



BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAYOR
Kerry McQuisten
COUNCILORS
Shane Alderson
Johnny Waggoner Sr.
Joanna Dixon
Jason Spriet
Kenyon Damschen
Dean Guyer
CITY MANAGER
Jonathan Cannon

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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| 1. Call to Order | Mayor McQuisten called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. |
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| 2. Oath of Office - Kenyon Damschen | City Recorder Dallas Brockett performed the Oath of Office for Kenyon Damschen. |
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| 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation | Councilor Alderson led the pledge of allegiance and invocation. |
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| 4. Roll Call | Roll call was answered by Mayor Kerry McQuisten and Councilors Kenyon Damschen, Joanna Dixon, Johnny Waggoner Sr., Jason Spriet, and Shane Alderson. Also present were City Manager Jonathan Cannon, Public Works Director Michelle Owen, Fire Chief Sean Lee, Police Chief Ty Duby, Administrative Services Manager Jennifer Spencer, and City Recorder Dallas Brockett. |
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| 5. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | <p>City Manager Cannon requested to add some items, which included budget officer appointments, arbor day proclamation, and to remove the noise ordinance.</p> <p>Councilor Dixon requested to bring back the quiet zone discussion.</p> <p>Jason Spriet asked about the budget and why it was needed for a budget officer. Mr. Cannon explained why a budget officer was needed for the budget committee.</p> |
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MOTION MADE BY: Johnny Waggoner Sr.
MOTION: Move to have more discussion on quiet zone and to add the other items on the agenda.
SECONDED: Johnny Waggoner SR.
IN FAVOR: Johnny Waggoner Sr., Kenyon Damschen, Joana Dixon, Mayor McQuisten
OPPOSED: Jason Spriet, Shane Alderson
Motion Passes

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| 6. Consent Agenda | There was no discussion regarding the Consent Agenda. |
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MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joanna Dixon
MOTION: To approve the consent agenda.
SECONDED: Councilor Johnny Waggoner Sr.

IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

7. Citizen's Participation

There was no one signed up for Citizen's Participation.

8. Quiet Zone Discussion

There was a brief discussion regarding the quiet zone. Councilor Dixon asked to have staff prepare a ballot for vote for yes/no for a quiet zone.

MOTION MADE BY: Joanna Dixon

MOTION: Moved to instruct staff to prepare a ballot for vote for Yes or No for a Quiet Zone

SECONDED: Johnny Waggoner Sr.

IN FAVOR: Councilor Damschen, Councilor Dixon, Councilor Waggoner Sr., Mayor McQuisten

OPPOSED: Councilor Alderson, Councilor Spriet
Motion Passes

9. Dispatch Presentation by Sheriff

Sheriff Ash presented regarding Dispatch. He provided an update of information regarding the Baker County Dispatch Center. He said he has a lot of qualified dispatchers and great employees. He stated that they answer 911 calls were an average of 3.72 seconds. He stated that at times they are down to 1 dispatcher in some peak times. Sheriff Ash spoke regarding receiving a grant of \$190,000 for rebuilding the radio system. He is going to have more money coming in regarding state funds for the 911 budget.

Mayor McQuisten applauded the dispatchers and their hard work they do.

10. Ambulance Service Status Update

Jon Cannon provided an update regarding the Ambulance Service Area and Ambulance Contract. He said he is willing to discuss items regarding this. Mayor McQuisten requested that Mr. Cannon present the offer from the county. Mr. Cannon passed out the letter and a copy of the ASA contract. Mr. Cannon presented updates regarding the Baker County contract.

Mr. Cannon presented a summary. He stated that \$150,000 is what the county would pay. Mr. Cannon said that the county believes that this is 20% of the \$750,000 which would be the total of stopping the bleed. The contract, what is interesting is back in January, we proposed a contract of a formula that perpetuated that the County/City - the contract that they have come back with, comes back with standards and conditions. Mr. Cannon reviewed the contract and presented a summary to council. Mr. Cannon said that this sets up a one year term for the contract, and would auto-renew at the end of the term unless they gave 90 day notice.

Mr. Cannon stated that he wanted clarification regarding the vendor compensation on the auto-renew and if the \$150,000 would be a per year cost. If you had a counter what would you suggest? Mr. Cannon requested to dive more into details before answering that question. He says everything has been

looking at what's outside the city and inside the city. The Baker ASA - includes Baker City, large portion of Baker County. IF we look at it at a whole Baker ASA, it is very close to \$750,000. Baker City residents also pay county taxes. Looking at it as a whole - \$750,000.

Councilor Alderson: What is the driving factor of that cost? Personnel costs make up the brunt of the cost to the City. Administrative Service Manager passed out a synopsis of the Ambulance Financial Costs. Ms. Spencer provided a summary of the numbers and history. Ms Spencer provided a copy of the projection numbers for continuing Ambulance Service. Ms Spencer stated that next year will have a tremendous increase, due to rising staffing cost and pending Union Contract Negotiations and raises.

