



BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026 - 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Call to Order/Introduction

1. Call to Order	Mayor Daugherty	Procedural
2. Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Daugherty	Procedural
3. Roll Call	Megan Langan	Procedural
4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications	Mayor Daugherty	Action Item
5. Public Comment	Mayor Daugherty	Procedural

Old Business

6. Consent Agenda	Mayor Daugherty	Action Item
7. PD Ordinances - 3419 and 3420	Ty Duby	Ordinance

New Business

8. City Council Swearing In	Megan Langan	Procedural
9. Third Reading of a Vacation of a 60' x 200' section of Plum Street - VAC- 25-136 Elbert	Kara Miller	Ordinance
10. Fire Department Update	Michael Carlson	Discussion
11. Lein - Resolution 3986	Jeanie Dexter	Action Item

Updates and Future Items

12. Council Committee Updates	Mayor Daugherty	Information
13. City Manager / Director Updates	Barry Muprhy	Information
14. City Council Comments	Mayor Daugherty	Information
15. Upcoming Agenda Items	Mayor Daugherty	Procedural

Adjourn

16. Adjourn	Mayor Daugherty	Procedural
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Subject: Pledge of Allegiance



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Subject: Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications



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Subject: Public Comment



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BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - 6:00 PM
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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 | Mayor Daugherty led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| 3. Roll Call | Roll call was answered by Mayor Daugherty and Councilors Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and Miller.
Also present were City Manager Barry Murphy, Police Chief Ty Duby, Fire Chief Michael Carlson, Human Resource Manager Andrew Crabtree, Community Development Coordinator Kara Miller, Finance Director Jeanie Dexter, Tara Micka and Madison Tomac from Baker County Planning, and City Recorder Megan Langan. |
| 4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | No agenda additions, deletions or modifications. |
| 5. Public Comment | Vickie Valenzuela made a public comment about the current water billing and the software. The City Council and City staff were able to answer some of her questions. |

Old Business

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| 6. Consent Agenda | <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles
MOTION: Approve meeting minutes from 1/27/2026
SECONDED: Councilor Miller
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.</p> |
| 7. PD Ordinances | <p>Police Chief Ty Duby presented the changes that were requested on the two Ordinances for the Police Department. Chief Duby and Sgt. Regan were able to answer questions from the City Council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Read Ordinance 3419 in full for the first time
SECONDED: Councilor Bruland
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.</p> <p>Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3419 in full for the first time. While reading, we needed to add the word "abated" to section D.</p> |

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Approve first reading of Ordinance 3419
SECONDED: Councilor Miller
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Read Ordinance 3419 for the second time by title only
SECONDED: Councilor Bruland
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3419 for the second time by title only.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Approve second reading of Ordinance 3419
SECONDED: Councilor Miller
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: To read Ordinance 3420 in full for the first time
SECONDED: Councilor Miller
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3720 in full for the first time. While reading it
was decided to strike out section "c"

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Miller
MOTION: Approve first reading of Ordinance 3420
SECONDED: Councilor Joseph
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Miller
MOTION: Read Ordinance 3420 for the second time by title only
SECONDED: Councilor Joseph
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3420 for the second time by title only.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Approve second reading of Ordinance 3420

SECONDED: Councilor Miller
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

**8. Ordinance No. 3417 — Baker City
Development Code Updates**

Madison Tomac from Baker County Planning Department presented the Baker City Development Code for third reading and asked the City Council approve the staff report from the Planning Commission.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Approve the staff report from the Planning Commission
SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Read Ordinance 3417 for the third time by title only
SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Miller read Ordinance 3417 for the third time by title only.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Approve third reading of Ordinance 3417
SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and
Miller
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

New Business

9. City Council Vacancy Selection

City Recorder Megan Langan stated the City Council has ballots in front of them to vote for the City Council candidate of their choice. Councilor Joseph recused himself from voting due to knowing both candidates personally. Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Loennig and Councilor Coles voted for Randy Schiewe. Councilor Bruland and Councilor Miller voted for Deanna Johnson. Randy Schiewe will be sworn in at the next City Council meeting.

10. City Annual Report

City Manager Barry Murphy went over the City Annual Report. Councilor Loennig asked if the different departments within the City could provide goals. Mayor Daugherty stated it was a good document, and it showed the amount of work and accomplishments that have been done the last few years.

11. Monthly Financial Update

Finance Director Jeanie Dexter provided an update on the finances and the

ARPA funds. Jeanie and Barry were able to answer questions from the City Council. Jeanie also provided an update on the Audit, staffing in the finance department and Budget Board members.

12. VAC-25-136 Elbert

Community Development Coordinator Kara Miller presented the vacation request.
The City Council had a discussion. Kara was able to answer any questions they had.
Mayor Daugherty read the introduction and opened the public hearing.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph

MOTION: To read Ordinance 3418 in full for the first time

SECONDED: Councilor Coles

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3418 in full for the first time.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Miller

MOTION: Approve first reading of Ordinance 3418

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles

MOTION: To read Ordinance 3418 for the second time by title only

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

Councilor Joseph read Ordinance 3418 for the second time by title only.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph

MOTION: Approve second reading of Ordinance 3418

SECONDED: Councilor Miller

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

Updates and Future Items

13. Council Committee Updates

Councilor Miller is requesting a letter from our City Council in support of funding R3 is requesting from the state.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph

MOTION: Give the Mayor authority to sign the letter on behalf of the City
Council

SECONDED: Councilor Coles

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

Councilor Miller stated he had spoke with Ariel with Baker City Downtown and they both would like to get the Main St. Committee back together to talk about how to address parking for downtown.

Megan Langan stated that the Public Arts Commission does need to have a meeting to speak about the Court Plaza and the Salt Lick location.

14. City Manager / Director Updates

Human Resource Manager Andrew Crabtree stated that the Employee handbook is being reviewed and will be brought to City Council within the next few meetings for approval from City Council.

15. City Council Comments

Mayor Daugherty made the below comment;
Over the past 25 years I have volunteered many hours
From planning commission, council, to committees,
Economic development, and non-profits.

A few things I have learned newspapers buy ink by the
Barrel and paper by the roll. I do not have a face book
Account, instagram, etc. Social media is simple a
Platform of emotions and opinions to fire up a base
Without solutions. The national media is the biggest
Example.

I received a copy today of Suzan Jones post on baker
County republican Facebook page as well as the same
Facebook posting on the things that happen in baker.

The posting was a timeline regarding initiative
Petition filing for main street restriping and
Inaccurate information as to a meeting.

I would like to clarify the content of the posting.

1. Loran joseph, city recorder Megan Langan, and
Myself met with john and Jody Jeffries, Don
Christy, Joanna Dixon. What is not mentioned in
The post is Joanna Dixon provided an open mic via
Cell phone for Suzan Jones listen to the meeting.

2. It states Daugherty apparently wanted Jeffries to
Withdraw there initiative filling. Out of professional courtesy I invited them to
a meeting

To inquire as to why? I wanted to get out ahead
Of this if that was possible. The last thing that I
Want to have happen is baker city to return to a
January 2021-september 2023 era where the
Council, citizens, became a house divided. The
Meeting was cordial. I did ask the Jeffries at the
End of the meeting if there was anything we
Could do to have them not go forward. John
Said no.

3. It states the Megan stated the petition wording
Would not be approved at the beginning of the
Meeting. That never happened. Completely false.
What she did say was it would be very difficult to
Get the initiative on the May ballot.

4. Everyone discussed and reviewed the wording.

From a city standpoint we are concerned that it may Jeopardize closing streets for events, maintenance, Etc.

5. The mayor said, if passed this ballot measure Would weaken “their power. I’m not sure that is Exactly what I said. What I can tell you, elected Officials are tasked with making decisions. And Over the past 27 months we have done an Outstanding job of uniting this community with a Council without personal agenda's.

6. An example this council tabled the restriping of Main street on January 13 to allow the initiative Petition process to move forward.

