



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
FEBRUARY 13, 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 | Councilor Coles lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. |
| 3. Roll Call | Roll call was answered by Mayor Daugherty and Councilors Bruland, Joseph, Coles, Pearson, and Loennig.
Also present were City Manager Barry Murphy, Public Works Director Joyce Bornstedt, Fire Chief Todd Jaynes, Planning Director Holly Kerns, City Recorder Megan Langan and members of the finance department. |
| 4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | No agenda addition, deletions or modifications. |
| 5. Public Comment | James Standfridge made public comment regarding Marijuana Ordinance
Shawn McKinney, local forest service supervisor, made comment regarding the water shed and the plan for fuel reduction and timber production.
Councilor Joseph asked "what can the City do to help stay on track?"
Shawn stated, stay engaged and show support. |

Old Business

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| 6. Consent Agenda | MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson
MOTION: To approve meeting minutes for January 9th and December 19th
SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed. |
| 7. Ordinance 3398 3rd Reading | Mayor Daugherty read the third reading introduction.
Tara Micka from Baker County Planning presented Ordinance 3398.
Councilor Joseph gave 3rd reading by title only of the ordinance.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson
MOTION: To Approve Ordinance 3398
SECONDED: Councilor Joseph
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed. |

8. Finance Q&A	Rheann, Jen and Marisa from the finance department answered questions provided by the councilors in regard to the finance department and the current utility billing software.
9. Board and Commission Appointments	Councilor voted and appointed the following applications in the open Board and Commissions positions; Planning Commission; MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph MOTION: To Appoint Aaron Still SECONDED: Councilor Person IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed. Parks and Rec: Councilor Joseph appointed as the rep for councilor Councilor Pearson moves to appoint the applicant Councilor Joseph does not approve and would like to keep the position open. Councilor Coles agrees Public Arts: Drew Gettle replaced Brian Vegter last year. There are currently 2 openings and 5 applicants Council voted to appoint Robert Anders and Jeff Jentzsch Budget Board 4 applicants 3 openings Council voted to appoint Norman Kerr, Jason Spriet and Michael Russell Golf Board 2 applicants 1 opening Council voted Ryan MCMillian Airport Commission 5 applicants and 3 openings Council voted to appoint Mark Berthelsen, Greg Sackos and Tom Price Councilor Coles is the council member PWAC MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph MOTION: To Appoint Keith Magnuson and Councilor Pearson SECONDED: Councilor Coles IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed. HDDRC 4 openings 1 applicant MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph MOTION: To Apoint Gail Duman SECONDED: Councilor Loennig IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed Tree board has some vacancies but zero applicants. Mayor Daugherty asked how to eliminate the SAM-O Swim committee.

10. Revenue Options Update

City Manager Murphy presented the process to put the levy on the May ballot. Opened it up to council to have a discussion about public safety fee and levy. Barry Manager stated as the council they do have the option to put the safety fee back into effect. He also talked about the other options that are already being collected, like TLT Committee, Fire department is also looking at potential options. We could be in a much different place a year from now.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Pearson

MOTION: Put levy on the May ballot

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Perason, Joseph, Coles, Loennig

OPPOSED: Councilor Bruland

Motion Passed

Public Comment was made by;
Suzanne Fouty (budget and revenue)
Gary Dillman (public meeting law and Baker City Charter)
Juliet Hughes (regarding revenue options)
Matthew McBride (regarding Marijuana odor)
Councilor Bruland suggested a work session to talk about the revenue options.

11. Marijuana Nuisance Ordinance Update

Public Comment was made by Kim Teeter and Stephanie Barger
The council discussed how to address the marijuana odor issue.

New Business

12. Public Works Approvals - Water Parts Bid & COAR Grant

Joyce Bornstedt presented the following;
Water Parts Bid. Parts will be used for the mountain line that is the main line for our water. Bid was 30% less then expected.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles

MOTION: To award bid for the water parts

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

COAR Grant – traditional funding comes from the FAA and Oregon aviation and small sponsors.

Ask to approve the acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$89,900

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles

MOTION: To approve acceptance of the grant

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

13. RFP Discussion for Realtor representation for industrial park

Mayor Daugherty has asked to delay this discussion.

14. VRBO / Airbnb Commercial Accounts

TLT issues 303 permits but if someone drops off there is no tracking. The county thinks there are at least 100 short-term rentals.
Mayor Daugherty suggested to add to next discussion.

15. R3 Board Selection

City Manager Murphy and Councilor Joseph went to the most recent meeting and their recommendation was to have a member from each city's budget board be on the R3 budget board.

Mayor Daugherty recommended Dan McQuisten and he said he was more than happy to.

Updates and Future Items

16. Council Committee Updates

No Committee updates

17. City Manager / Director Updates

City Manager Barry Murphy announced that they have made their selection for the new Finance Director and she will be starting soon.

18. City Council Comments

No Comments

19. Upcoming Agenda Items

Adjourn

20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Signed: 
Mayor

Attest: 
City Recorder

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