

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

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

ABSENT: City Councilor; Rod Morris.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2010 there was a Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second of JoDee Pratt to approve as read. Motion Carried. All Aye.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Dukart reported for the committee formed to recommend a water and sewer rate increase proposal. A copy of the rate adjustments for certain levels of usage was presented. The proposal is 3% on the base of both water and sewer with a rate increase of 37% on the usage at the 200,000 gallon level. The committee also recommended a rate of 1.5 cents per gallon for water and 1.5 cents per gallon for sewage disposal to the Keystone Pipeline Corp. Keystone would be responsible for any and all improvements and costs to the system necessary for the delivery of services. Kevin stated that he will draft the Resolution and start the notice for a Public Hearing which he anticipates to be in late May. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by John Beach to approve this report. Motion Carried. All Aye.

As the changes to the City and Fire Department Rental Agreement has not yet been returned Chief Hoenke was not present.

Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by JoDee Pratt to approve Resolution #587 A Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to call all outstanding SID # 33 Bonds for payment on July 1, 2010. Motion Carried. All Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by John Beach to approve the following Zoning Compliance Permits – Robert Hunt – change roof profile, Lester Straub – fence. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Clerk Dukart asked for permission to purchase two file cabinets and a smaller shelf for the city office, the approximate cost of the equipment will be \$2,500.00. Motion by John Beach, Second by JoDee Pratt to approve this request. Motion Carried. All Aye.

The preliminary rate change for the City Group Health Insurance Plan was available it is 6.79%. This increase is to the medical rate only. The increase to the city share would be approximately \$4,600.00 per year. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Steve Fradenburgh to approve City of Baker Policy renewal pending final rate review in May. Motion Carried. All Aye.

PARK DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Scott stated that he will begin to over seed and grounds keep on the ball fields. Scott also reported that he has the broom on the mower if there are areas that need to be swept he will be available to do that.

MAYOR INPUT:

Conoco Phillips has extended an invitation to City officials for a supper meeting at Thee Garage on April 29 at 6:30 P.M. Clerk Dukart was asked to get a count of City officials who will be able to attend so that he may RSVP to Conoco Phillips.

Clayton reported on several issues that he discussed with the County Commissioners. Among those the Baker Lake creek channel and cleaning of the culvert on 1<sup>st</sup> St West. Clayton also reported that he has been in contact with Mike Rinaldi regarding the demolition of the old Lake Theatre.

Correspondence was received requesting support for the local Positive Choices Program in the Baker Schools. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Steve Fradenburgh to approve a donation of \$500.00 for this purpose. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Ryan has requested to purchase a new gas detector with a docking station for \$3,000.00. John Beach stated that safety personnel at WBI have recently purchased detectors for less. John suggested that Ryan check to see if they are comparable in options. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Steve Fradenburgh to allow Ryan up to \$3,000.00 for a gas detector and docking station for confined spaces. Motion Carried. All Aye.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INPUT:**

Don reported that Kelly Heiser will need to install a 2" water line to the old Baker Hotel site. Don also commented that the Airport and the Weed Department both would like to connect to City water or sewer service.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INPUT:**

Randy reported that Trent attended the training for the Mobile Computer Systems and was able to get 2 for the city. The cost is \$600.00 each there is an additional monthly fee for the communications link. Chief Ketterling also reported on the ongoing criminal case with the Tavern. City Judge Brown ruled against the City on these charges. Randy would like to re-file the charges; there was no objection to that. There was discussion on the suspicion that there are more animals than allowed by City Ordinance present at the Lisa Crow residence. Also discussed was a question of the week in the local paper on public vehicles used for personal reasons by City and County employees.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT INPUT:**

Scott reported for Angie that the Baker Jam Basketball Tourney went very well. Angie is currently working on a grant for \$5,000.00 from Conoco Phillips to assist with providing recreational programs.

**CLERK TREASURER INPUT:**

Kevin stated that he received a passing score on the regulatory weed exam and will be able to retain his certification.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

JoDee Pratt: JoDee requested to schedule Clean-Up Week for May 1 – 9. Clerk Dukart was instructed to insure these dates will work for the County Commission and Griffith's.

John Beach: There was discussion on property maintenance most notably the amount of vehicles parked in lots within the city as well as dilapidated houses. Clayton agreed to visit with Mike Rinaldi on these issues.

Steve Fradenburgh: None.

