

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor; Clayton Hornung, Councilors; JoDee Pratt, Rod Morris, Steve Fradenburgh and John Beach, City Attorney; Russell Culver, Chief of Police; Randy Ketterling, Director of Public Works; Don Hinman, Recreation Director; Angie Rabbitt, Parks Director; Scott Rabbitt and Clerk Treasurer; Kevin Dukart.

GUESTS: Steve and Karol Zachmann, Mona Madler, Mike Lovec and Angel Wyrwas.

Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by Rod Morris to approve the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 17, 2010 as read. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Motion by Jodee Pratt, Second by Steve Fradenburgh to approve payment of claims for February 2010 as listed. Motion Carried. All Aye.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Hornung reported on the recent conference call from Keystone XL Pipeline. Most of the issues addressed were the same as previously reported. However the issue of impact upon the City of Baker for taxpayer services such law enforcement city court etc. was introduced. Since the camp will not be located within the city any additional tax revenue to offset these cost will go to the State and County. Options discussed to offset these costs were to work with Keystone, the County and the State during the operation of the camp should impacts in fact materialize. Further discussed was the option to extend water and sewer utility services to the camp. It was a consensus that a forced sewer main from the camp to the primary cell at the lagoon would be the best choice. There were several comments on the best way to provide water. After discussion Mayor Hornung appointed Steve Fradenburgh, John Beach, Steve Zachmann, Don Hinman and Kevin Dukart to a committee to study this plan and report back at the March 17 meeting. Clerk Dukart will notify the members of a meeting time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The City Council reviewed the Variance request from Eastern Montana Economic Development Authority for three (3) 4-plex family units on the square footage requirements. After review there was a Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by JoDee Pratt to approve the Variance for these three units which includes 6 lots as well as the Zoning Compliance Permit for one four plex unit on lot 5 & 6 of Block 19 Milwaukee First Addition. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Mona Madler spoke on the progress of the Veterans Memorial at Steve McClain Park. They plan the dedication on Memorial Day. Mona asked if the city requires a permit to place the memorial. No permits were needed as it is in the City Park.

#### CITIZEN INPUT:

Angel asked for names and contact information of officials for Keystone Pipeline?

#### PARKS DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Scott presented a letter of Thanks from Sheldon Benedict to the Baker City workers for their assistance on installation of the handicap swings in the Baker City Parks. Sheldon was able to raise \$2,450.00 which was donated to the city towards the cost of the swings.

#### MAYOR INPUT:

Clayton reported on his recent meeting with the County Commissioners. Topics discussed included the Keystone Camp and pipeline, progress on the lake channel project, the Rural Fire District Building Agreement and contact from Ellsworth Air Force Base to propose expansion of their training fly zone.

Mayor Hornung presented a bid from Kelly Heiser to purchase the property of the former Baker Hotel. This item will be placed on the March 17 agenda.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Chief Ketterling stated that he will check into State Bid to replace the Intrepid Patrol car in the upcoming weeks.

Randy reported that the state has a grant cost share program to put lap top computers in each patrol vehicle. The cost to the city would be \$600.00 per lap top and the City will need 3 units. Trent Harbaugh will be going to Bozeman to learn more about the program. Randy stated that he would like Trent to

gather information for the city. Would the city pay ½ of Trent's expense? Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by JoDee Pratt to approve ½ of the county's cost for this purpose. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Chief Ketterling reported on an ongoing investigation regarding illegal use of one of the city gasoline cards. He also spoke on the criminal investigation on an officer assault which occurred several months ago.

Curtis Arnold will complete the academy on March 26, 2010.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT INPUT:**

Angie reported on the spring programs. There was an increase in the participation for gymnastics. Angie attributed this increase to the change in the schedule for the program. The Baker Jam Basketball tournament is scheduled for later this month also.

**CLERK TREASURER INPUT:**

Kevin reported that Griffiths' have agreed to begin summer hours for the container site on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. JoDee asked that the site begin opening on Sundays? Clayton stated that he would bring this up to the County Commissioners and with the Griffiths'.

Clerk Dukart stated that the new software has been converted for utility billing and water meter reading. The radio reader function has not been working as well as planned. After this reading cycle we will work with the vendor to de bug the system.

State of Montana Unclaimed Properties has notified the City of \$13,298.00 from the Department of Transportation back in 2001. Kevin reported that this has been received, however it remains unclear what the funds are for. Kevin suspected it may have been a onetime payment as the amount does not match our gas tax revenue amounts.