Mayor McQuisten asked about ambulance district. Mr. Cannon spoke in regarding the Baker ASA and proposing a baker district. Mr. Cannon spoke regarding some things that were written in the ASA that caused him pause. He explained that verbiage in the ASA contract. Mr. Cannon stated that another thing that brought pause, was the little say the City would have in the area. Essentially, the County could expand the Baker ASA, with the same cost.

Shane Alderson asked if we had our legal counsel look over the ASA contract. Counselor ALderson stated that he was curious what VanThiels take was on certain sections of the Baker ASA. Mr. Cannon also said that it also doesn't give much of a timeline if we were in violation.

Councilor Dixon stated that she was very concerned about those provisions in the Baker ASA.

Mr. Cannon said if we look at 2015-2016, this was not sustainable then. The City has over and over again submitted information to the County, providing numbers. The numbers given to the County previously was not accepted. Mr. Cannon said it is all one ASA.

Councilor Alderson said he has spoke with commissioners.

Mayor McQuisten asked about the district cost. Mr. Cannon said it was \$75 per household back in 2016-2017. Mr. Cannon said he has not looked at projections.

Councilor Dixon: Last thing we want to do is terminate any of our EMTs. We can't continue with these types of losses to the Citizen's of Baker City. We are going to Bankrupt the city.

Councilor Waggoner Sr: Stated he was at the meeting with the County. He stated that he learned the rapid response units are trained in the Baker City.

Mr. Cannon - we are seeing across the nation that volunteer fire fighters the well is drying up. He said that getting volunteers is a challenge that we are going to face regardless. There are private companies that are out there that do provide a quality service.

Mayor McQuisten asked to do a joint work session, to try and get the commissioners here.

Councilor Spriet asked a clarifying question regarding the formula:Jon stated that he worked on this formula, and brought fourth this formula in January. We are waiting for the County to reply to the contract that was presented them. We finished our audit and completed our budget, and we could not operate just accepting money from county calls. As it stands, our ambulance is not sustainable. We are not in a position to move forward on this. If they had accepted that offer when we presented it to them, we would have to re-negotiate with the county in the future.

Mr.Cannon said that we will be going into next year with huge budget concerns - from July to January of the next budget year. We have real challenges in the next budget to accomplish that. Mr. Cannon stated that a lot of areas are going to districts.

Possible work session was discussed. Just before the meeting before the 26th - council asked if we can get the commissioners to join. The day before, on the 25th at 6:00pm.

Councilor Shane Alderson received a letter from the Baker Fire Ambulance. Councilor Alderson read the letter he received.

Councilor Dixon asked for clarification on the \$750,000 number. Mr. Cannon provided information regarding this number.

11. City Charter Review and Discussion

Council had discussion regarding the city charter. Councilor Alderson spoke regarding the "Vice" mayor language in the charter.

MOTION MADE BY: Joanna Dixon

MOTION: Move to instruct staff to prepare the appropriate documents and information for the ballot about the changes to the City Charter.

SECONDED: Shane Alderson

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

12. Noise Ordinance Discussion - Deleted from Agenda

Noise Ordinance was removed from the agenda.

13. Ordinance 3383 Camping Ordinance

Chief Duby provided a copy of the zoning map of Baker City. Chief Duby went over and explained the history of the camping ordinance. He stated it began with case law in Boise, Idaho. Chief Duby explained the park curfew that was the old way to move the homeless out of the parks. Chief Duby explained

disorderly conduct.

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First reading will be moved to next meeting. The wrong draft was provided - definition was not defined on page 4. Will provide the correct copy next meeting.

14. Resolution 3904 for Jetter Purchase from Contingency Administrative Service Manager spoke regarding the resolution and moving money from the contingency.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joanna Dixon

MOTION: Move to approve resolution 3904.

SECONDED: Councilor Jason Spriet

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

15. Appoint Budget Officer - Urgent

MOTION MADE BY: Joanna Dixon

MOTION: To appoint City Manager Cannon as the Budget Officer

SECONDED: Johnny Waggoner Sr.

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

16. Arbor Day Proclamation - Addition Arbor Day Proclamation:

Mayor McQuisten read the Arbor Day Proclamation in full.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Spriet

MOTION: To approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as read.

SECONDED: Kenyon Damschen

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

17. Executive Session Request

Mr. Cannon stated there needed to be three executive sessions scheduled.

The three topics were:

1. At a previous meeting, requested to speak with the labor attorney. This executive session was scheduled May 10th 6:00pm by council.

3. Related to Union bargaining. This will be scheduled either the 25th/26th depending on the joint city-county work session.

3. Offers for lots in the Elkhorn Industrial Park. This will be scheduled either the 25th/26th depending on the joint city-county work session.

18. Council Committee Updates	City Recorder Dallas Brockett mentioned the openings on several boards and commissions.
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19. City Manager / Director Updates	Mr. Cannon provided brief city manager/director updates.
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20. City Council Comments	There were brief city council comments.
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21. Upcoming Agenda Items	City manager presented the upcoming agenda items.
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22. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.
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MOTION MADE BY: Johnny Waggoner Sr.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

SECONDED: Joanna Dixon.

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

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.