7. My council position is without ODOT participation Financially and a guarantee after 3 years the city Can go back to 4 lanes if requested I personally would have a hard time supporting.

8. The attack on Megan for doing her job is totally Uncalled for. There are guidelines that must be Followed including timelines.

9. One final thing. Barry and I have asked Suzan Jones to meet with us. For 2 reasons. Barry and I Have never met her. Suzan lives in the county not The city has been influencing many things in The city for years. We would just like to meet her And compare points of view.

Councilor Joseph stated he was also at the meeting and seconds what Mayor Daugherty said. Suggested citizens to get off the computer and talk to people more.

16. Upcoming Agenda Items

No additional agenda items.

Adjourn

17. Adjourn

Mayor Daugherty adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

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.



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Date: February 24, 2026

Subject: PD Ordinances - 3419 and 3420

Action Statement

City Council can conduct third reading of Ordinances 3419 and 3420

Background & Analysis

Background and analysis provided in previous meetings on the need for updates to these two ordinances.

Potential Motions

"I, Councilor _____, move to read Ordinance 3419 (3420) for the third time by title only."



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ORDINANCE NO. 3419

ORDINANCE MODIFYING CHAPTER 80 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – CAMPING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the city seeks to clarify and amend Baker City Municipal Code (herein BCMC) Section 80.03 (A) (2) – Temporary Camping Program adopted as Ordinance 3383, passed 05-10-2022; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks to amend BCMC Section 80.99 – Penalty Enforcement adopted as Ordinance 3383, passed 05-10-2022, in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon, that:

The BCMC Section 80.03 (A)(2) – Temporary Camping Program currently reads as follows:

§ 80.03 - TEMPORARY CAMPING PROGRAM.

(A) (2) Two individuals or up to one family may use a residentially zoned property developed with an occupied residential dwelling, with further written authorization from the property owner and all tenants of the property, for camping by either:

- a. Using a tent to camp in the back or side yard of the residence.
- b. Up to one vehicle parked in the driveway of the dwelling. Parking on the public street, in front of the residence, or in front of adjacent properties for camping, is prohibited under this section.
- c. Up to one recreational vehicle may park on the public street adjoining the property for up to 28 days or in the driveway as described in subsection ii above and in accordance with current Baker City Building Code 4.9 (miscellaneous permits).

The City amends BCMC Section 80.03 (A)(2) – Temporary Camping Program to read as follows:

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- b. Up to one vehicle parked in the driveway of the dwelling. Parking on the public street, in front of the residence, or in front of adjacent properties for camping, is prohibited under this section.
- c. Up to one recreational vehicle may park on the public street adjoining the property

for up to 72 hours in a calendar year. Extensions to the 72-hour time limit and location of parking may be authorized at the City Manager's discretion on a case-by-case basis.

The BCMC Section 80.99 (A)(D) – Penalty and Enforcement currently reads as follows:

(A) Any person violating any provision of this code for which no other specific penalty is provided shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500, subject to subsection (B) of this section.

(B) Any person violating any provision of this code which is identical to a state statute containing a penalty shall, upon conviction, be punished by the penalty prescribed by the state statute.

(C) Each calendar date on which a violation occurs constitutes a separate violation.

(D) In addition to any other penalties that may be imposed, any campsite, camp facility, recreational vehicle, or vehicle used for overnight sleeping in a manner not authorized by this section or other provisions of this code shall constitute a public nuisance and may be abated after four hours if the conditions persist. The abatement shall include the towing of recreational vehicles or vehicles that violate this chapter.

The City amends BCMC Section 80.99 (A)(D) – Penalty and Enforcement to read as follows:

(A) Any person violating any provision of this code for which no other specific penalty is provided shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500, subject to subsection (B) of this section.

(B) Any person violating any provision of this code which is identical to a state statute containing a penalty shall, upon conviction, be punished by the penalty prescribed by the state statute.

(C) Each calendar date on which a violation occurs constitutes a separate violation.

(D) In addition to any other penalties that may be imposed, any campsite, camp facility, recreational vehicle, or vehicle used for overnight sleeping in a manner not authorized by this section or other provisions of this code shall constitute a public nuisance and may be abated in accordance with ORS 195.500 and ORS 195.505. The abatement shall include the towing of recreational vehicles or vehicles that violate this chapter. Any fees incurred during the abatement shall be the responsibility of the established vehicles owner.

READ for the first time in full on this 10th day of February 2026.

READ for the second time by title only on this 10th day of February 2026 upon the unanimous vote of the members present, after the text of the Ordinance was offered to the members of the Council, the press and the public for their use during the meeting.

READ for the third time by title only on this ____ day of _____ 202_ upon the unanimous vote of the members present, after the text of the Ordinance was offered to the members of the Council, the press and the public for their use during the meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the Baker City, Oregon, and signed by the Mayor of the Baker City, Oregon, this ____ day of _____ 202_.

Randy Daughterty, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney



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ORDINANCE NO. 3420

ORDINANCE MODIFYING CHAPTER 97 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the city seeks to amend Baker City Municipal Code (herein BCMC) Section 97.02 – Definitions adopted as Ordinance 3371, passed 03-12-2019, specifically the definition of Discarded Vehicle,

WHEREAS, the city seeks to add language under BCMC Section 97.04 – Reserve for future use to add a new section called Cleanliness and Sanitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon, that:

The BCMC Section 97.02 – Definition for discarded vehicles currently reads as follows:

§ 97.02 - DEFINITIONS.

DISCARDED VEHICLE. Any vehicle which is licensed or unlicensed and is in one or more of the following conditions: inoperative, wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, abandoned, junked or which cannot be moved without being repaired or dismantled or is no longer safely useable for the purpose for which it was manufactured. This term shall also include, but not be limited to, major vehicle parts such as vehicle bodies, engines, transmissions.

The amends BCMC Section 97.02 Definition of discarded vehicle to read as follows:

Any vehicle which is unlicensed. Any licensed vehicle that has one or more of the following conditions: inoperative, wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, abandoned, junked or which cannot be moved without being repaired or dismantled or is no longer safely useable for the purpose for which it was manufactured. This term shall also include, but not be limited to, major vehicle parts such as vehicle bodies, engines, transmissions.

The BCMC Section 97.04 currently reads as follows:

§ 97.04 - RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

The city adds language and title this Section 97.04 – Cleanliness and Sanitation to read as follows:

§ 97.04 – CLEANLINESS AND SANITATION.

- (A) All exterior property areas must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. All household garbage must be stored in receptacles that are free from holes and covered with tight fitting lids. Receptacles must be sufficient capacity to prevent the overflow of garbage and rubbish from occurring.
- (B) The interior of every dwelling must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and free from any egregious accumulation of rubbish or garbage so as not to breed insects and rodents,

or produce dangerous or offensive gases, odors and bacteria, or any other unsanitary conditions, or create a fire hazard. Violation enforcement for this section (B.) will not permit entry without consent of the residential occupancy or an administrative search warrant. The Building Department shall also substantiate the violation prior to a citation being issued.

- (C) The owner of a residential property must subscribe to and pay for at least every other week garbage removal service by a refuse collection franchise in contract with the city of Baker if the property tenants and/or property owner have been found guilty of a violation involving nuisances affecting the public health and welfare or cleanliness and sanitation within one year.

A violation of this section is a Class A Violation, see [§ 97.90](#). Abatement, see [§ 97.21](#).

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the Baker City, Oregon, and signed by the Mayor of the Baker City, Oregon, this ____ day of _____ 202_.

