



BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAYOR:
Randy Daugherty
COUNCILORS
Loran Joseph
Roger Coles
Doni Bruland
Larry Pearson
Nic Carman
Helen Loennig
CITY MANAGER
Barry Murphy

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2024 - 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Call to Order/Introduction

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| 1. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Daugherty in the Baker City Hall Council Chambers. |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation | Mayor Daugherty lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. |
| 3. Roll Call | Roll call was answered by Mayor Daugherty and Councilors Bruland, Coles, Pearson, and Carman.
Also present were City Manager Barry Murphy, Public Works Director Joyce Bornstedt, Finance Director Paula Brown, Planning Director Holly Kerns, and City Recorder Megan Langan. |
| 4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | |
| 5. Public Comment | Bill Harvey made a public comment regarding business licenses, levy and the public safety fee.
Dean Guyer made a public comment about the safety fee, the short fall, vacation rentals becoming commercial, levy and the fire and police department.
Nathan Hodgen made a public comment about the fire department.
Amanda Baker made a public comment requesting park use. Mayor Daugherty told her to bring it up next meeting as an agenda item. Mayor Daugherty also suggested she meet with Joyce Bornstedt and the City Manager to talk about central park. |

Old Business

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| 6. Consent Agenda | Councilor Pearson had one change to the 2/13 executive session minutes. |
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MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Perason
MOTION: To approve all the minutes with suggested change
SECONDED: Councilor Bruland
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

New Business

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| 7. Elkhorn Industrial Purchases |
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a. OTEC	MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Bruland MOTION: For Barry to move forward and finalize the agreement with BTI and OTEC SECONDED: Councilor Coles IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed.
b. Baker Heating and Cooling	MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Person MOTION: For Barry to move forward and finalize the agreement with Brandon Svitak / Baker Heating and Cooling SECONDED: Councilor Carman IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed.
c. Judy Welding	Griffin Judy answered questions about what he wants to do with the purchased land. MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson MOTION: For Barry to move forward and finalize the agreement with Griffin Judy for Judy Welding SECONDED: Councilor Bruland IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed.
d. Tri-Sand	MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson MOTION: For Barry to move forward accept and finalize the agreement with Matt and Sheri Sand SECONDED: Councilor Bruland IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed.
8. Award Approval - Quail Ridge Golf Course Irrigation Renovation	Joyce Bornstedt presented the bid for the golf course irrigation project. Councilor Carman recused himself from this discussion. Any funds not covered will be funded by an inter-fund loan. Fred Warner presented the funding for the project and where that is going to come from. Councilor Bruland stated she can't think about doing this improvement when we are asking for revenue. Mayor Daugherty stated he has faith in the community partners and doesn't see this having to come from our general fund. Councilor Pearson feels the golf course is a huge asset. Councilors had a discussion regarding funding. MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson MOTION: Approve Bid SECONDED: Mayor Daugherty IN FAVOR: Councilor Coles, Loennig, Pearson and Mayor Daugherty OPPOSED: Councilor Bruland Motion: Passes
9. 2024 Public Works Capital Plan Approval	Joyce Bornstedt presented the 2024 Capital plan. MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles

MOTION: To approve the 2024 Capital Plan
SECONDED: Councilor Carman
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

**10. 2024 Public Works Street
Infrastructure Memorandum**

Councilor Pearson stated the street conditions are steadily declining. He has been talking about implementing a gas tax to help improve street conditions. Councilor Bruland asked if that is something we could get on the ballot in November.
City Manager Barry stated we would have time to get it on the ballot. We agree we need to figure out a way to address the street fund.
Joyce presented the infrastructure memorandum.
We are targeting Cedar St. for 2025.
Mayor Daugherty asked when the state will release the funds.
Joyce stated that we have an IGA with them and it is reimbursable. Once we start working, they will start paying.

