



BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026 - 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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, Miller and Schiewe.
Also present were City Manager Barry Murphy, Public Works Director Danielle Schuh, Police Chief Ty Duby, Fire Chief Michael Carlson, Human Resource Manager Andrew Crabtree, Community Development Coordinator Kara Miller, Finance Director Jeanie Dexter, and City Recorder Megan Langan. |
| 4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | No additions, deletions or modifications. |
| 5. Public Comment | No public comment. |

Old Business

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| 6. Consent Agenda | MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles
MOTION: Approve meeting minutes for 4/14/2026
SECONDED: Councilor Bruland
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, and Schiewe.
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.
Councilor Miller abstained. |
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| 7. City Goals | City Manager Barry Murphy presented the City goals.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph
MOTION: Approve City goals
SECONDED: Councilor Miller
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Joseph, Loennig, Bruland, Miller and Schiewe.
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed. |
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New Business

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| 8. Elkhorn Industrial Park Lot 10 | City Manager Barry Murphy presented the two proposals. Barry recommended the City Council accept the proposal for Lot 10 in the Elkhorn Industrial Park from Jess and Chelsea Blatchford. |
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MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Bruland
MOTION: Approve the proposal from Jess and Chelsea Blatchford for \$30,00
and a discount on water and sewer hookups.

SECONDED: Councilor Coles
IN FAVOR: Mayor Daugherty, Councilor Coles, Loennig, Bruland, Miller and
Schiewe.

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

Councilor Joseph recused himself.

9. Staffing Changes

Human Resource Manager Andrew Crabtree presented the suggested staffing changes. The proposed changes are reallocating the Assistant Public Works Director FTE to a GIS Technician position for Public Works and supporting other departments as needed. Also, hiring a Development Coordinator that would oversee planning and other development tasks. Andrew and Barry were able to answer questions from the City Council.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Joseph

MOTION: To approve the staffing changes

SECONDED: Councilor Bruland

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

10. City Attorney Award

City Manager Barry Murphy went over the two bids for City Attorney and recommended the City Council move forward with awarding the bid to BLJ Firm.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles

MOTION: Approve the bid from BLJ for City Attorney

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

11. Court Plaza Bid Award

Public Works Director Danielle Schuh presented the staff report for the Court Plaza bids. Danielle recommended the City Council approve the bid award to R6 out of Union County.

Danielle was able to answer questions from the City Council.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Miller

MOTION: Award bid to R6

SECONDED: Councilor Joseph

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

12. Fee Schedule Resolution 3988

City Manager Barry Murphy went over the changes for the 2026/2027 fee schedule. The major changes are no increase in water and sewer fees, decreasing the public safety fee by 50%, changes to the park fees and a 20% increase in planning fees.

Councilor Loennig asked about the park and street closure fees for non-profit organizations. Barry and Danielle were able to answer her questions. Barry will make suggested changes to be approved at next meeting.

13. 2026 Public Works Capital Plan

Public Works Director Danielle Schuh presented the Public Works Capital Plan. Danielle was able to answer questions from the City Council.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Bruland

MOTION: Approve the 2026 Public Works Capital Plan

SECONDED: Councilor Coles

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

14. General Fund Capital Plan

City Manager Barry Murphy presented the General Fund Capital Plan. Barry was able to answer questions from the City Council.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Miller

MOTION: Approve the General Fund Capital Plan

SECONDED: Councilor Schiewe

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

15. Airport FAA Project

City Manager Barry Murphy stated Airport Access Road Project revitalization went out to bid. Barry stated that we received four bids and is recommending the City Council approve the bid from JAL Construction out of Bend, Oregon. The motion would include approving the bid and accepting the FAA and COAR grants associated with the project.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Coles

MOTION: Approve the bid and accept grants

SECONDED: Councilor Schiewe

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

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

Updates and Future Items

16. Council Committee Updates

No committee updates.

17. City Manager / Director Updates	No City Manager or Director updates.
18. City Council Comments	Mayor Daugherty asked Chief Carlson regarding the rotation schedule of equipment. Mayor Daugherty also asked Danielle Schuh about the drain spouts at Sam-O, the debris on the roof of the Pavilion in the park, and the stop sign at the Loves truck stop. He asked Barry about the property surrounding the new lagoon.
19. Upcoming Agenda Items	No additional upcoming agenda items.
Adjourn	
20. Adjourn	Mayor Daugherty adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

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.