Randy Daughterty, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney



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Date: February 24, 2026

Subject: City Council Swearing In



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Date: February 24, 2026

Subject: Third Reading of a Vacation of a 60' x 200' section of Plum Street - VAC-25-136 Elbert

Recommend City Council Approving and reading for a Third time by Title Only of a Vacation of a 60' x 200' Section of Plum Street Right-Of-Way Between Place and Estes Streets



BAKER CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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STAFF REPORT to the BAKER CITY COUNCIL for the VACATION of a 60' x 200' SECTION of PLUM STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN PLACE AND ESTES STREETS

City Case No. VAC-25-136

Staff Report Date: January 22, 2026

Report Prepared by: Kara Miller, Planner

Planning Commission Hearing: January 21, 2026

I. GENERAL INFORMATION AND FACTS

Property Owners:

Tax Lot 4300: Better Rentals/Baker City LLC
Spencer Elbert
(Petitioner)
2820 Campbell Street
Baker City, OR 97814

Tax Lots 4100 & 4200: Christa Griffith ETAL
933 Place Street
Baker City, OR 97814

Land Use Review:

Vacation of a ±60-foot-wide by ±200-foot-long north-south running platted section of Plum Street located between Blocks 39 and 40 of the Pacific Addition to Baker City.

Property Description:

Undeveloped ±15,000 square foot section of Plum Street Right-of-Way between Blocks 39 and 40 of the Pacific Addition to Baker City. Street Right-of-Way proposed to be vacated runs north and south, between Plum Street located between the property lines of 835 Place Street, and 933 Place Street. (Exhibit A).

Land Use Zone:

Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone

Existing Development:

Undeveloped street right-of-way.

Special Flood Hazard Area:

The Right of way is not located in the Floodplain according to FEMA FIRM #41001C0385C, dated June 3, 1988

Wetlands:

Wetlands are not present on a portion of the subject property according to the 1995 National Wetlands Inventory Map for Baker, Oregon

Parcel Legally Created:

The Plum Street Right of way is identified between

Blocks 39 and 40 of the Pacific Addition to Baker City,
filed with the Baker City Clerk's Office on May 6, 1890.

II. NATURE OF REQUEST

The petitioner, Spencer Elbert, requests the vacation of a portion of the Plum Street outlined above. The proposed street right-of-way to be vacated may also be described as the Plum Street Right-of-Way running north-south between Estes Street (south) and Place Street (north). The proposed street vacation fronts the following tax lots: Tax Lot 4300 – owned by Better Rentals/Baker City LLC/ Spencer Elbert (applicant and petitioner) – Ref. 4122, Tax Lot 4100 and 4200 – owned by Christa Griffith ETAL – Refs. 4120 and 4121. All three properties and the portion of the street proposed for vacation are located within Assessor Map 09s40e21ab and reside in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone. The vacated portion the street will be equally divided among the adjacent properties if approved.

III. APPLICABLE ORDINANCE, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND STATE PROVISIONS

The request is to be processed as a Type IV procedure, which includes holding a public hearing before the Planning Commission as well as the Baker City Council. The applicable criteria are listed in the Baker City Development Code Section 4.3.200, the Baker City Municipal Code Sections 51.070 – 51.073, and Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 271. Generally, unless otherwise noted, if a request is found to be consistent with the Baker City Municipal Code, it is considered to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

IV. ANALYSIS OF CRITERIA & FINDINGS OF FACT

Baker City Development Code – Section 4.3.200 - Lot Line Adjustments, Property Line Adjustments, Re-plats and Vacations. *Any plat or portion thereof may be adjusted, re-platted or vacated upon receiving an application signed by all of the owners appearing on the deed.*

A. *Definitions.*

4. ***Vacations.*** *The same appeal rights provided through the subdivision and partition process shall be afforded to the plat vacation process. (See Chapter 4.1 - Types of Applications and Review Procedures.) The road authority(ies) shall be notified of all applications for re-plats and street vacations. All street vacations shall also conform to the ORS Chapter 271.*
 - a. *Once recorded, a vacation shall operate to eliminate the force and effect of the plat prior to vacation; and*
 - b. *Vacations shall also divest all public rights in the streets, alleys and public grounds, and all dedications described on the plat.*

Planning Commission Findings: The petition form (Exhibit C) included notarized consent forms from all adjacent property owners: Tax Lot 4300 – Better

Rentals/Baker City LLC/ Spencer Elbert (applicant and petitioner), Tax Lot 4100 and 4200 – Christa Griffith ETAL.

The vacation process will adhere to the constraints and requirements of the Baker City Municipal Code Sections 51.070 through 51.073 as well as applicable areas of Oregon Revised Statute 271. Applicable sections are referenced below with respective recommended findings. The applicants/petitioners shall ensure all conditions of approval can be met to complete this process.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criterion **can** be met through completion of all Conditions of Approval.

Baker City Municipal Code – Chapter 51 – Streets and Sidewalks (Ord.2748, 10/11/77)

Municipal Code Section 51.070 – Standards – The following are hereby established as standards governing the vacation of public right-of-way within the City of Baker City.

- A. *The right-of-way is not needed for access to abutting properties.*
- B. *The right-of-way is not necessary for proper traffic circulation at present or in the foreseeable future.*
- C. *The right-of-way is not necessary for current or foreseeable utility routing.*
- D. *The vacation is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.*

Planning Commission Findings: A) All properties abutting the proposed vacation have access to other existing rights of way. Tax Lots 4300 and 4100 have access to Place Street. Tax Lot 4200 is owned by property owner of Tax Lot 4100, which has primary access via Place Street and a plated alley way connecting to Place Street.

B) The proposed vacation is for an undeveloped ±60-foot wide by ±200-foot-long portion of Plum Street, ±50-feet south of the north property line abutting Place Street, to allow access to Baker City Public Works manhole. The street is not improved, and its vacation will not hinder the traffic circulation of this residential area.

C) At the time of this application, and as noted in the petition (Exhibit C), approval for the proposed right of way vacation was obtained from all utility companies operating within the immediate area. The right-of-way is not necessary for current or foreseeable utility routing. Currently, no future utility easements have been identified within the proposed vacation. The proposed vacation is for an undeveloped ±60-foot wide by ±200-foot-long portion of Plum Street, ±50-feet south of the north property line abutting Place Street, to allow access to Baker City Public Works manhole.

D) The proposed right of way vacation is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan, is not listed as an area of future improvement in the Baker City Transportation System Plan and is not necessary for current or foreseeable traffic circulation.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **are** met by fulfilling Condition of Approval #3.

Municipal Code Section 51.071 – Standards – Petition Forms – Petition forms for proposed vacations may be obtained from the Planning Department at City Hall and shall be filed with the City Recorder completed with the following information:

- A. A map of the area showing the right-of-way proposed to be vacated and the affected area;
- B. The purpose of the vacation;
- C. The notarized consent of all property owners abutting the portion of right-of-way to be vacated;
- D. The consent of all utility companies operating within the City limits;
- E. The consent of the City of Baker City Engineering Department, which shall give consent only after considering the effect of the vacation on traffic patterns and city-owned utilities; and
- F. The consent of the Chiefs of Police and Fire Departments.

Planning Commission Findings: The petition form (Exhibit C) included a map of the area showing the portion of the right-of-way proposed to be vacated and the affected area; a brief statement from the petitioners stating the reason for the vacation; the consent of all utility companies operating within City limits, and the consent of the Baker City Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. Notarized consent from adjacent property owners was also included: Tax Lot 4300 – Better Rentals/Baker City LLC/ Spencer Elbert (applicant and petitioner), Tax Lot 4100 and 4200 – Christa Griffith ETAL.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **are** met.

Municipal Code Section 51.072 - PUBLIC HEARING.

- A. After the filing of the aforesaid petition, the City Recorder shall cause a copy thereof to be forwarded to the Secretary of the City of Baker City Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing within 45 days after receipt by the Secretary of a copy of the petition for the purpose of hearing comments for and against the petition and evaluating the pertinent facts and circumstances of the specific request.
- B. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall cause written notice of the public hearing to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, as least ten days before the hearing, to all persons owning property within 250 feet of the portion of right-of-way proposed to be vacated. The Secretary shall further cause notice of the hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baker City once each week during the two weeks immediately preceding the hearing.

