

**BAKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 2007**

#1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Sam Bass in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

#2) Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Elect Dorrah. The invocation was given by Michelle Owen.

#3) Roll Call Roll call was answered by Mayor Sam Bass, Councilor Jeff Petry, and Councilors Elect Terry Schumacher, Gail Duman, Dennis Dorrah, Beverly Calder, and Andrew Bryan. Also present were City Manager Pro-Tem David Fine, Community Development Director Jennifer Watkins, Finance Director Laura Harryman, Fire Chief Jim Price, Police Chief Wyn Lohner, Public Works Director Michelle Owen, Technical Services Supervisor Gary VanPatten, and Executive Assistant Debby Ray.

#4) Oaths of Office for New Councilors The next item on the agenda was the Oath of Office for the newly elected councilors.

City Recorder Watkins administered the Oaths of Office for newly elected Councilors Schumacher, Duman, Dorrah, Calder, and Bryan.

#5) Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor The next agenda item was the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Mr. Fine explained that the Council could choose the method of appointing a Mayor and Vice Mayor. They did not necessarily need to take nominations, but could vote via paper ballot and choose the Councilor who receives the most votes. This is the method chosen by the Council.

The votes for each position are as follows:

Mayor

Candidate: Petry
Votes Received: Bass, Dorrah, Petry, Schumacher

Candidate: Calder
Votes Received: Calder, Duman

Candidate: Bryan
Votes Received: Bryan

With a majority of the votes received, Councilor Petry was elected to the position of Mayor.

Vice Mayor: Vote 1

Candidate: Bryan
Votes Received: Bryan, Petry, Schumacher

Candidate: Bass
Votes Received: Bass, Dorrah

Candidate: Calder
Votes Received: Calder, Duman

Vice Mayor: Vote 2

Candidate: Bryan
Votes Received: Bryan, Petry, Schumacher

Candidate: Bass
Votes Received: Bass, Dorrah

Candidate: Calder
Votes Received: Calder, Duman

Vice Mayor: Vote 3 (Run-off)

The Council reached CONSENSUS to have a run-off between Bass and Calder to see which candidate would remain in the race.

Candidate: Bass
Votes Received: Bass, Dorrah, Petry, Schumacher

Candidate: Calder
Votes Received: Bryan, Calder, Duman

With a majority of the votes received, Councilor Bass proceeded to the next round.

Vice Mayor: Vote 4

Candidate: Bryan
Votes Received: Bryan, Calder, Duman, Petry,
Schumacher

Candidate: Bass
Votes Received: Bass, Dorrah

With a majority of the votes received, Council Bryan was appointed to the position of Vice Mayor.

#6) Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was the next order of business. The consent agenda included the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 12, 2006 and a BIG DEAL Grant for Wheatland Insurance.

Mr. Bryan asked if a building has to be in the Economic Improvement District to qualify for the BIG DEAL Grant.

Ms. Watkins explained that a building must be in the Historic District in order to qualify for the BIG DEAL Grant. She then confirmed that the Wheatland Insurance office is in the Historic District as well as the Economic Improvement District.

Upon the MOTION by Ms. Calder, seconded by Mr. Bass, with all in favor, the Consent Agenda was APPROVED.

#7) Citizens' Participation

Mayor Petry then called for citizens' participation.

Christopher Christie, 1985 14th Street, Baker City, approached the Council asking if tapes of the Council Meetings could be made available at the library. In addition, he stated that he felt it was interesting that Ms. Calder received the most votes in the general election but was not appointed as either Mayor or Vice Mayor.

Ms. Calder asked if the tapes could be made available at the library.

Mr. Bryan agreed that it would be a good idea to have a tape at the library and suggested that the meetings be rebroadcast on channel 3 on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Fine said if Council wants a copy of the tape at the library, staff would make it happen. Rick Rienks, 2603 Third Street, Baker City, asked to have the tapes available on DVD. Mayor Petry said that the Chambers would be remodeled soon. Any upgrades in technology will be decided upon during that process.

Matthew McGovern, 2160 Colorado Avenue, Baker City, asked the Council what they would spend \$80,000 on when restoring the Council Chambers. Mayor Petry stated that the City has hired an architect to design the remodel. This plan will be reviewed and discussed at future Council meetings.

**#8) Review of
Proposed Parking
Restriction on
Campbell Street near
Powder River –
Resolution No. 3565**

The next item of business was a request from the Baker County Transportation/Traffic Safety Commission (TTSC) proposing parking restrictions on Campbell Street near the Powder River.

At its December meeting the TTSC heard concerns about the hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Campbell Street on the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway (LAMP), especially while traveling from south to north. TTSC proposed a change extending the “No Parking” zone westward to the Main Street intersection. The ODOT safety experts in attendance agreed with the recommendation. Council was being asked to pass Resolution No. 3565 which would restrict the parking.

Mary Jo Carpenter, 39758 Old Highway 30, Baker City, a member of TTSC, approached Council. Ms. Carpenter stated the committee supports the elimination of parking in this area. She distributed photographs of this section of Campbell to Council, which showed obstructions by parked vehicles. She further explained that it is the job of the committee to receive concerns from citizens and identify projects that will improve safety.

