

May 24, 2022

Baker City Councilors,

Possibly at tonight's council meeting we will change the course of the ambulance service in Baker County for many years to come. This hasn't been an easy decision for any of us to make and has become even more difficult for all of us considering the public opinion that has been present during our deliberations.

Because of the reduction in ambulance staff since our original decision, several staff have given their resignations. Staffing has contracted to a point where the city is close to its target number that would be required beginning in October 2022 according to John.

Tonight, I am proposing the following:

Allow the county's RFP to be followed through on. Shortly after June 3, 2022. The county will know if it has a viable third-party provider. Without the City hiring new employees to replace those who have or will be leaving the city won't have the staffing levels to provide the service that it has in the past. Legally the County can't accept anything less than an RFP from the City, as this would be looked upon as favoritism.

Once the RFPs have been reviewed by the County and if the County can't agree on accepting one of the companies responding, the city still has the possibility of stepping back into discussions with the county. If this happens, then the follow-up to my proposal would be to provide the county with a letter of interest. Our proposal in providing the county with service would be based on the existing level of staffing that is present through June 30, 2023. The county would agree to pay half the cost of providing this service based on the attached annual estimated costs through the remainder of the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. The county would be required to pay for these services over the course of the year in thirds. (date's to be determined). The city's consideration in providing this would be based on the county's due diligence in pursuing a tax levy or district with voters in May 2023. This is to ensure that a transition occurs that would provide a long-term funding source for the county ambulance service.

I would be hard pressed to consider or commit to any long-term funding by the city. The city can't afford this. In the upcoming fiscal year our portion will affect services that have already been allocated in the proposed budget. Long term commitments to the ambulance service without an alternative funding source would be kicking the can down the road as other councilors, city managers and county commissions have done in the past.

Respectfully,

Dean Guyer
Baker City Councilor

City of Baker City
Estimated allocated Loss for
The Baker City Ambulance
For the year ending June 30, 2022

REVENUES:

Actual Ambulance Revenue for the ten months ended April 30, 2022	\$ 852,570
Projected Revenue for May and June 2022	170,513
Projected GMET funding Based actual May 2022 receipt	82,000
Less: Estimated revenue from prior year received in 2022	<u>(195,000)</u>
Estimated Expected Annual Revenue	\$ 910,083

EXPENDITURES:

Actual Personnel Costs for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2022	1,714,492
Projected Expenditures for May and June 2022	342,898
Estimated Unfilled Employee Position Costs	70,313
Estimated Salary increases Due to New Contract	<u>77,000</u>
Total Estimated Fire Department Costs	2,204,703
Multiplied by the Estimated Ambulance Allocation Factor	<u>X 65%</u>
Estimated Allocated Ambulance Personnel Department Costs	(1,433,057)
Materials and Service Costs for the ten months ended April 30, 2022	249,310
Materials and Service Costs Estimated for May and June 2022	<u>49,861</u>
Estimated Allocated Ambulance Costs	299,171
Multiplied By the Estimated Ambulance Allocation Factor	<u>X 65%</u>
Estimated Allocated Ambulance Materials and Service Costs	<u>(194,462)</u>
Total Allocated Net (Loss) for the Ambulance	<u><u>\$ (717,436)</u></u>