Planning Commission Findings: The completed application was received on

November 6, 2025. A formal hearing before the Baker City Planning Commission was held on January 21, 2026 *“for the purpose of hearing comments for and against the petition and evaluating the pertinent facts and circumstances of the specific request.”* The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Baker City Council to approve the vacation request. The first City Council hearing for this vacation petition will be scheduled for February 10, 2026.

Pre-notices for the Baker City Planning Commission hearing were sent to all property owners within ±250 feet of the proposed vacation on December 30, 2025, via certified mail, return receipt requested. Public notice for the Baker City Planning Commission hearing was published on January 7 and 21, 2026, through the Elkhorn Media Group Public Notices page and the East Oregonian newspaper.

A public notice sign was posted at the southern boundary of the intersection of Plum Street and Place Street on December 30, 2025.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **are** met.

Municipal Code Section 51.073 - COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – *After the public hearing has been held, the Secretary of the Planning Commission shall forward any recommendation of the Commission to the City Recorder for presentation to the City Council at its next regular meeting.*

Planning Commission Findings: A hearing before the Baker City Planning Commission was held January 21, 2026. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Baker City Council. The recommendation of the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the City Recorder for presentation to the City Council.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **are** met.

OREGON REVISED STATUTES

ORS 271.170 Nature and operation of statutes. *The provisions of ORS 271.080 to 271.160 are alternative to the provisions of the charter of any incorporated city and nothing contained in those statutes shall in anywise affect or impair the charter or other provisions of such cities for the preservation of public access to and from transportation terminals and navigable waters.*

Planning Commission Findings: The criteria included in ORS 271.080 to 271.160 are not applicable, as Baker City has adopted provisions for vacations included in Section 51 of the Baker City Municipal Code.

No public access to and from transportation terminals and navigable waters will be affected by this proposed vacation.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **are** met.

ORS 271.190 Consent of owners of adjoining property; other required approval. No vacation of all or part of a street, alley, common or public place shall take place under ORS 271.180 unless the consent of the persons owning the property immediately adjoining that part of the street or alley to be vacated is obtained thereto in writing and filed with the auditor or clerk of the city or town. No vacation shall be made of any street, alley, public place or part thereof, if within 5,000 feet of the harbor or pierhead line of the port, unless the port commission, or other bodies having jurisdiction over docks and wharves in the port district involved, approves the proposed vacation in writing.

Planning Commission Findings: The petition form (Exhibit C) included notarized consent forms from all adjacent property owners: Tax Lot 4300 – Better Rentals/Baker City LLC/ Spencer Elbert (applicant and petitioner), Tax Lot 4100 and 4200 – Christa Griffith ETAL. The location of the proposed street vacation is not located within a port area.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **are** met.

ORS 271.230 Records of vacations; fees.

- (1) If any town or plat of any city or town is vacated by a county court or municipal authority of any city or town, the vacation order or ordinance shall be recorded in the deed records of the county. Whenever a vacation order or ordinance is so recorded, the county surveyor of such county shall, upon a copy of the plat that is certified by the county clerk, trace or shade with permanent ink in such manner as to denote that portion so vacated, and shall make the notation "Vacated" upon such copy of the plat, giving the book and page of the deed record in which the order or ordinance is recorded. Corrections or changes shall not be allowed on the original plat once it is recorded with the county clerk.*
- (2) For recording in the county deed records, the county clerk shall collect the same fee as for recording a deed. For the services of the county surveyor for marking the record upon the copy of the plat, the county clerk shall collect a fee as set by ordinance of the county governing body to be paid by the county clerk to the county surveyor. [Amended by 1971 c.621 §31; 1975 c.607 §31; 1977 c.488 §2; 1979 c.833 §30; 1999 c.710 §12; 2001 c.173 §5]*

Planning Commission Findings: If this vacation request is approved, the County surveyor (or his designee) shall amend the plat to reflect the vacation of the aforementioned north-south portion of Plum Street between Blocks 39 and 40 of the Pacific Addition to Baker City. A certified copy of the ordinance to vacate shall be filed with the Baker County Clerk's Office, in accordance with Condition of Approval #1.

Conclusion: Based on the findings above, the criteria **can** be met in accordance with Condition of Approval #1.

V. SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS & DECISION

The Planning Commission may recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial of this request to the City Council. A public right-of-way (street) vacation may be allowed if the request meets all applicable criteria and standards. The applicant **has** demonstrated that this request for a public right-of-way (street) vacation meets, or is able to meet through conditions of approval, all of the applicable review criteria and development standards.

Therefore, based on the information contained in Sections I through IV of this report, and the above review criteria, findings of fact, and conclusions and public testimony received, the Vacation request, VAC-25-136, is hereby **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL** to the City Council, subject to the conditions contained in Section VI of this report.

This recommendation for approval is solely based upon the material provided with the application and the applicable sections of the Baker City Development Code and Municipal Code being met and does not imply satisfaction of any other laws or regulations.

Dated this _____ day of January, 2026
01/23/26

Baker City Planning Commission

Laurie L Parry
Laurie Parry, Chairman

VI. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. **Recording.** The County surveyor (or his designee) shall amend the Pacific Addition to Baker City plat to reflect the vacation of the aforementioned street. A certified copy of the ordinance to vacate shall be filed with the Baker County Clerk's Office.
2. Failure to comply with all conditions of approval or violations concerning the use approved herein may result in nullification of this land use approval, after the applicant/property owners have been given due process in accordance with the provisions of the Baker City Development Code.
3. **Other.** All other city and state regulations pertaining to this development shall be met.

VII. EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Assessor's Tax Lot Map
Exhibit B: Aerial View of Area
Exhibit C: Request for Vacation Submitted by Applicant

Exhibit D: Street View of Subject Property
Exhibit E: Comments from Susan Yen

Exhibit A: Assessor's Map of Area

Township 09 South, Range 40 East, Section 21ab, W.M., Baker County, Oregon
in the Pacific Addition to Baker City

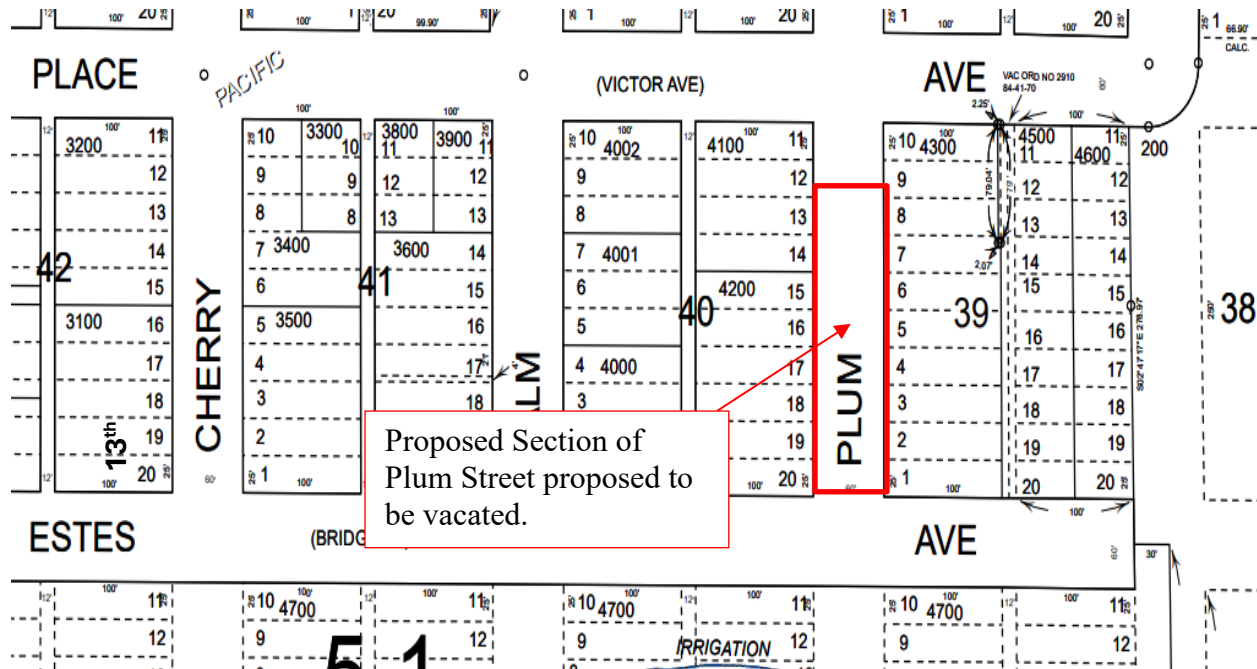


Exhibit B: ArcGIS Online Map – Aerial View of Area

Township 09 South, Range 40 East, Section 21ab, W.M., Baker County, Oregon
in the Pacific Addition to Baker City

