz \$1,380.13, Larry Donnelly \$1,259.99, Kevin Dukart \$1,511.02, Blayne Higgins \$1,937.12, Justin LaCroix \$2,060.20, Jaramie McLean \$1,316.91, Rodney Morris \$1,919.69, Bryan Nevers \$1,307.19, Kyle Rogge \$1,591.27, Ashley Rost \$694.76, Cody Strandbakke \$2,006.27, Tyler Travis \$1,419.67, Sheena Veazey \$2,269.60.

Total payroll: \$39,951.38

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 7:53 p.m. Motion Carried. All Aye.

_____ Mayor _____

_____ Clerk Treasurer