

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers December 10, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. City of Bayard 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on December 4, 2024. An agenda for the meeting was made available to the Mayor and each of the council members prior to the meeting. Present were Mayor Scot Ouderkirk and Council Members: Chris Baird, Sheila Dudden, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Marty Marquez. There being a quorum of council members present, Mayor Ouderkirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Ouderkirk presided over the meeting and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located in City Council Chambers and available to the public. City Clerk/Treasurer Bowlin recorded the minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council member Kraus made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL**

City Clerk Bowlin read the certified election results: Diane Kraus, Marty Marquez, Tanner Henkel and Garrett Schukei elected as Council Members; City Bond for Swimming Pool Failed.

New council member Garrett Schukei read his oath and took his seat at the council table.

Mayor Scot Ouderkirk presented Council Member Sheila Dudden with an award and thanked her for her dedication to the city.

Roll call of the new council was taken at 7:06 PM. Present were Mayor Ouderkirk and council members; Chris Baird, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez, Diane Kraus, and Garrett Schukei. Absent: Marty Marquez. There being a quorum of council members present, Mayor Ouderkirk presided over the rest of the meeting.

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council member Hernandez moved to appoint Marty Marquez as council president. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Council member Baird moved to approve the following yearly appointments: MC Schaff as City Engineer, Cross Canyon Engineering as City Electrical Engineer, Jeff Wolfe as Street Superintendent, and Stan Tavenner and Regina Preston as Police Officers. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

Council member Baird moved to approve the following appointments for city council committees: Diane Kraus & Jamie Hernandez onto Real Estate/Senior Center committee, Diane Kraus & Chris Baird onto Nursing Home committee, Marty Marquez & Garrett Schukei onto Fire/Police Committee, Jamie Hernandez and Tanner Henkel onto Budget/Finance/Office committee, Marty Marquez & Chris Baird onto Utility/Street committee, Garrett Schukei & Tanner Henkel onto Grounds/Parks committee. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

Council member Baird moved to approve the following Board appointments: Mike Harimon, Jen Jansen, Melany Kizzire, Kelli Neiger, and Janice Newhoff onto Park and Health Board for a four-year term; joining Diane Kraus and Jeff Smith already on the Board. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **AMBULANCE BILLING**

Council member Kraus moved to enter into a contract with One Billing Solutions for Ambulance billing. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **CITY BILLS & CLAIMS**

Council member Hernandez moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$169,119.95. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

Action Communication \$37.12, AFLAC \$2,556.40, Airgas \$34.41, AST \$53.90, Allied Benefits \$13,667.43, Amazon \$459.16, AT&T Mobility \$380.73, Bayard Automotive \$146.17, Benzel Pest Control \$188.68, Black Hills Energy \$1,695.84, Blue 360 \$292.95, Border States \$1,488.42, Capital Business \$190.72, CenturyLink \$59.47, Charter \$1,289.05, Chimney Rock PPD \$145.42, City of Gering \$12,633.18, Connecting Point \$149.00, Culligan \$149.00, Dollar General \$46.50, Douglas Kelly Ostdiek \$1,044.00, Enviro Service \$50.00, FNBO \$176.53, Elaine Gallas \$68.36, Donna Garl \$70.11, General Consolidated \$449.96, Great America \$149.99, Gworks \$18,200.59, Hullinger \$470.00, Ideal Linen \$223.53, Ingram \$856.10, IIMC \$195.00, Intralinks \$629.00, John Hancock \$629.94, JDS \$900.00, Doug Kizzire \$144.85, Jim Kizzire \$100.00, Lincoln National \$125.88, Steve Logsdon \$111.46, MacQueen \$1,679.58, MC Schaff \$825.00, Menards \$782.78, Midwest Salt \$6,249.44, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Hospital \$67.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, MEAN \$26,693.77, Municipal Supply \$1,924.16, NDEE \$10,028.04, NE Public Health \$31.80, NRW \$350.00, NE Safety & Fire \$653.00, Neb Total Office \$23.86, Nippon \$624.21, NW Pipe \$989.80, Celeste Nutter \$75.00, OPTK \$15.00, Pioneer Woman \$24.00, Police Chiefs Assoc \$40.00, Quadient \$600.00, Rocky Mountain Air \$183.40, Sandberg \$322.01, SCB Building & Zoning \$34.00, Transcript \$230.95, TCD \$750.00, US Bank \$653.92, Raul Valdez \$55.26, Viaero Wireless \$27.49, WY First Aid \$67.94. Payroll \$53,264.50.

## **CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA**

Council member Baird moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of \$249,939.84. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS**

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Bladed/Graded alley & dirt roads, replaced curb stop, cut concrete for residents replaced street lights, hung Christmas lights.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 15 Assist the public, 15 assist other agencies, 1 accident investigations, 4 citation violations, 12 warning violations, 6 complaints, 5 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 506 books checked out in the month of November, the computer was used 13 times, 118 books checked out through overdrive; hosted Senator Ricketts Mobile Office, received \$500.00 grant from First Book for summer reading books.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, prep for year end, meet with insurance agents, utility billing.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief's Report** – 3 structure fires – 12 people, 24 hours. **Rescue Report** – 11 Calls; 7 Transported by Bayard; 2 Transported by Regional West-1 Refusal, 1 lift assist; Time in service – 14 hours 7 mins. 327 Miles. **Training Report** – Pumpers 4 people, 2 hours.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Baird moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting; Treasurer's reports, operational budget, new hire – Joe Edwards Utility Tech \$20/hr. and fire department minutes. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **LIBRARY SALARY**

Council member Baird moved to return Library Director back to a salaried position at the current rate of \$46,384.00 per year. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Henkel. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **RESOLUTION #1049**

Council member Hernandez moved to approve Resolution #1049 signing of Year-End certification of Street Superintendent. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES:

Kraus, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

**RESOLUTION #1051**

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution #1051 Bayard Emergency Operation Plans. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

**RESOLUTION #1050**

Council member Kraus moved to approve Resolution #1050 concerning public participation at council meetings. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

**RESOLUTION #1048**

Council member Kraus moved to table Resolution #1048 for more information. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 8:18 P.M. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

S Bowlin  
City Clerk/Treasurer