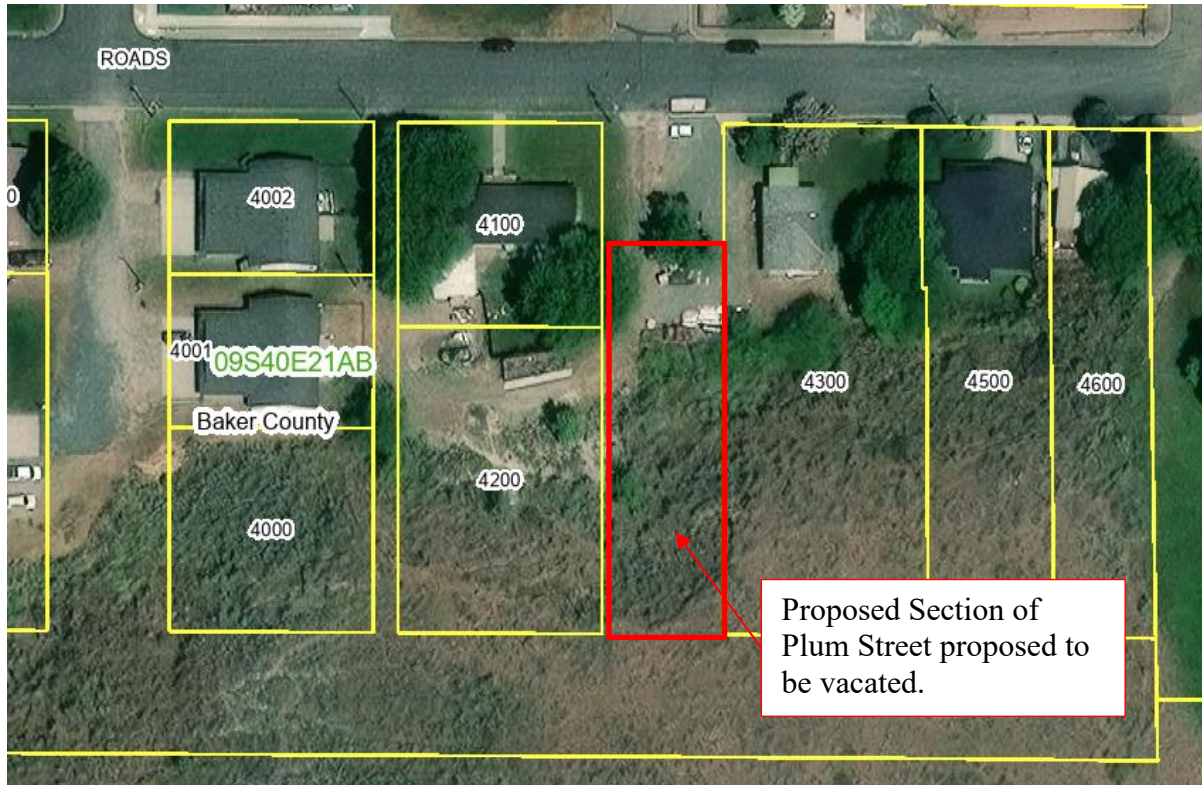


Exhibit C: Request for Vacation Submitted by Applicant

* Look at version - TARA'S EDITION
* All Driven By Ordinance

BAKER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT



1995 Third Street | Suite 131 | Baker City, OR | 97814
Phone: (541) 523-8219 | Fax: (541) 523-8340



REQUEST FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

104-25-005323-PLNG 101-100-4100 701
App. No. _____ City Planning: 101-131-3-40-4104
Received by: _____ Date Received: 11/6/2025
Fee Collected: \$ 600 Date Paid: 11/6/2025
Date Sent for Interdepartmental Review: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BAKER COUNTY

APPLICANT			PROPERTY OWNER		
Last Name	First	MI	Last Name	First	MI
ELBERT	SPENCER	SLADE	ELBERT	SPENCER	SLADE
Mailing Address			Mailing Address		
2820 CAMPBELL ST.			2820 CAMPBELL ST.		
Physical Address			Physical Address		
2820 CAMPBELL ST.			BAKER CITY OR 97814		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
BAKER CITY	OR	97814			208 405 8324
Telephone			Telephone		
208 405 8324			SLADE.ARTISTICENDEAVORSC@GMAIL.COM		
Email			Email		

RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION

Name of Right-of-Way: Plum Street *835 Place Street
Township 09s Range 40 Section 21A3 Zone: RMD Overlay: N/A
TL: 4300

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Original **APPLICATION FORM** signed by all required abutting property owners, city departments and utility companies. Multiple forms may be used if necessary.
2. **MAP** showing right-of-way to be vacated and surrounding area
3. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate that request **MEETS THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS**:
 - a. Right-of-way not needed for:
 - i. Access to abutting properties
 - ii. Proper traffic circulation now or in the future
 - iii. Current or future utility routing
 - b. Vacation not in conflict with Comprehensive Plan

PETITION FOR STREET OR ALLEY VACATION

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Procedure: File Petition with City Planning Department after obtaining consent of all abutting property owners and consents from all utility companies (Baker Sanitary Service, Charter Communications, Cascade Natural Gas, Qwest, OTEC), the Baker City Fire and Police Departments, and the Baker City Public Works Department

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUMB STREET

Present Condition of Street or Alley: GRAVE/SAGE BRUSH

PLEASE ATTACH MAP SHOWING AREA TO BE VACATED

Reason for Street or Alley Vacation: FOR MYSELF & MY NEIGHBORS TO BE ABLE TO USE & OWN PROPERTY THAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN USED BY PREVIOUS OWNERS.

Date: July 31, 2025 Petitioner(s): SPENCER SLADE ELBERT

CHRIS & CHRISTA GRIFFITH

UTILITY COMPANY CONSENT FOR VACATION

Utility Company: BAKER SANITARY SERVICE

Representative: Stephen Henry

Address: _____

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRIS & CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUMB STREET

☒ Approved

[Signature]

☐ Denied

☐ Approved with Conditions: _____

Other Comments: _____

Date: 8-4-25

833-854-0671
#4

UNABLE TO FIND CONTACT
UTILITY COMPANY CONSENT FOR VACATION

Utility Company: CENTURY LINK

Representative: _____

Address: _____

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRIS & CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

☐ Approved with Conditions: _____

Other Comments: _____

_____ Date: _____

UTILITY COMPANY CONSENT FOR VACATION

Utility Company: OTEC

Representative: Levi Spriet - Staking Manager

Address: _____

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRIS & CHERISH GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

☒ Approved with Conditions: Everything South of City of
Baker Sewer Manhole can be vacated.