When Mayor Petry asked for his comments, Chief Lohner stated the Traffic Safety Coordinator agreed there needs to be a fix. He added that a large shrub near the library parking lot that could also be an issue. One suggestion would be to put solar lights on the island in the center of the crossing, but that would be a significant expense. In addition Chief Lohner stated that increasing the site distance would help with this crossing.

Mr. Schumacher expressed his concern of giving up parking spaces. Ms. Carpenter stated the issue of parking was discussed. Although during special events there is a higher need for parking, a shortage of parking in the area is generally not an issue throughout the year.

Mr. Bryan confirmed with Ms. Carpenter that the consensus of the committee was to support the proposed Resolution.

Upon the MOTION by Mr. Schumacher, seconded by Ms. Calder, with a unanimous vote in favor, Resolution No. 3331 was APPROVED.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3331
RESTRICTING PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE LEO
ADLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY CROSSING OF
CAMPBELL STREET**

**#9) Authorization to
Purchase Public
Works Vehicle**

The next agenda item was the award of the purchase contract for a wastewater camera van.

At the November 28, 2006, City Council meeting, the Council approved solicitation of proposals for a new wastewater camera van for the Department of Public Works. After review of the proposals, the lowest priced vehicle was a 2006 Dodge Sprinter van for \$34,376 proposed by Peterson's Stampede Dodge of Nampa, Idaho. This proposal was within the budget allocated for the van.

Ms. Owen responded to a question from Mr. Schumacher by explaining that although the bid is more than what was budgeted, there was money left over in the equipment fund from other purchases to cover the difference.

Ms. Calder asked why the camera and the van did not go through the Public Works Advisory Committee for approval. Ms. Owen explained it has not been past practice to consult with the committee as Keith Magnuson, Shop Supervisor, has input in the purchase of vehicles. In addition, Keith Radabaugh, Wastewater Specialist II, was also included in the decision of this vehicle purchase as he will be using the van as the primary operator of the camera.

Ms. Calder asked how many miles a year is put on the wastewater camera vehicle. Ms. Owen stated that the current

vehicle is a 1975 van. Although it does not have high mileage, the new camera has a life expectancy that is much longer than the current van.

Ms. Calder inquired as to whether the old van and camera had any value and would be worth keeping. Ms. Owen said there are options that include selling them on eBay or using the van as an incident command vehicle.

Ms. Calder asked what it would cost to move the camera to another vehicle at a later date. Ms. Owen said the cost of the new camera includes the installation. It would cost about two thousand dollars to move it to another vehicle at a later time.

Upon the MOTION by Mr. Bryan, seconded by Mr. Schumacher, with Bryan, Schumacher, Dorrah, Petry, Duman and Bass in favor, and Calder opposed, the request to approve the bid award to Peterson's Stampede Dodge of Nampa, ID was APPROVED.

**#10) Board and
Commission
Appointments**

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of volunteers to boards and commissions.

The City of Baker City currently has vacancies on five boards and commissions. The positions have been advertised and volunteer applications have been received. The applicants are as follows:

Airport Commission (3 vacancies, 4-year terms)

- Martin Arritola
- Wayne Chastain
- Mel Cross (Incumbent)
- Jake Jacobs
- Troy Woydziak

Budget Board (4 vacancies, 3-year terms)

- Jon Croghan (Incumbent)
- Kenneth Dudley
- David ("Davey") Peterson, Jr. (Incumbent)
- Greg Pointer

Historic District Design Review Commission (2 vacancies, 3-year terms)

- Ann Mehaffy (Incumbent)
- One remaining vacancy

Planning Commission (4 vacancies, 4-year terms)

- Alan Blair (Incumbent)

- Wayne Burnside (Incumbent)
 - Rick Rembold (Incumbent)
 - Ken Rockwell (Incumbent)
- Public Works Advisory Committee (1 vacancy, 3-year terms)
- Cass Vanderwiele (Incumbent)

Mr. Dorrah made a MOTION to appoint the listed volunteers to the Budget Board, Historic District Design Review Commission, Planning Commission, and Public Works Advisory Committee. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Bryan, and with all in favor, the listed volunteers were APPOINTED.

The Council then appointed volunteers to the Airport Commission.

Ms. Calder stated volunteer applicant Troy Woydziak should be a non-voting member due to potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Woydziak agreed that he would abstain from voting if there was a conflict.

The Council then voted as follows:

Bryan: Cross, Jacobs, Woydziak
Petry: Cross, Woydziak, Chastain
Dorrah: Chastain, Cross, Jacobs
Duman: Arritola, Cross, Jacobs
Schumacher: Cross, Jacobs, Woydziak
Calder: Arritola, Cross, Jacobs
Bass: Cross, Jacobs, Woydziak

By majority vote, Mel Cross, Jake Jacobs, and Troy Woydziak were APPOINTED to the Airport Commission.

At this time, Mr. Bryan asked the citizens in the audience if any of them would be willing to serve on the Historic District Design Review Commission.

