

THE REGULAR BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2010 IN THE FALLON COUNTY COURTROOM.

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

ABSENT: Councilor; Steve Fradenburgh and Chief of Police; Randy Ketterling.

GUESTS: Pat Ehret.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2010 there was a Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by John Beach to approve as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Dukart reported on the proposal to apply for Voyager Fleet Cards. All City Departments that use gas cards were consulted with and it appears that it will work well. Kevin stated that he has not yet applied for the cards nor does he know if there is a fee for the cards. Kevin will report back with further information on the cards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by John Beach, Second by Rod Morris to approve the following Zoning Compliance Permits: Eric Kary – pergola, Benjamin Moore – sidewalk and fence, Stanley Wilson – fence. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Pat Ehret of the Baker Chamber of Commerce was present to request \$250.00 from the city for expenses on the May 1st clean-Up Day. Motion by Rod Morris, Second by JoDee Pratt to approve the request. Motion Carried. All Aye. Pat also asked if the city workers would be available to drive trucks on that day. Don stated he will ask for volunteers.

Kevin stated that he received a notice from MMIA to participate in a Wellness Program. After discussion there was a Motion by Rod Morris, Second by JoDee Pratt to agree to participate in the program. Motion Carried. All Aye.

Kevin stated that he contacted Conoco Phillips on the number of City Officials who will attend the April 29 meeting at 6:30 PM at Thee Garage.

PARK DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Angie reported for Scott that due to the water leak near the Baseball Park it has delayed efforts to get the baseball field prepared. Trees have been ordered and Scott has been working with the County on getting lights for the walking path around the lake.

The Monthly Court Report was available for review.

MAYOR INPUT:

Clayton asked Russ about a letter to Sam Chan regarding demolition of the old theatre building. Russell stated that he sent the letter and that a copy was given to Clerk Dukart.

There was discussion on ideas to make property maintenance efforts more effective. Ordinance #338 deals with community decay and County Sanitarian is designated to declare nuisances under this ordinance. It was decided to compile a list of the worst places and make a concentrated effort to get those cleaned up.

Clayton also stated that he has been in contact with an individual to who is interested in working on building rental houses that do not comply with the density requirement for residential areas.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Don stated that he will order 200 tons of black top @ \$106.00 per ton that he has budgeted for. Don also spoke about the area on Fallon Avenue in front of the library. A quote from Century Pavers for hot mix is \$20,000.00. The Council asked Don to look at other options such as cement or ask State for cost share.

Don reported on the condition of the water line that was leaking near the Funeral Home. This a 4" line and it is beginning to degrade similar to the lines on the east side of town. Don stated that we may need to look at replacement of these lines

RECREATION DEPARTMENT INPUT:

Angie recommended to hire Bo Lingle and Craig Shipman as the Head Coaches for Little League and Babe Ruth. Angie stated that if there are enough participants she would like to hire an Assistant Coach also. Motion by JoDee Pratt, Second by Rod Morris to approve employment of Bo and Craig as Head Coaches and allow for advertisement for a Assistant Coach. Motion Carried. All Aye.

CLERK TREASURER INPUT:

Kevin reported on his attendance of the RC & D Meeting earlier today. Jason Rittal reported that North Baker Water and Sewer are still on schedule for construction later this summer.

The March 2010 Financial, Quarterly Investments, and Pledge Security Reports were available for review.

Kevin stated that he and Mike Lovec are scheduled to attend the mosquito control training and have the machine calibrated on May 5 in Miles City.

The County has asked for a mosquito spray training at their June 10 safety meeting at 7:00 am, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm. Kevin stated that he agreed to this training.

CITY COUNCIL INPUT:

JoDee Pratt: Inquired of the City Police offered bike safety. Clayton Hornung will check with Randy on this issue.

John Beach: John reported that he had been receiving complaints on the excess use of motorcycles and 4 wheelers on Keirle Road. John would like the Police Department to patrol that area. John also spoke about the water surfacing due to the highway construction on the South end of Baker. John asked Don if he would cut the alley apron by Matt Mettler residence. Don stated they would work on this. John also inquired if the city had an agreement with Rural Fire on any maintenance cost on the old fire hall.

Rod Morris: None.

The following payroll approved for payment:

MPERA em w/h + city share \$2289.52 vendor liability, P.E.R.D. em w/h + city share \$1069.11 vendor liability, Dept of Treasury IRS fed & s/s w/h + city share \$5757.65 vendor liability, 385 Montana Dept of Revenue em w/h \$1052.86, 386 Montana State Fund premium \$2682.75, 387 Nationwide Retirement Solution em w/h + city share \$458.46, 388 Unemployment Insurance quarterly report \$456.89, 389 Michael Loutzenhiser salary \$1047.97, Semi-Monthly ACH salary \$16184.33.

Total Payroll: \$30,999.54

There being no further business to come before the Baker City Council at this time Motion by Rod Morris, Second by JoDee Pratt to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Motion Carried. All Aye.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk Treasurer