



BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAYOR:
Randy Daugherty
COUNCILORS
Roger Coles
Loran Joseph
Helen Loennig
Doni Bruland
Stephen Carr
Gratton Miller
CITY MANAGER
Barry Murphy

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - 6:00 PM
QUAIL RIDGE GOLF COURSE

Call to Order/Introduction

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| 1. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Mayor Daugherty at Quail Ridge Golf Course. |
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| 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation | Councilor Coles led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance and invocation. |
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| 3. Roll Call | Roll call was answered by Mayor Daugherty and Councilors Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, Carr and Miller .
Also present were City Manager Barry Murphy, Police Chief Ty Duby, Planning Director Holly Kerns, and City Recorder Megan Langan. |
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| 4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | No agenda additions, deletions or modifications. |
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| 5. Public Comment | Shannon Lang gave public comment regarding parking on Resort St. City Council and City staff and a discussion regarding Resort St. Parking. |

Old Business

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| 6. Consent Agenda | <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Bruland</p> <p>MOTION: To approve meeting minutes from 1/28/2025 and two Parks and Rec applications for re-appointment</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SECONDED: Councilor Coles</p> <p>IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, Carr and Miller</p> <p style="text-align: right;">OPPOSED: None</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Passed.</p> |
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| 9. Dog Impound | <p>City Manager Barry Murphy went over the staff report regarding the current dog impound situation. The Animal Clinic has withdrawn their contract with the City as the City impound facility as of Feb. 15th. Barry went over the options for a short-term solution and some long-term solutions. Public Comment was made by;</p> <p>Sumir Brown with Best Friends</p> <p>Randy Sandknop</p> <p>Sherry Brennan (brought paper to add to the record)</p> <p>Carmen Ott</p> <p>Discussion was had between City Councilors and City Staff. Councilor Loennig said she would like to see a board come together. Sumir Brown asked if it is possible to have an animal board with the City and someone from the County as well. Councilor Bruland stated that a board like that would be considered a special district, and we have the capabilities to put a board together. Councilor</p> |

Bruland would like to see a board put together. Leave the short term to the City Manager to find a solution and a work group come together to work on a long-term solution. Councilors Miller and Loennig are both interested in being on it as well.
Dick Haines provided comments with his history of options.
Mayor Daugherty suggested Sumir work with Councilor Bruland to get a group together to work on this.
Mike Siebler made public comment as well.

7. Ordinance 3407 - 3rd Reading

Mayor Daugherty stated the public hearing is still open. Tara Micka and Holly Kerns from planning stated they have not received any new testimony. Mayor Daugherty closed the public hearing.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Bruland

MOTION: Read Ordinance 3407 for the 3rd time by title only

SECONDED: Councilor Loenning

IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilors Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, Carr and Miller

OPPOSED: None

Motion: Passed

Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3407 for the 3rd time by title only.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph

MOTION: To approved 3rd reading of Ordinance 3407

SECONDED: Councilor Miller

IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilors Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, Carr and Miller

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

New Business

8. Taxi Ordinance

City Manager Barry Murphy presented the staff report stating this is for discussion to update the Taxi Ordinance to include ride-sharing. Barry suggested replacing the current ordinance because it needs to be updated so much.

City Council had a discussion and provided suggestions.

Barry will update the Ordinance with the suggestions and have it for the first and second reading for the next City Council Meeting.

10. Housing Infrastructure Capital Funding Request

City Manager Barry Murphy went over the staff report. He stated that R3 went over the recommendations. They are recommending that the City submit a request for infrastructure costs to the State.

City Council had a discussion.

Updates and Future Items

11. Council Committee Updates

Councilor Loennig provided an update on PAC. She stated that PAC will present to the County an exemption to the sign ordinance for murals.

Councilor Joseph provided an update on the Parks and Rec board.

12. City Manager / Director Updates

City Manager Barry Murphy drafted a letter to support a letter to the Congressional Delegation regarding the water shed.

City Council had a discussion and made suggestions.

Mayor Daugherty asked Barry to let them all know when the letter is done and

the Councilors could come by City Hall and sign it.

13. City Council Comments

Councilor Miller asked if Main St. is still on the agenda for next the meeting. Councilor Carr wanted to say he was very impressed with the Police Department on a response to a welfare check he requested.

14. Upcoming Agenda Items

Adjourn

15. Adjourn

Mayor Daugherty adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

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.

Sherry Brennan

Baker City Council Meeting Comments

2/11/25

Here to bring up concerns that I, and others, have about dogs running at large in Baker City.

First, I would like to thank local law enforcement and City Council members for willingness to serve. Your jobs are not easy and I sincerely appreciate what you do.

There is a problem within our community of dogs being allowed to run at large. Some of these dogs are dangerous and pose a threat to humans and animals.