**11. Anderson - Perry Task Order
Approvals**

Joyce presented the task order with Anderson-Perry
We have a master engineering agreement with them for Cedar Street and the waste water situation.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson
MOTION: To approve both task orders
SECONDED: Councilor Bruland
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

**12. Resolution 3959 - 2024 Public
Works Standard Specifications and
Drawings Adoption**

Joyce presented resolution 3959.
Public works right now is functioning under at 1997 edition of our public works standards and drawings. We have been working for several years with Anderson-Perry to update it.
This represents modernization. Joyce would like to see us do a 5-year review.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Bruland
MOTION: To adopt resolution 3959
SECONDED: Councilor Carman
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

**13. Ordinance 3399 Rezoning Property
from Industrial to Residential**

Holly Kerns presented the potential rezone about 44.5 acres from industrial to residential medium density.
Fred Warner spoke on behalf of the property owner about what the plan is. Mitch Grove, Suzi Smith and Amanda Baker all made comments in favor of the rezone.
No opposition.
MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson

MOTION: To move forward with first reading of ordinance 3399
SECONDED: Councilor Brualnd
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Loennig gave first reading of ordinance 3399.
MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Perason
MOTION: Approve First reading of ordinance 3399
SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Perason
MOTION: To do 2nd reading by title only
SECONDED: Councilor Bruland
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Loennig gave 2nd reading by title only.
Thrid reading will be done at the next Regular City Council Meeting

14. Marijuana Odor Ordinance

Angelina Gomez made a statement regarding marijuana odor.
Council discussed the draft ordinance that was written. Changes were suggested and will be made by the City Recorder and brought back at the next regular council meeting.
Amanda Baker made comment about other odor ordinances that are in place already.

15. Marble Creek Land

City Manager Barry Murphy presented the MOA with the County for proceeding with negotiations to purchase land up Marble Creek.
The county will provide the legal services to facilitate the purchase but the City will own the property.
Joyce Bornstedt stated that time is of the essence for this.
City Manager stated he will make changes that state that Baker City own the property and the rights of the property.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson
MOTION: To approve the MOU
SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

Mitch Grove provided a market analysis on the property and will provide an invoice for the market analysis to the City.

Updates and Future Items

16. Council Committee Updates

Councilor Loennig stated the Public Arts Committee has something for the next agenda. We are drafting RFP for the requests.

Councilor Bruland and Pearson had PWAC meeting.

Mayor Daugherty congratulated the Baker Boys Basketball team for the state championship. Thanked the City Staff with all the changes. Also, like to thank the Council.

Councilor Loennig stated that there were also 2 wrestlers that took state.

17. City Manager / Director Updates

Joyce Bornstedt stated that they will be doing extensive rodent control at Mt. Hope Cemetery the week of March 18th. The cemetery will be closed March 20th, 21st and possibly part of the 22nd.

Joyce also stated they are discharging water into the Powder River. Wanted to thank the waste water department.

Councilor Coles asked Paula Brown how her Caselle training went. Paula stated that she is really impressed the City purchased the software and Caselle makes it easy.

City Manager Barry provided the following updates; we did not receive any challenges on the levy so we will move forward with filing the 802 to get it on the ballot. Thank you Joyce and your team for all your work on the capital plan. Also, we have new work hours. 7:30-5pm Monday-Thursday and Friday open 7:30-12. Added 10.5 more hours for the public to be able to come in.

Barry also stated that Joyce is reviewing the info that has come out from the forest service about the watershed.

Councilor Bruland stated that the forest service released the environment analysis for the water shed. I encourage you to go online and look it over and make comments. We can bring them back if we need to as well.

18. City Council Comments

19. Upcoming Agenda Items

Adjourn

20. Adjourn

Mayor Daugherty adjourned meeting at 8:15pm

Signed: 
Mayor

Attest: 
City Recorder

A link to this City Council meeting can be found www.bakercity.com or upon request to the City Recorder.