

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Acting Mayor; JoDee Pratt, Councilors; John Beach, Steve Fradenburgh and Rod Morris, City Attorney; Russell Culver, Chief of Police; Randy Ketterling, Parks Director; Scott Rabbitt, Public Works Foreman; Mike Lovec and Clerk Treasurer; Kevin Dukart.

ABSENT: Mayor; Clayton Hornung and Director of Public Works; Don Hinman.

GUESTS: Jon and Dan Brosz, Dylan Hunter.

After the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 2, 2010 there was a Motion by Rod Morris, Second by John Beach to approve as read. Motion Carried. All Aye.

After the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2010 there was a Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by Rod Morris to approve as read. Motion Carried. All Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Rod Morris, Second by John Beach to re-appoint Rod Johnson to a 3 year term to the Baker Municipal Airport Board. Motion carried. All Aye.

Clerk Dukart reported on the Housing Committee Meeting held on February 10. Julie has requested that the City ask for a \$5,000.00 draw on CDBG Funds to be available for use as earnest money in the event that a replacement mobile home becomes available for one of the CDBG program recipients'. Motion by Rod Morris, Second by Steve Fradenburgh to approve this request. Motion Carried. All Aye

Discussed the proposal for an increase in water and sewer rates. The committee recommended a 3% increase which is the same as the previous rate increase of a year ago. However the increase on the large users of over 100,000 gallons and up was proposed to be increased substantially. It was decided to table the rate increases until more is known on whether the city will deliver water and accept sewer from the Keystone XL camp west of the City.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Mike Lovec reported that he will travel to Dickinson to look at the tool box for the Chevrolet pickup.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Randy reported on correspondence he received from the Department of Revenue regarding complaints on the operations of local establishment in relation to their liquor license. According to the letter this establishment has the right to appeal to the Department within a certain time period.

Brosz Engineering presented information on the proposal for the city to provide water and sewer service to the Keystone XL Pipeline Corp. After discussion of several options for the services, it was decided that since a February 26 conference call is scheduled Keystone should be asked to provide an agreement for any Preliminary Engineering and Design for costs for Brosz and the City.

CLERK TREASURER INPUT:

The January 2010 Financial Report was available for review.

Further discussion occurred on the options for water and sewer delivery service for Keystone pipeline. Until further information is obtained no clear plan was agreed to.

The following payroll approved for payment:

P.E.R.D. vendor liability \$1744.58, MPERA vendor liability \$2,284.81, Dept Treasury vendor liability \$5,838.39, 338 Jade Hoffman salary \$123.15, 339 Michael Loutzenhiser salary \$1,047.97, 343 Montana Dept. Revenue em w/h \$1,051.27, 344 Montana State Fund premium \$2,682.75, 345 Nationwide Retirement em w/h + city share \$398.68, ACH semi-monthly payroll \$16,835.93.

Total Payroll: \$32,007.53

There being no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time Motion by Rod Morris, Second by Steve Fradenburgh to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Motion Carried. All Aye.

\_\_\_\_\_ Acting Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Treasurer