On Feb 1st, my husband and I witnessed a deer being attacked near Broadway & 10th by a pit bull and husky. There was a child with the dogs, but he was not in control of the dogs. We stopped to try and help. Another couple stopped as well and between us, them and another man that showed up, they were able to get the dogs off the deer. The police were called as the child was leaving the scene with the dogs.

I didn't get the contact info from the other couple, so I posted on a few FB groups looking for them. My posts brought out a lot of comments and the realization that there is a serious problem. People confirmed that these particular dogs have killed other animals. (I can share those comments if you need) Additionally, people mentioned other dogs in the community that have been allowed to run at large and have attacked and threatened animals and people.

State laws and City Ordinances give law enforcement the ability to address these situations.

Baker City Municipal Code:

90.16 – Dogs as Nuisances

90.26 – Running at Large

90.27 – Impounded Animals; Records; Redemption and Disposition

90.38 – Licensing of Dogs

90.39 – Dangerous and Vicious Dogs Within the City Limits

Oregon State Laws:

ORS 609.098 - Maintaining Dangerous Dogs

ORS 609.095 - Dog as Public Nuisance

ORS 498.102 – Use of dogs to hunt or track game mammals or birds

Our law enforcement folks need to be able to enforce the laws on the books. People that let their dogs run loose need to be cited and fined. **In order to help with the enforcement of 90.26, the City needs to provide a place for impounding dogs that are breaking these laws.**

Concern: We have been told by multiple people that unless an officer actually SEES a dog running at large, they won't do anything about it. Seeing an event is not a condition of whether or not a crime has been committed. If there are credible witnesses, the situation needs to be addressed.

§ 90.16 - NUISANCES.

(A) A dog is a public nuisance if it:

(1) Bites a person;

(2) Habitually chases vehicles or persons;

(3) Damages or destroys property of persons other than the owner of the dog;

(4) Scatters garbage;

(5) Habitually trespasses on private property of persons other than the owner of the dog;

(6) Disturbs any person by frequent or prolonged barking or other noises (PROLONGED being deemed to include five or more minutes of barking in any 15-minute period); or

(7) Is a female in heat and running at large.

(B) The Municipal Court, by written notice, shall order the owner or keeper of a dog to remove that dog from the City permanently if, upon written complaint made to the Court, the Court finds that the dog is a nuisance, as herein defined, and that the dog's owner knew or should have known that the dog has created the nuisance and permitted that nuisance to continue or to be repeated. The notice shall state the cause for its issuance, order the owner of the dog to immediately confine the dog and, within five days, to remove the dog from the City permanently. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the owner of the dog or shall be posted prominently upon the property on which the dog is kept. After delivery or posting of the notice, it is unlawful not to immediately confine the dog or to release the dog or permit it to be kept anywhere within the City.

(C) The owner or keeper of a dog committing any of the acts set forth in this section is responsible for the dog's act and is subject, upon conviction in Municipal Court, to the penalties set forth in § 90.99.

(Ord. 3252, passed 6-13-2006)

Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.26 - RUNNING AT LARGE.

(A) It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to permit that animal to run at large. The presence of the animal's owner when the animal is running at large is not a defense to this section.

(B) It shall be the duty of every officer to apprehend any animal that is, or appears to be, running at large and impound the animal at a place designated by the City Manager. If an animal is found to be running at large in the presence of the animal's owner, the animal's owner shall still be subject to a fine as set out in § 90.99.

(C) If the owner of any animal found running at large is known or can be determined, then the officer shall issue a citation directing the owner cited to appear in response thereto at the Municipal Court of the City of Baker City, on an indicated date.

(D) For the purpose of this section, the word ANIMAL shall mean any living organism capable of moving about, but not of making its own food through photosynthesis, with the exception of common domestic house cats.

(Ord. 3252, passed 6-13-2006) Penalty, see § 90.99

Definition: RUNNING AT LARGE. An animal shall be deemed RUNNING AT LARGE within the meaning of this subchapter when the animal is either:

(1) On the premises of a person, firm or corporation other than the owner, without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises;

(2) In or upon a vehicle without the consent of the owner or possessor of the vehicle;

(3) In a park, cemetery, public or private school grounds or public place and not under the control of the owner, possessor or keeper by a leash not to exceed ten feet in length or other means of physical restraint; and/or

(4) On a public street, alley or other right-of-way, except when under the control of the owner, possessor or keeper by means of a leash not to exceed ten feet in length or other means of physical restraint, or when a cow is being driven within the sight of the persons driving the cow.

(Ord. 3252, passed 6-13-2006)

ORS 498.102

Use of dogs to hunt or track game mammals or birds

(1) Any dog that is not wearing a collar with a license number thereon in compliance with ORS 609.100 (Dog licenses, tags and fees) that is found unlawfully hunting, running or tracking any game mammal or game bird may be killed at such time by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.