Other Comments: _____

 _____ Date: 8/4/25

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UTILITY COMPANY CONSENT FOR VACATION

Utility Company: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Representative: Scott Haizer Construction Coordinator

Address: 1912 4th St, STE 100 La Grande, OR 97850

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRIS & CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: FLUM STREET

☒ Approved

☐ Denied

☐ Approved with Conditions: _____

Other Comments: _____



Date: 8-5-26

UTILITY COMPANY CONSENT FOR VACATION

Utility Company: CASCADE NATURAL GAS

Representative: MICAH BLANK *M. Blank*

Address: 2100 13th ST Baker City OR 97814

Petitioner: ~~SPENCER SLADE ELBERT~~ / CHRIS / CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

☒ Approved

☐ Denied

☐ Approved with Conditions: NONE

Other Comments: NONE

Date: 8-1-25

CITY DEPARTMENT CONSENT FOR VACATION

City Department: BAKER CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Representative: Joyce Bornstedt

Address: 1655 1st Street, Baker City

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

☒ Approved with Conditions: Vacation south of existing wastewater mainline

Other Comments: _____

(Joyce Bornstedt) Date: 8/4/2025

CITY DEPARTMENT CONSENT FOR VACATION

City Department: BAKER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Representative: Kyle Loomis

Address: _____

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRIS & CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLAC ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUMB STREET



Approved



Denied



Approved with Conditions: _____

Other Comments: _____

Kyle Loomis yl Loomis Date: 8/1/2025

CITY DEPARTMENT CONSENT FOR VACATION

City Department: BAKER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Representative: MICHAEL CARLSON

Address: _____

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT / CHRIS & CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. / 933 PLACE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

☒ Approved

☐ Denied

☐ Approved with Conditions: _____

Other Comments: _____

MSH Date: 8/4/25

ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CONSENT FOR VACATION

Property Owner(s): CHRISTA GRIFFITH

Address: 933 PLAGE ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

X Christa L. Griffith

NOTE: Property owner(s) signature(s) must be provided in front of a Notary

State of OREGON
County of BAKER

On November 6th, 2025, personally appeared before me the above-named Christa L. Griffith

and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her voluntary act and deed.
(his/her/their)

Troleda Lynn Buxton
Notary Public - State of Oregon



ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CONSENT FOR VACATION

Property Owner(s): SPENCER SLADE ELBERT

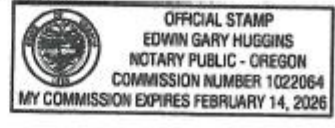
Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Petitioner: SPENCER SLADE ELBERT

Address: 2820 CAMPBELL ST. BAKER CITY, OR 97814

Street or Alley to be Vacated: PLUM STREET

NOTE: Property owner(s) signature(s) must be provided in front of a Notary

State of OREGON County of BAKER	
On <u>August 5</u> , <u>2025</u> , personally appeared before me the above-named <u>SPENCER SLADE ELBERT</u>	
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be <u>his</u> voluntary act and deed. (his/her/their)	
 Notary Public - State of Oregon	

Photos from Application - showing Public Works identified Manhole

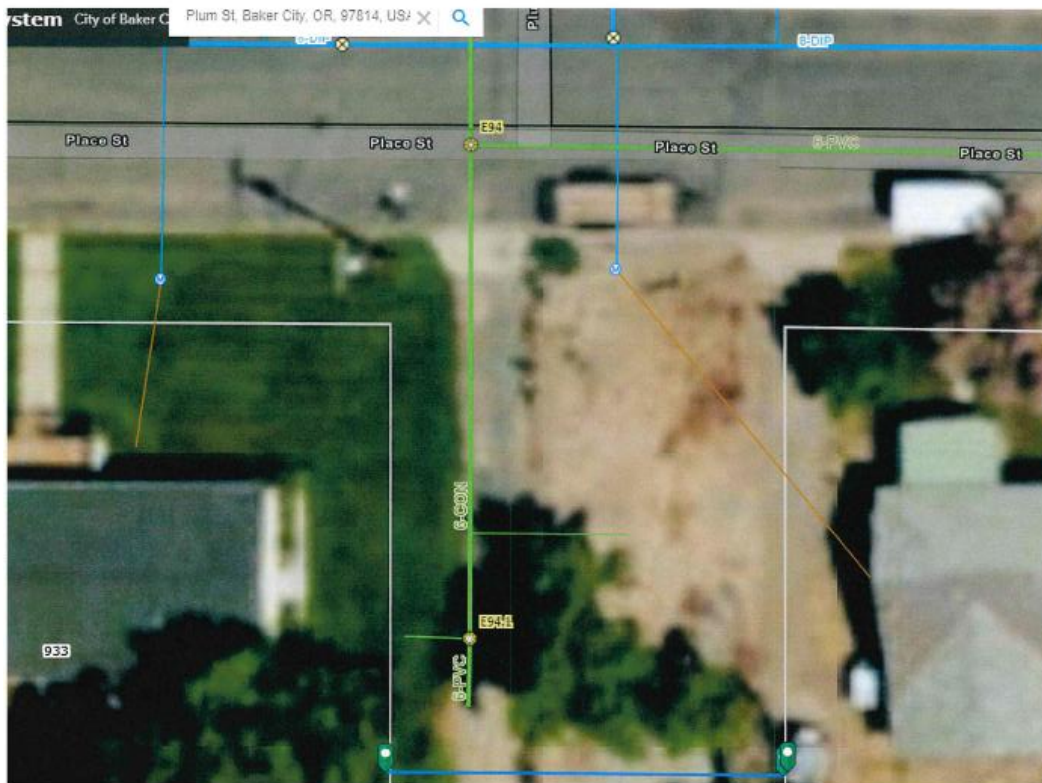


Exhibit D: Street View of Subject Property

Township 09 South, Range 40 East, Section 21ab, W.M., Baker County, Oregon
in the Pacific Addition to Baker City



60-foot wide undeveloped Plum Street – centerline runs (approximately) along the red line on the graphic. (Image is looking south from Place Street.)

Exhibit E: Comments from Susan Yen

1/16/26, 9:15 PM

Inbox - Kara Miller - Outlook



Outlook

Vacating Plum Street

From Susan J <susan-j@hotmail.com>

Date Fri 1/16/2026 10:15 AM

To Kara Miller <communitydevelopment@bakercity.gov>

Hello Kara,

I have attached my letter and a few pictures. The first picture shows the rock that rolled from the hill.

The next picture shows the excavation the property owner at 831 Place St. has done in the past year to the hill. And the last shows his equipment at 831 Place St.

If you have any questions, please call me at 541-403-0174 or my email is Susan-j@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

Susan Yen

833 Place Street
Baker City, OR 97814
January 10, 2026

Baker City Planning Commission
City Hall
1655 First Street
Baker City, OR 97814

Dear Planning Commission:

I received your letter regarding vacating Plum Street and I have some concerns regarding it. I hope that you will take these into consideration. If the owner plans to do excavation to the hill, then that raises my concern for all the residents living along the hill. Why?

Living next to the hill for forty years, we have experienced several major events including Smith Ditch breaking, a fire that was started by a neighborhood child using a magnifying glass on a grasshopper and a large rock rolling down the hill onto our neighbor's property. But the most concern comes if the hill's terrain is altered by excavation.

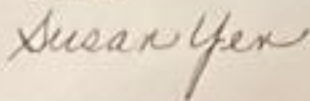
We bought the doublewide trailer used in about 1984 that we lived in until replacing it with a home. It appears that whoever had installed the doublewide had done some excavation to the hill. Still to this day we will get some erosion from the excavated part. During heavy rainstorms we are checking the hillside. Our neighbors, 831 Place St., had a large rock (picture attached) roll down the hill one day. Luckily, it only hit the corner of their house.

Depending on the project that the owner is planning, Place Street residents could be subject to dangerous situations from landslides, rockfalls, soil erosion, or altering the drainage from the hill. The owner does not live at the 835 Place Street residence and it is vacant.

This past year, the owner (who is petitioning to have the street vacated) at 835 Place Street address has used his equipment to excavate some of the hill behind his house. I have attached pictures of the excavated part and of his equipment. Are permits required in Baker City to excavate on a hill on your property?

