

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a special session in the Council Chambers December 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. City of Bayard 445 Main St., Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been posted in three places; 302 Main Street, 445 Main Street, and 509 Avenue A. An agenda for the meeting was made available to the Mayor and each of the Council Members prior to the meeting. Present were Mayor Ouderkirk and council members: Chris Baird, Garrett Schukei, Jamie Hernandez, Tanner Henkel, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Marty Marquez. There being a quorum of council members present, Mayor Ouderkirk called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ouderkirk presided over the meeting and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act, located in City Council Chambers was available to the public. City Clerk 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, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Matt Haas and Taylor Copas with Plains Insurance Brokers and Chris Johnson with Northern Colorado Benefits each presented council with multiple options for health insurance for the 2025 year. They both presented options for combining the City and Chimney Rock Villa so there would be a larger pool of employees and rates would be better.

After hearing both presentations Council Member Baird moved to go into closed session at 7:23 to discuss both options further. Seconded by Council Member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared closed session by Mayor Ouderkirk.

After discussion between council members Council Member Baird moved to come out of executive session at 7:27. Seconded by Council Member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared back in session by Mayor Ouderkirk.

Council Member Henkel moved to approve moving the city to United Healthcare plan with Chimney Rock Villa, using Northern Colorado Benefits as the broker, and combining both to Equitable for Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 7:31P.M. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

S/ Scot Ouderkirk
Mayor, City of Bayard

ATTESTED BY:
S/ Shelly Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer