



BAKER CITY, OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Call to Order/Introduction

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| 1. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor McQuisten in the Baker City Hall Council Chambers. |
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| 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation | Councilor Dixon led the pledge of allegiance and invocation. |
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| 3. Roll Call | Roll call was answered by Mayor Kerry McQuisten and Councilors Kenyon Damschen, Dean Guyer, Joanna Dixon, Johnny Waggoner Sr., and Shane Alderson. Also present were City Manager Jonathan Cannon, Police Chief Ty Duby, Public Works Director Michelle Owen, Administrative Services Manager Jennifer Spencer, and City Recorder Dallas Brockett. |
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| 4. Agenda Additions, Deletions, Modifications | Mr. Cannon requested some changes to the agenda: remove quasi-judicial hearing from the agenda and for time's sake, Elkhorn Industrial Park be moved to a work session. Mayor McQuisten also advised to have the union contract ratification be added to the agenda. |

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Dixon
MOTION: Approve the changes to the agenda
SECONDED: Councilor Waggoner Sr.
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

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| 5. Public Comment | No citizen's were signed up to speak. |
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Old Business

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| 6. Consent Agenda | MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Guyer
MOTION: Motion to approve consent agenda.
SECONDED: Councilor Dixon
IN FAVOR: Councilor Alderson, Councilor Damschen, Councilor Guyer, Councilor Dixon, Councilor Waggoner Sr., Councilor Spriet, Mayor McQuisten
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passes |
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| 7. Ambulance RFP Response Discussion | Ambulance RFP Response Discussion |

Jon Provided an update ambulance RFP response. Work Session May 26th at 6:00pm - Special Meeting May 31st 6:00pm

Councilor Guyer asked where is the council at regarding the RFP? Jon has worked hard on this. Shortly after the June 3rd meeting, the county will know if they have a viable bidder. Letter of interest vs. an RFP. It is important that the City has due diligence to provide ambulance service and working with the county. The city does not have a long term solution to pay for this service. If we pursue an 5 year RFP, we have an issue with funding. Dean Guyer suggested moving in a different direction.

Dean Guyer made a motion of the received document, and the information provided to not submit an RFP and wait until after June 3rd to see who has applied for the RFP. He stated that it is difficult to have adequate staffing currently. He suggested waiting and placing a letter of interest if the county is unable to come to an agreement with who has applied, and the county would be responsible for 50% of the cost of ambulance service.

MOTION MADE BY: Dean Guyer

MOTION: to allow the county's RFP to be followed through after June 3rd, and to not submit an RFP.

SECONDED: Councilor Dixon

IN FAVOR: Councilor Damschen, Councilor Dixon, Councilor Waggoner Sr., Councilor Guyer

OPPOSED: Councilor Alderson, Mayor McQuisten
Motion Passes

City staff would like to provide some information regarding the Ambulance Service.

Mr. Cannon stated there have been a lot of passion on this issue. Jon provided some information regarding this. I can acknowledge this, but there has been complete fabrication on certain items. We have posted items on the Facebook page.

Mr. Cannon stated the following: The ambulance service has been an ongoing issue since 1991 and in 2016/2017/2018/2019 and 2021. We have picked this issue up in 2021, and I have to do this as financial solvency. We have to look at the hard facts of the issue. A billion ways to skin this cat, and some of the ways that have been out there, do not work and do not make any sense. Kent Bailly is a man 40 years of experience as a CPA and financial experience. He did not like what he is bringing out. Ms. Jennifer has looked at these numbers. Chief Lee has argued that there has to be another way. We have gone round and round. I don't take these recommendations lightly. The best I can do is get better staff and smarter staff. This is not easy, but the right situation for the county to do its job. The county is working really hard on this.

Mr. Cannon also mentioned a few items:

- The county is responsible, and we need to continue to cheerlead the county.
- The Fire Department will still exist and we look at other staff levels of other cities in the state. For the number of calls we do, our staffing models should work. There are numerous discussions, and are preliminary. They are not going

to have any change in our insurance rates. We do not have evidence of that.

-County has this RFP, and this is a long-term solution, for 31 years this has been ongoing. We need to deal with a long-term solution.

Kent Bailey spoke on this issue as well and provided some options for funding.

Ms. Spencer also provided a summary of the financials and input on this issue.

8. City Charter Ballot Preparations	Dallas Brockett provided an update on the ballot preparation for the City Charter.
9. Elkhorn Industrial Park Discussion	A work session was scheduled for the first meeting in June at 6:00pm on this agenda item.
10. Poppy Proclamation	Mayor McQuisten read the poppy proclamation.
11. Fire Union Contract Ratification	During executive session, council reviewed the fire union contract. Mr. Cannon presented the changes and the Fire Union Contract.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Dixon

MOTION: Move to approve the fire union contract with corrections.

SECONDED: Councilor Dixon

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

Motion Passed.

New Business

12. Quasi-judicial Hearing Training Presentation by Planning	This was removed from the agenda.
13. TO Engineers Task Order-Airport Master Plan Update	MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Alderson MOTION: to approve the master plan update SECONDED: Councilor Guyer IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None Motion Passed.
14. RFP Award for Warm Storage Building Remodel	MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Guyer MOTION: to approve the bid for the warm storage building remodel SECONDED: Councilor Dixon

IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

15. Plan of Action for Audit Deficiencies Jennifer Spencer presented a plan of action for Audit Deficiencies. She presented a summary of the Gaslin's findings.

Updates and Future Items

16. Council Committee Updates Councilor Alderson brought forward information for the TLT committee meeting minutes.

There were no other committee updates.

17. City Manager / Director Updates Mr. Cannon provided some updates.

18. City Council Comments Councilor Guyer stated he wanted to give a shoutout to Mayor McQuisten, and Councilor Alderson, in participating in the governor's race and county commissioner's race. He said in summary that it takes a lot of courage.

Councilor Waggoner stated this weekend they will have the Catfish Derby in Huntington and the Sumpter Flea Market.

19. Upcoming Agenda Items Mr. Cannon presented the upcoming agenda items.

Adjourn

20. Adjourn

MOTION MADE BY: Councilor Dixon
MOTION: to adjourn the meeting
SECONDED: Councilor Waggoner Sr.
IN FAVOR: Unanimous
OPPOSED: None
Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Recorder

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