Safety of the residents should be the number one issue in considering vacating this property. I am opposed to vacating Plum Street unless the owner has an agreement with the City that he will not do any excavating to the hill. I appreciate your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Susan Yen









Signature: Laurie Parry
Laurie Parry (Jan 23, 2026 08:54:33 PST)

Email: owenslaurie88@gmail.com

STAFF REPORT

Final Audit Report

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BAKER CITY OREGON

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ORDINANCE NO. 3418

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A 60' x 200' SECTION OF PLUM STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN PLACE AND ESTES STREETS OF THE PACIFIC ADDITION TO BAKER CITY, OREGON.

WHEREAS, a petition was submitted to vacate a 60' x 200' Section of Plum Street Right-of-Way between Place and Estes Streets located in the Pacific Addition to Baker City; and

WHEREAS, three properties abut the vacated portion, all in Assessor's Map 09s40e21ab: Tax Lot 4300 (owned by Better Rentals/Baker City LLC/ Spencer Elbert), Tax Lot 4100 (owned by Christa Griffith ETAL), and Tax Lot 4200 (owned by Christa Griffith ETAL), all of whom have consented to the vacation; and

WHEREAS, said petition has been filed in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 2748 (codified as Chapter 51 of the Baker City Municipal Code); and

WHEREAS, notice was mailed to each property owner within 250 feet of the requested street vacation on December 30, 2025, via certified mail, return receipt requested, which was at least ten days prior to the Planning Commission hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, notice to the public was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation twice (January 7 and 21, 2026) prior to the Planning Commission hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the matter and recommended the City Council approve the request for a street vacation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon:

SECTION 1: That the following described portion of a street is hereby vacated:

The 60' x 200' Section of Plum Street Right-of-Way between Place and Estes Streets located in the Pacific Addition to Baker City. This section is abutted by Tax Lot 4300 (Ref. 4122); Tax Lot 4100 (Ref. 4120); and Tax Lot 4200 (Ref. 4121), all within map 09s40e21ab, W.M., Baker County, OR.

SECTION 2: That the title to the portion of a street so vacated shall vest in the abutting property owners and shall be vested in the same manner as the interest of said abutting owners might appear on title to the abutting property as provided by law.

SECTION 3: That attached hereto, marked as "Exhibit A", and by its reference incorporated herein, is a copy of the plat upon which the portion of the street to be vacated is indicated between two bold arrow symbols:



READ for the first time in full on this 10th day of February, 2026.

READ for the second time by title only on this 10th day of February, 2026.

READ for the third time by title only on this 24th day of February, 2026.

APPROVED by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon, and signed by the Mayor of Baker City, Oregon, this 24th day of February, 2026.

Randy Daugherty, Mayor

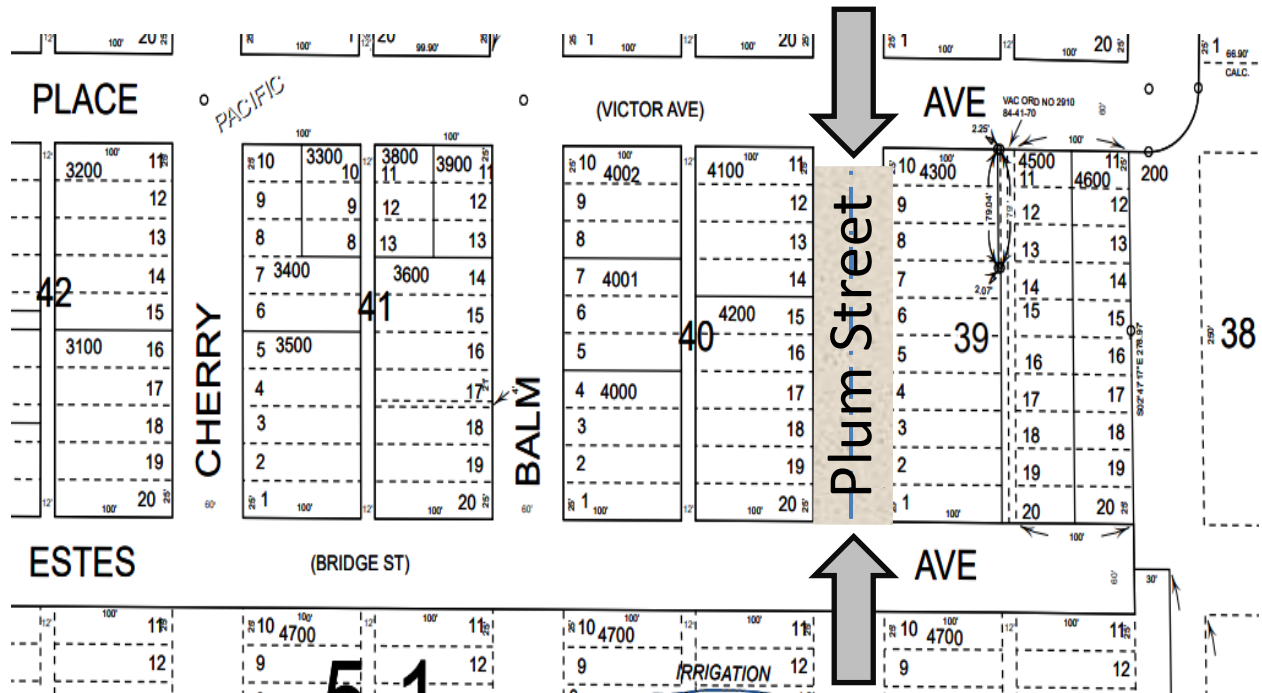
ATTEST:

Megan Langan, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Daniel Van Thiel, City Attorney

Exhibit A





BAKER CITY, OREGON STAFF REPORT

MAYOR:

Randy Daugherty

COUNCILORS

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Loran Joseph

Helen Loennig

Doni Bruland

Gratton Miller

CITY MANAGER

Barry Murphy

Created by: Michael Carlson, Fire Chief

Date: February 24, 2026

Subject: Fire Department Update

Action Statement

Current State of the Fire Department

Background

The Fire Department had some significant hurdles to overcome due to situations beyond their control, dating back to 2022-3. Some of these hurdles include loss of the ambulance service, loss of staffing, multiple Fire Chiefs, as well as upper city management.

Analysis

After a couple of years of uncertainty, the fire department has risen like a phoenix and stands tall on their feet.

Attachments:

1. Fire Department Update 2.18.26

Dispatched Calls:

2026 calls for Service							
Month	Fires (structure)	Fires (vehicle)	Fires (wildland)	Medical	Public Assist	Other	Total
January	4	0	0	90	9	18	121
February	2	0	2	51	5	8	68
March							0
April							0
May							0
June							0
July							0
August							0
September							0
October							0
November							0
December							0
						Total	189
* Note 1: Other includes dispatched and cancelled enroute, Assist Law Enforcement, anything not covered by a category							

Ambulance transport- 2 for February, 0 for January.

EQUIPMENT:

Air Packs. The air packs need replacement. It is not cost effective to repair out of service packs due to the age of the packs, cost of the parts, and accessibility of the parts.

Rescue Tools. The “Jaws of Life” have been properly maintained throughout the years. Additional rescue tools for multiple vehicles (for use on a larger scale incident such as a semi-truck) would prove beneficial to be able to put them on different apparatus.

Fire Hose. The fire hose is aging. Some of the hose is approximately 30-40 years old, if not older. It continues to pass the annual inspection and testing. With the arrival of the new engine, the manufacturer has purchased 1000 feet of new 5 inch supply hose and 400 feet of 1 ¾ inch attack hose. The delivery of the new hose scheduled for March 2026.

Turnouts/PPE. The department has had success in previous years with ensuring the firefighters have turnouts that are within NFPA and State OSHA Standards.

Not all members have two sets of turnouts in the event of one becomes contaminated and must be cleaned or is sent off to be biannually inspected.

The department has a working plan to add a second set or replace turn outs as they reach their shelf life. The current plan calls for replacement of 3 sets per fiscal year. At this rate, we will have members in out-of-date gear before we can replace it. The **first** priority is to ensure everyone has compliant turnouts, before adding second sets.

