

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY JUNE 2, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor; Clayton Hornung, Councilors; John Beach, Rod Morris and JoDee Pratt, City Attorney; Patrick Begley, Chief of Police; Randy Ketterling, Parks Director; Scott Rabbitt, Recreation Director; Angie Rabbitt, Public Works Foreman; Mike Lovec, City Judge; Nicole Brown and Clerk Treasurer; Kevin Dukart.

ABSENT: Councilor; Steve Fradenburgh and Director of Public Works; Donald Hinman.

GUESTS: Steve Zachmann, Jessica Dinardi, Jeffrey Brooks, Angela and Jeremy Schallenberger, Brenda Wood and Steven Hurley.

After the reading of the Minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2010 there was a Motion by John Beach, Second by JoDee Pratt to approve as read. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by John Beach to approve payment of claims for May 2010 as listed. Motion Carried. All Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hornung deferred to Planning Board Chairman Steve Zachmann on the Variance Requests that were sent before the Planning Board. After discussion on the permits and public comment to the Council. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to approve the Variance Request and recommendation of the Planning Board for Jeremy Schallenberger. JoDee Pratt, Rod Morris voted Aye. John Beach voted Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board for the Gary Shipstead variance. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board on the Variance request for Steven Hurley roof with the contingency that Steven place a rain gutter on the property line side to divert water runoff back to his property. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Rod Morris, Second by JoDee Pratt to disallow the Variance Request for Kent and Pat Ehret. The Council agreed to allow the deck to be in close proximity to what was originally replaced. Therefore they only allowed the bump out for the stairway not the bump out in the center of the deck. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Rod Morris, Second by John Beach to approve the following Zoning Compliance Permits: Jake Williams – patio, Randy Morris –fence, Cheryl Niemerg –fence, Jerry Pratt –shipping container, Bryan Malkuch –residential addition and garage, Roy Rost –deck, sidewalk and retaining wall, Vicky Gonsiorski –driveway, Mindy Murnion –fence, Monica LaCross –patio, Lon LaCross –driveway, Clayton Verke – driveway, Mike Mettler –porch and steps, The Brew Hut-coffee kiosk, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline –break curb, driveway. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Rod Morris, Second by John Beach to approve renewal of the Street Sweeping Contract with the State of Montana Department of Transportation for portions of Highway 7 and 12. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Clerk Dukart presented a request to make changes to the City Policy in regards to allowing employees to apply for reimbursements to the Cafeteria Plan at each payroll. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to approve this request. Motion Carried. All Aye.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Steve Zachmann asked if the City Council has considered any regulations on motel overflow houses located in residential areas. Intermittent noise and parking are the major issues with allowing these in residential areas.

PARKS DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Scott had quotes for picnic tables at the new shelter at the Eastside Park. Low quote was \$3,800.00 for 3 ADA Compliance and 3 standard picnic tables. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to approve the purchase of the tables. Motion Carried. All Aye

The quote for a drinking fountain was \$1,740.00 for this area also. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by John Beach to authorize that purchase. Motion Carried. All Aye.

CITY JUDGE INPUT:

Nicole Brown discussed the issue of having Tricia Mudd City Court Clerk to be added to the pay scale. She recommended Grade 12. Mayor Hornung asked Nicole for an employee job description. Motion by John Beach, Second by Rod Morris to defer employee wage decisions until budget time. Motion Carried. All Aye.

MAYOR INPUT:

Mayor Hornung read a Thank-you card from Russell Culver regarding his retirement party and gift.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Mike presented a quote for a machine that would be used to exercise the water shut-off valves. The Council asked for another comparative quote to be considered at budget time.

Tanner Fischer and Logan LaCross were recommended as temporary seasonal employees at the Department of Public Works. Motion by Rod Morris, Second by John Beach to employ Tanner and Logan. Motion Carried. All Aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Randy reported that the Cops Grant application can be updated within the next few weeks. This is a 3 year grant. The last round was not approved. The Council agreed that Chief Ketterling pursue the Grant application.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Angie updated the Council on the summer programs and the Touch-a-Truck event scheduled this weekend. Fallon County Days will be Sunday July 4th. She has also scheduled a 5 k run/walk and stated that she may need traffic control assistance from the Police Department for this event.

CLERK TREASURER INPUT:

The April 2010 Financial Report was available for review.

The notice for water and sewer rate hearing was presented for review.

Clerk Dukart stated that Russell Culver has opted to remain on the City of Baker Group Health Plan on a reimbursement basis as a retiree.

Dale Boggs has asked if the City Council would like him to attend a Council meeting to review the City insurance Policy. The Council agreed that he should attend the June 16th meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY INPUT:

Patrick updated the Council on his activities. He has met with City Judge Brown, City Clerk Dukart and Director of Public Works Don Hinman on various issues. Patrick stated that he will meet with the Police Department to become more familiar with issues involving law enforcement in the upcoming days.

CITY COUNCIL INPUT:

JoDee Pratt: JoDee inquired about progress on the Housing Program. Clerk Dukart reported that the program has two active projects in the works. The City is still awaiting a response from CDBG on going out of the project area. Julie is still awaiting results on her mortgage license exam. This is required to finalize the Home Grant Application. Kevin stated that there are several practical applications outside of the current CDBG Project area.