(2) If a dog that is found unlawfully hunting, running or tracking any game mammal or game bird is wearing a collar with a license number thereon in compliance with ORS 609.100 (Dog licenses, tags and fees), the owner of the dog shall be notified by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws. If the owner or reputed owner of the dog disclaims ownership of the dog, the dog may be killed at such time by a person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.

(3) If the owner of a dog has been notified that the dog has been found unlawfully hunting, running or tracking game mammals or game birds and thereafter fails to prevent the dog from unlawfully hunting, running or tracking game mammals or game birds, such dog may be killed by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.

(4) No person shall permit any dog the person owns to unlawfully hunt, run or track any game mammal or game bird. [1973 c.723 §84]

From: Things that happen in Baker Oregon and beyond post

Ronda Sadlowsky

Sherry Zanders Brennan

Sherry, I'm pretty sure these are the two dogs that attacked a baby goat in its own yard, they said it was a husky and a pit bull type dog

Barbara Gloden

I also witnessed this attack, deer wandered off very injured 🥺🥺

Kim Adams  Top contributor

I've heard these dogs have killed cats two. I believe same dog killed neighbors cat, as I unfortunately saw this at the end of kittys life 🥺🥺 horrific

To: Like



Amber Goodman-Bailey

I live down the street from those dogs. I've returned them to their house before. At that time, they seemed like friendly dogs. That was a year or more ago though. I am scared to walk my senior dog if these dogs are attacking other animals.

To: Like



Rhonda Colwell

Sounds like they aren't doing anything about those dogs I heard about them alot and I've seen them running around to.

And I have dogs to and I hate it when I walk my dogs on leash and encounter dogs off leash or just plain running free it's scary

To: Like



Kristi Corbin Anthony

Rhonda Colwell I used to walk My little dogs around town, but I encountered so many loose big dogs. It was just too dangerous for them, so I don't walk anymore. It is sad people don't confine them.

Rhonda Scott  Rising contributor

It's really sad when irresponsible pet owners don't take care of their dogs because it gives all dogs a bad name pit bulls are NOT all bad dogs they are trained to be and if they attack once sad to say they must be put down same with huskies and these 2 dogs have attacked several times, so take action

Rhonda Scott  Rising contributor

Sue Holtz sue this isn't the first time they kill domestic cats that belong to ppl in their own yard last summer, what would you suggest

Trudy Ingraham

I came home from grocery shopping 2 days ago and they were in my driveway I'd never seen them before the Pitbull came straight for my car I don't know where he went but the Husky went down 13th Street towards Auburn my little miniature dachshund was barking at them I'm glad they left I was scared to get out of the car I'm not really that old I'm only 71 but I had an armful miniature dachshund that was barking like heck

Megan Mason  Top contributor

These are the same dogs that keep getting loose and last year someone posted about them running a muck and the owner pm me jumping my case cause i stated these dogs need to be taken away iam pretty sure the family loves them but she can't keep them in her yard and she can't keep them under control an iam sorry iam an animal lover but these two have caused to much problems around and the owner needs to realize they are over there heads!

Rhonda

No I do not remember when it was but do recall they were involved in attacking a couple cats last summer and killing them on 2 separate occasions. I was horrified nothing was done when it happened the first time. Happy to stand behind you on getting them off the streets ppl have been trying for along time and getting no where

From: S#!t That Happens in Baker City FB site

Ashley Dixon

Idk if it is the pit bulls on 14th and campbell there are a few of them that get out often and are really dangerous to other animals and people or the ones down on 14th by Broadway there is another one but he is always fenced in

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 Kelleyanne Smith

Ashley Dixon Notify law enforcement

 Like  Share



Ashley Dixon

Kelleyanne Smith i have so many times it literally does nothing he went to court had to have a kennels license never did it. They killed our second cat then called them again with our dead cat in his backyard and then literally got my cat back and that was that. They have charged our dogs our neighbors code enforcement and cops have been here multiple times...multiple neighbors complaining did nothing at all had 2 litters most of them died then the ones that didn't are big males faught over the female killed the dad and then one of the brothers they are vicious and I am a firm believer pit bulls are not bad dogs and it's how they are trained however these dogs are dangerous one day something bad will happen.

Bob LaFinger
Ashley Dixon

They've had multiple citations and restrictions on having dogs and have a long history of their dogs attacking and killing all kinds of animals all the way across BAKER

For sure. get a hold of BAKER PD ☹️

Bailee Spooner

I believe those dogs also killed another dog on our rental property on 13th street.
How do we get a handle on this situation? Next time it could be a child!

Bailee

I can say what i know. That being said, i did not personally witness the dog in action nor could i give a description of the dog. I just know one of renters little dog was killed by a pitbull a few months back & potentially remember hearing something about a husky too. Im not sure i have any valuable evidence but would happy to voice my opinion. It scares me because i worry about this happening to a child next. We have several children in our homes on 13th street! 😬