TURN OUT GEAR REPLACEMENT ORDER				
Number	Name	Gear Set	Expiration Date	Status
1	C. Allen	first set	March 1, 2026	Order FY26/27
2	B. Allen	first set	July 1, 2026	Order FY26/27
3	B. Coscorrosa	first set	August 22, 2026	Order FY26/27
4	A. Lawrence	first set	February 1, 2027	Order FY27/28
5	C. Holdane	first set	November 1, 2027	Order FY27/28
6	B. Story	first set	January 1, 2028	Order FY27/28
7	BJ Lynch	first set	June 1, 2030	Order FY28/29
8	C. Diacetis	first set	April 24, 2032	
9	N. Oripe	first set	April 24, 2032	
10	A. Brain	first set	August 1, 2032	
11	J. Jacobs	first set	April 1, 2034	
12	A. Lawrence	second set	April 1, 2034	
13	BJ Lynch	second set	April 1, 2034	
14	A. Kelley	first set	April 24, 2034	
15	D. Lindstrom	first set	April 24, 2034	
16	O. Gomez	first set	April 24, 2034	
17	T. Hagerty	first set	April 24, 2034	
18	M. Carlson	first set	July 1, 2035	
19	A. Brain	second set	October 1, 2035	
20	N. Oripe	second set		Order FY28/29
21	T. Hagerty	second set		Order FY28/29
22	C. Diacetis	second set		Order FY29/30
23	O. Gomez	second set		Order FY29/30
24	J. Jacobs	second set	March 1, 2026	Order FY29/30
25	A. Kelley	second set	July 15, 2026	Order FY30/31
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27				

Monitors. The current LifePak monitors and defibrillators are adequate for now. The maintenance has been kept on them, and they have not had any significant issues. I am going start budgeting for replacements in the following budget years.

All other equipment. To date, all other equipment is in safe working conditions and is sufficient. When an item breaks beyond repair, it gets replace it. Therma Imaging cameras are currently working properly. We do not have sufficient amount of necessary equipment to outfit two engines.

Vehicles. The fleet is being updated and will continue to using the Vehicle Improvement Plan (VIP) and setting money aside in the Capital Improvement line item of the budget.

Our current fleet consists of 2 Ambulance/Medic units, 3 Type I Engines (2 in service and 1 out of service [For Sale]), 1 Type VI Brush truck, 1 Aerial Ladder truck, and 1 Command/Utility vehicle.

The department is looking for a replacement for 2473, that was donated to another department in the fall.

As in the earlier Vehicle Improvement Plan, 2471 is not scheduled to be replaced until 2030. Recently, with the colder weather, the engine is sounding rougher and power is being lost when driving. Once a replacement for 2073 is found, 2471 will be moved back to its “reserve” status and used as necessary.

Medic 2420 and 2422 are not scheduled for replacement until 2046 and 2037 respectively. Both units are operational, with 2420 set up as an ALS Medic and 2422 set up as a BLS ambulance with IV capability (if needed). I understand the city leadership’s stance on wanting to remove 2422 from service (and I was given a concession this fall) but I would like to retain it as a second ambulance in the event of necessity or transform it into a potential future Joint Mobile Command Center. Both units are being run on the freeway on either Thursday or Friday to ensure that the fluids circulate.

Ladder 2451 is not schedule to be replaced until 2048 and with the amount of limited use on it, this is an obtainable goal.

Brush 2482 is a state asset that was given to the department by OSFM. Last year it was placed in service and saw little use due to a favorable fire season. No changes recommended to this vehicle (after the 5 year commitment) until 2046.

Engines 2431, 2432, and former 2432. 2431 was placed in service earlier this month and is not scheduled for replacement until 2050 or beyond.

Engine 2432 was acquired from Salem Fire in April and is not scheduled for replacement until 2033. It has now been moved to a “second out” role and will move up as needed.

Old 2432 is still awaiting a buyer. The department has had a couple of inquiries but nothing significant. The vehicle currently is resting at the Public Works yard.

I completely understand the city leadership’s intent on limiting the mileage on 2431 and on a rotation basis. At this time, it is not possible to simply “swap” out vehicles without having to move a significant amount of equipment (including hose) from one vehicle to another, as we do not currently have enough equipment on hand to outfit two vehicles identically. The rotation that I am planning will not start until April 1, at the earliest (due to waiting for incoming new hose).

Currently, there is no Tender in the department’s fleet. As stated in the VIP, we were looking at adding a Water Tender capable of delivering 3,000 gallons of water. Due to budgeting factors, this is not going to be possible until FY 28/29 at the earliest (without taking money allocated for other capital projects).

Training. Currently, the department has 3 Paramedics, 1 Advanced EMT, and 6 EMT’s. There are 3 firefighters coming into the last stages of their paramedic course (with an end date around May 2026). Additionally, there are 2 firefighters working on their Advanced EMT (end date TBD), and 3 firefighters working on their EMT certifications.

The department hosted Wildland Firefighter Type I, Engine Boss, and Wildland Urban Interface courses taught by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in January.

The department has DPSST certified 3 Fire Instructor I, 1 Driver/Operator with Pump Operator, 3 Wildland Firefighter Type 2, and 1 NFPA Support Person.

There are 3 firefighters currently enrolled in a hybrid NFPA Firefighter II course (online). There is training in the works to provide more technical response towards Hazardous Materials, Leadership Development and Succession planning, and well as Railcar Awareness Response training.

Lastly, the department welcomed 7 Fire Cadets earlier this month to the department. This is a huge accomplishment for both the future of the department and the community. The next Cadet Academy is in the planning stages for around October 2026.



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Date: February 24, 2026

Subject: Lein - Resolution 3986

**CITY OF BAKER CITY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Meeting Date: February 24, 2026

Agenda Item:

Agenda Title: Property and Weed
Abatement Liens

Type of Action Requested:

 X Resolution No. 3986

 Ordinance No.

 Formal Action/Motion

 Other

Explanation:

The City's Public Nuisance Ordinance authorizes the City, following proper notice to the property owner, to abate nuisances including brush, grass, weeds, and other hazardous conditions. The ordinance further permits the City to recover all associated costs of abatement, including administrative and collection expenses, by assessing those costs to the property owner.

The property identified in this resolution was abated in accordance with the ordinance. The owner has been invoiced for the abatement costs; however, no payment has been received to date. Pursuant to City Code, the City Council must declare such assessments as liens by resolution to formally record them against the property.

Staff are therefore requesting that the City Council adopt the attached resolution declaring a lien against the property to secure recovery of the abatement costs, particularly in light of the potential listing of the property for sale.

Alternatives:

1. Pass this resolution to place a lien upon the property listed.
2. Do not pass this resolution and the lien will not be filed.

Staff Recommendation:

Pass Resolution 3986 to place a lien upon the property listed.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve Resolution 3986.

Prepared by: Jeanie Dexter

RESOLUTION NO. 3986

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BAKER CITY, OREGON DECLARING A CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE IN DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF A PROPERTY ABATEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Baker City, Oregon pursuant to its Public Nuisance Ordinance, caused nuisances located at the property known as 1249 Fifth Street (Map # 09S40E20AC, Tax Lot # 600) to be abated; and

WHEREAS, the cost of abatement, together with an administrative fee, was duly assessed against the property in accordance with the City's Public Nuisance Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, said assessment remains unpaid; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to take legal action to collect the full amount due;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Baker City that the following property is declared to be in default for failure to pay property abatement assessments:

- 1249 Fifth Street - \$23,267.09

The City Recorder is hereby authorized and directed to pursue all lawful means of collection, including but not limited to recording of a lien against the property and any other remedies provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Baker City, Oregon this 24th day of February 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor of the City of Baker City, Oregon this 24th day of February 2026.

SIGNED : _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder



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Subject: Adjourn