The following claims approved for payment:

4893 Curtis Arnold subsistence, contract \$1,062.50, 4894 Atlas Windshield Repair unit 4 windshield \$544.00, 4895 Baker Metal & Recycling materials \$56.08, 4896 Benco Equipment parts & labor \$210.60, 4897 Carole Bettenhausen instructor \$400.00, 4898 Black Mountain Software automation services \$500.00, 4899 Nicole Brown travel \$610.60, 4900 Carquest Auto Parts parts \$818.83, 4901 Comdata fuel \$166.17, 4902 Cross Petroleum oil \$1293.13, 4903 D & M Water Services assistance snow removal \$2,000.00, 4904 Dana Kepner Co. socket \$17.80, 4905 Department Environmental 308 short term exempt \$400.00, 4906 Dept. Environmental Quality annual discharge fee \$638.00, 4907 Kevin Dukart subsistence \$81.00, 4908 DXP Enterprises compressor service \$385.50, 4909 Energy Laboratories water analysis \$40.00, 4910 Fallon County Times publication \$147.00, 4911 Fallon County Treasurer maintenance contract \$4953.61, 4912 Fallon county Water District \$1357.32, 4913 Farmers Union Oil fuel \$1364.60, 4914 Fastenal Company parts \$11.49, 4915 Fireman's Company annual service \$29.00, 4916 Brenda Flint services \$75.00, 4917 G & G Garbage container site services \$1212.00, 4918 Galls Incorp. supplies \$219.03, 4919 Hardware Hank supplies \$781.23, 4920 Diana Kern services \$242.00, 4921 Randy Ketterling subsistence \$83.33, 4922 Kois Brothers parts \$1751.85, 4923 Larry's Service Center parts & labor \$211.70, 4924 Lawler Drug ups charge \$82.03, 4925 Local Government Center registration \$235.00, 4926 M.D.U. utilities \$6633.00, 4927 Marian Manion supplies \$22.49, 4928 Mid-Rivers services \$556.06, 4929 Mitchells Oilfield scoria & rock \$1237.50, 4930 Montana Supreme Court registration \$250.00, 4931 MT Assoc Chief of Police membership \$60.00, 4932 National Oilwell parts \$8.90, 4933 Naxin Safety 1<sup>st</sup> aid supplies \$77.47, 4934 Newman Signs yield signs & parts \$192.70, 4935 Normont Equip parts \$74.24, 4936 North Fallon water District March collections \$1547.82, 4937 Northside Truck parts \$1093.45, 4938 Northwest Pipe Fittings training, supplies \$1053.58, 4939 Petty Cash postage, deposit refunds \$587.62, 4940 Power Plan parts \$1385.64, 4941 Prairie Fuels fuel \$2632.25, 4942 Precision Parts parts \$98.33, 4943 Angie Rabbitt supplies \$20.30, 4944 Red Rock Sporting Goods supplies \$842.70, 4945 Reynolds supplies \$364.91, 4946 Running's supplies \$377.12, 4947 SBM Inc supplies \$305.72, 4948 Caleb Sandoval subsistence \$83.33, 4949 Sew What Custom

Embroidery shirts, supplies \$3,441.50, 4950 U.S. Post Office – postage \$396.00, 4951 Utilities Underground Location notification fee \$6.71, 4952 Varner Electric parts & labor \$156.00, 4953 Wells Fargo purchased supplies \$749.24.

Total Claims: \$46,234.98

The following Payroll approved for payment:

370 Miranda Caron salary \$230.90, 371 Nicole Kono salary \$230.90, 372 Alisha Afrank salary \$291.57, 373 Barbara Ketterling salary \$180.96, 374 Bruce Inion salary \$72.44, 375 Christina Shepherd salary \$272.26, 376 Marian Manion salary \$355.54, 377 Michael Loutzenhiser salary \$1301.54, 378 Pattie Ehret salary 312.40, 379 Russell Culver salary \$777.64, 380 Tricia Mudd salary \$398.78, 381 MMIA health premium \$8,391.40, 382 Montana Dept Revenue em w/h \$1432.45, 383 Nationwide Retirement Solution em w/h + city share \$610.95, 384 Pre-Paid Legal Services em w/h \$14.95, P.E.R.D. vendor liability \$1940.84, MPERA vendor liability \$3413.19, Dept Treasury fed, s/s w/h + city share \$8625.60.

Total Payroll: \$50,831.99

There being no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time Motion by Steve Fradenburgh, Second by JoDee Pratt to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. Motion Carried. All Aye.

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