**CITY ATTORNEY INPUT:**

Russell stated that he believes that the City involvement in the delivery of utility services for the Keystone camp should be minimal as the City will gain little from the operation.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

JoDee Pratt: JoDee asked about the drainage to the creek's channel on Monroe Avenue? Clayton stated that when the channel is finished we should then see if a different drainage could be installed.

John Beach: None.

Steve Fradenburgh: None.

Rod Morris: None.

The following claims approved for payment:

4838 Curtis Arnold contract & subsistence \$1062.50, 4839 Baker Metal & Recycling materials \$666.49, 4840 Baker Rexall Drug supplies \$4.96, 4841 Barth Electric parts \$41.70, 4842 Best Western Heritage Inn room charge \$526.02, 4843 BG Fire agreement \$300.00, 4844 Carquest Auto parts \$1,096.23, 4845 Chemnet Consortium contract \$85.00, 4846 Combative Skills instructor/speaker \$2,500.00, 4847 Dacotah Paper supplies \$117.59, 4848 DTE Inc utility bed \$2,975.00, 4849 Kevin Dukart vehicle subsistence \$30.00, 4850 Energy Laboratories water analysis \$40.00, 4851 Fallon County Times publication \$332.28, 4852 Fallon County Treasurer contract, tipping, utilities \$4686.68, 4853 Fallon County Water District February collections \$1114.12, 4854 Fallon Medical Complex services \$35.00, 4855 Farmers Union fuel \$3709.21, 4856 Fastenal Company parts \$97.13, 4857 Fireman's Company annual maintenance \$363.50, 4858 Brenda Flint services \$75.00, 4859 G & G Garbage site services \$951.00, 4860 Hawkins Water Treatment supplies \$2277.98, 4861 Herbst Insurance Agency bond renewal \$160.00, 4862 Donald Hinman fuel \$26.00, 4863 I-State Truck Center parts \$147.91, 4864 Randy Ketterling subsistence \$83.33, 4865 Kois Brothers parts \$771.52, 4866 L.N. Curtis supplies \$296.27, 4867 Larry's Service Center hitch \$276.40, 4868 M.D.U. utilities \$6370.15, 4869 M.R.P.A. membership \$200.00, 4870 Mid-Rivers Telephone services \$683.33, 4871 Mitchell's Oilfield sand \$108.00, 4872 Mon-Ida Chapter membership \$75.00, 4873 National Assoc. Royalty membership \$105.00, 4874 Normont Equipment supplies \$1241.15, 4875 North Fallon Water District February collections \$841.90, 4876 Northwest Pipe Fittings supplies \$4124.32, 4877 Petty Cash postage, deposit refund \$372.49, 4878 Prairie Tech supplies \$174.00, 4879 Precision Parts parts \$121.46, 4880 Angie Rabbitt supplies \$183.74, 4881 Angie Rabbitt Baker Jam cash \$2500.00, 4882 Reynolds supplies

\$177.27, 4883 Rocky Mountain Info membership \$50.00, 4884 Roy's Motel room charge \$45.00, 4885 SBM Inc supplies \$250.88, 4886 Caleb Sandoval subsistence \$83.33, 4887 Single Tree Consulting administrative fee \$1445.75, 4888 Utilities Underground notification fee \$8.42,

Total Claims: \$44,010.01

The following payroll approved for payment:

P.E.R.D. vendor liability \$7553.45, MPERA vendor liability \$2790.10, Dept Treasury vendor liability \$6974.70, 346 MMIA health premium \$8391.40, 347 MT Dept Revenue em w/h \$1179.23, 348 Nationwide Retirement em w/h + city share 438.81, 349 Pre-Paid Legal em w/h \$14.95, 350 – Void, 351 Alisha Afrank salary \$199.21, 352 Miranda Caron salary \$184.72, 353 Russell Culver salary \$777.64, 354 Pattie Ehret salary \$218.68, 355 Jade Hoffman salary \$130.84, 356 Bruce Inion salary \$271.65, 357 Barbara Ketterling salary \$160.85, 358 Nicole Kono salary \$184.72, 359 Michael Loutzenhiser salary \$1117.12, 360 Marian Manion salary \$312.53, 361 Tricia Mudd salary \$384.87, 362 Christina Shepherd salary \$293.20, Semi-Monthly ACH \$18,401.47.

Total Payroll: \$44,141.75

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 8:40 P.M. Motion Carried. All Aye.

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