JoAnn Marlette, 2031 Court Street, Baker City, announced from the audience that she would like to volunteer to serve on the Historic District Design Review Commission.

Upon a MOTION by Mr. Bryan, seconded by Mr. Schumacher, with all in favor, JoAnn Marlette was then APPOINTED to the Historic District Design Review Commission.

Next were the Council appointments to the Airport Commission, Economic Development Council, and Transient Lodging Tax Committee.

Mr. Bryan nominated Mr. Dorrah for the Airport Commission. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Schumacher and, with all in favor, Mr. Dorrah was APPOINTED to the Airport Commission.

Mr. Dorrah nominated Mr. Schumacher for Economic Development Council. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Bass and, with all in favor, Mr. Schumacher was APPOINTED to the Economic Development Council.

Mr. Schumacher nominated Mr. Bryan for Transient Lodging Tax Committee. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Calder and, with all in favor, Mr. Bryan was APPOINTED to the Transient Lodging Tax Committee.

**#11) G Street
Wastewater Line
Local Improvement
District**

Next on the agenda was the Engineer's report and call for public hearing for the "G" Street wastewater LID.

At the November 28, 2006, City Council meeting the Council called for an Engineer's Report for the formation of a local improvement district (LID) to construct a wastewater mainline on "G" Street, west of 17th Street.

Mr. Van Patten explained that this is a result of the grant-funded street improvements beginning this spring which will connect the Elkhorn Industrial Park Road to 17th Street. He added that the line needs to be in place prior to the street construction in order to reduce the possibility of major street cuts in the future.

In response to a question from Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Van Patten explained that Tennant Developments would not be paying future frontage fees as they are actually paying for the line.

Upon the MOTION from Mr. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Dorrah, with all in favor, the request to accept the "G" Street Wastewater Extension LID 2007 Engineer's Report and call for a public hearing on February 13 was APPROVED.

The next agenda item was the authorization to bid materials for the "G" Street wastewater line project.

Mr. Van Patten explained that the next step in proceeding with the LID would be to begin the bid process for materials necessary for the construction of the "G" Street wastewater line.

Mr. Van Patten answered a question from Mr. Schumacher by stating that PVC, not ductile iron, will be used as it is with all new construction of wastewater lines.

Mr. Petry asked why the construction wouldn't continue to 17th Street. Mr. Van Patten explained that 17th Street has its own line and the wastewater lines do not interconnect.

Upon the MOTION by Ms. Duman, seconded by Mr. Bryan, will all in favor, the request for authorization to bid materials for the "G" Street wastewater line project was APPROVED.

#12) Upcoming Issues
a. Personnel Needs – Planner and CSO Recruitment
b. Enterprise Zone designation
c. Goal Setting Session

The next agenda item was a report on upcoming issues which included additional needs for personnel, Enterprise Zone Designation, and scheduling a goal setting session for Councilors and staff.

Mr. Fine explained that there is a need to hire additional personnel. The Community Service Officer (CSO) is currently overburdened and there is a need for a second CSO. In addition, Mr. Fine stated that most cities have a professional Land Use Planner on staff. Currently, the City has only one Planning Technician. Mr. Fine has taken on the responsibilities of Planning Director. Additionally, a volunteer has agreed to help the Planning Technician until a Planning Director can be hired. Mr. Fine will present details regarding both of these positions to Council, including budgetary data, at the next Council Meeting on January 23, 2007.

Mr. Fine stated the City needs to apply for a re-designation for the Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Fine then suggested to Council that they plan a goal setting session as early as February. This session would include reviewing existing goals as well as additional goals for staff.

Mr. Bryan agreed it would be a good idea to set a goal setting session for the end of January or early February.

Mr. Petry asked Council members if a facilitator would be needed. There was general agreement to have a facilitator.

Ms. Calder said it might be a good idea to have the goal setting session with the new City Manager once hired.

Mr. Bryan agreed with Mr. Schumacher's suggestion to have a goal setting session before a new City Manager is hired and again after.

After further discussion it was agreed by Council to have their first goal setting session on February 3, 2007.

Mayor Petry asked staff to have documents prepared for the session.

**#13) City
Manager/Department
Comments**

Ms. Owen announced to staff that she would be going to Portland as Baker City is being considered for an award for the ASR project.

**#14) Council
Comments**

Mr. Bryan indicated his gratitude at being elected to the position of Councilor. He felt that this evening's meeting was a great start for the new Council.

Ms. Calder said she was in agreement with Mr. Bryan's comments and is dedicated to working together. She encouraged home audiences to come to the Council meetings.

Ms. Duman said she was happy to be part of the Council and thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Schumacher thanked the city for giving him the opportunity to serve as Councilor. He also commented on the certified population count exceeding 10,000 for the first time in many years.

Mr. Petry thanked the Council for electing him Mayor.

**#15) Executive
Session: Discussion
of City Manager
Hiring Pursuant to
ORS 192.660(2)(a)**

At this point the Council entered into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a)

At 8:46 p.m. the Council reentered open session.

#16) Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was
ADJOURNED at 8:46 p.m.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder