

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BAKER CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor; Steve Zachmann, Councilors; Tracey Goerndt, Brittany Hoversland, Clerk Treasurer Kevin Dukart.

No Quorum Present

**4:30 p.m.** Met with Tom Bruha who presented request for 2024 Fire Dept. Budget.

**5:00 p.m.** Met with Anna Straub and City Judge Department Budget.

Anna asked for consideration of a cost-of-living increase for the department? Anna would also like to add 2 hours too per week for the court office to be open on Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This would increase her hours by 2 hours per week and the hours of the Assistant Court Clerk by 1 hour per week.

Anna would like consideration on her salary to adjust for 2 hours more per week of duties. There was discussion on changing hours from 9-5 on these days with a lunch break included as an option as well.

**5:30 p.m.** Met with Justin LaCroix. Justin discussed the new Law Enforcement Information Computer System and that they will require IT services from an outside firm, the cost for the Police Department will be about \$5,000 per year which is included in this budget.

He has budgeted \$40,000 for a new vehicle which would then allow the Chevy Colorado to be given to Public Work's Department. The department would like to keep the 2014 Ford pickup as an extra vehicle in case of any repairs needed on existing vehicles.

Justin asked for consideration to move up the scale to a pay Step 5 as he has more than 10 years of service and the other police promotions move straight down the scale?

**6:00 p.m.** Met with Rod Morris. Rod asked to include an additional \$25,000 in the refuse budget to purchase 50 garbage containers and \$15,000 in water to replace manual dirt packers. In upcoming budgets there may need to be consideration for rehabilitation of wells 4, 5 & 6 as they are not producing as well the other 3.

Rod also inquired if there was a chance that he could be offered comp-time to account for his extra hours.

Rod stated that he would like to have the Chevy Colorado from the Police Department as his vehicle.

**6:30 p.m.** Met with Clerk Dukart on all other departments and other fund budgets. The update to the taxable value and the revenue estimates were reviewed as well.

Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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