John Beach: John asked about the storm drain by the Bank of Baker. Mike stated that they believe it is partially blocked at the egress point out in the lake. John also inquired if the police will sticker these vehicles parked the wrong way on streets and address the truck parking at the Jess Wyrick residence. Randy stated that he would check into these issues. John also asked if the Fire Department would perform some aesthetic maintenance on the fire hall prior to vacancy. Clayton agreed to check into this.

Rod Morris: Rod asked Scott if he has been spraying for weeds. Scott stated that as the ground dries they will be able to get to that project.

The following Claims approved for payment:

5021 Curtis Arnold subsistence, contract \$1062.50, 5022 Baker Body Shop towing \$420.00, 5023 Blue Rock – case water \$362.00, 5024 Miranda Caron safety equipment \$37.50, 5025 Carquest Auto Parts parts \$580.68, 5026 City of Miles City discharge samples \$45.00, 5027 Comdata fuel \$100.41, 5028 Dacotah Paper supplies \$93.99, 5029 Deluxe Motors tube, freight \$109.50, 5030 Kevin Dukart subsistence, travel \$117.00, 5031 Energy Laboratories water analysis \$40.00, 5032 Fallon County Abstract title search \$150.00, 5033 Fallon County Times publications \$847.16, 5034 Fallon County Treasurer contract, tipping fees \$4808.06, 5035 Fallon County Water District May collections \$960.55, 5036 Farmers Union Oil fuel \$1248.12, 5037 Fastenal parts \$56.78, 5038 Brenda Flint services \$75.00, 5039 G & G Garbage container site services \$1964.25, 5040 Griffith Rental equipment rental \$15.00, 5041 Hardware Hank supplies \$507.51, 5042 Tom Hargar centerpiece \$38.50, 5043 Holiday Inn services \$227.70, 5044 I-State Truck Center parts \$41.65, 5045 Randy Ketterling subsistence \$83.33, 5046 Kois Brothers Equipment parts \$565.19, 5047 Larry’s Service parts & labor \$181.45, 5048 Lawler Drug ups charge \$11.00, 5049 Bo Lingle travel \$93.00, 5050 M.D.U. utilities \$4705.53, 5051 Mid-Rivers Telephone services \$588.14, 5052 Mitchell’s Oilfield Service \$2490.00, 5053 Montana State University membership \$185.00, 5054 MT League of Cities & Towns membership \$508.50, 5055 MT Narcotics Officers classes \$70.00, 5056 Normont Equipment parts \$6765.50, 5057 North Fallon Water District collections \$945.76, 5058 Northside Truck parts \$177,56, 5059 Northwest pipe Fittings repair kit \$408.06, 5060 Northwest Pipe –Blg meters \$1504.40, 5061 Petty Cash deposit refunds postage \$598.64, 5062 Prairie Fuels fuel \$2737.58, 5063 Prairie Tech computer repair \$55.00, 5064 JoDee Pratt – Culver gift \$371.00, 5065 Precision Parts parts \$22.97, 5066 Red Rock Sporting Goods supplies \$824.70, 5067 Reynolds supplies \$16.27, 5068 Runnings supplies \$486.58, 5069 S B M Inc supplies \$2896.42, 5070 Caleb Sandoval subsistence \$83.33, 5071 Sew What Embroidery \$861.50, 5072 Craig Shipman deposit refund, travel \$460.00, 5073 Steadman’s Ace Hardware \$158.97, 5074 Thee Garage R. Culver-reception \$885.00, 5075 U.S. Post Office box rent 1512, 466 \$112.00, 5076 Utilities Underground notification fee \$51.17, 5077 Van Diest Supply biomist \$893.00, 5078 Wells Fargo services \$812.17.

Total Claims: \$45,517.58

The following payroll approved for payment:

415 Alisha Afrank salary \$395.70, 416 Miranda Caron salary \$261.69, 417 Russell Culver salary \$816.47, 418 Alyssa Dietz salary \$657.03, 419 Pattie Ehret salary \$218.68, 420 Jade Hoffman salary \$195.59, 421 Bruce Inion salary \$217.32, 422 Barbara Ketterling salary \$150.79, 423 Nicole Kono salary \$200.12, 424 Bo Lingle salary \$850.69, 425 Michael Loutzenhiser salary \$1,078.77, 426 Marian Manion salary \$235.11, 427 Tricia Mudd salary \$354.87, 428 Craig Shipman salary \$868.77, 429 MMIA health premium \$8053.90, 430 MT Dept Revenue em w/h \$1327.12, 431 Nationwide Retirement em w/h + city share \$552.95, 432 Prepaid Legal Service em w/h \$14.95, ACH payroll salary \$20,042.04, P.E.R.D. em w/h + city share \$1195.28, Dept Treasury fed & s/s w/h + city share \$8225.21, MPERA em w/h + city share \$3160.61.

Total Payroll: \$49,073.66

There being no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer