

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, Morrill County, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers March 12, 2024. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on March 6, 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, Diane Kraus, and Marty Marquez. Absent: None. 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, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

LB840 RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam Pittman and Kate Sinner with CJ's Processing were back before council to present their request of \$20,000 for improvements to their building; they presented four (4) roof bids and their signed lease for the slaughter building. Council Member Henkel made a motion to accept the bid for their roof from Fisher Roofing, and for the city to pay Fisher directly and for them to get the repairs for the freezer door and submit receipts for the repair for reimbursement. Not to exceed the \$20,000 recommendation from LB840 that will be \$10,000 loan/ \$10,000 grant. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

MORRILL COUNTY ROCKERS SOFTBALL CONTRACT

Council member Kraus made a motion to have meeting with coaches and parks committee to further go over contract and discuss what is expected from each organization. Seconded by Council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

SDL FOR STAG FEED

Council member Kraus moved to approve the Special Designated License for Bayard Fire Department Stag Feed to be held on April 13, 2024. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

CITY BILLS & CLAIMS

Council member Baird moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$198,478.23. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. A&A Porta Potties \$150.00, Action communications \$36.81, Aflac \$2,146.53, Airgas \$32.75, AST \$53.90, Allied Benefits \$13,667.43, Amazon \$338.92, AT&T \$340.34, Bayard Automotive \$12.91, Benzel Pest \$99.00, Black Hills \$8,277.40, Bound Tree \$1,132.61, Capital Business System \$174.14, CenturyLink \$177.99, Charter \$1,928.57, Chimney Rock PPD \$312.62, City of Gering \$13,722.14, Gene Claver \$2,034.30, Connecting Point \$90.12, Culligan \$162.45, Dollar General \$35.30, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$947.25, Dutton-Lainson \$2,174.59, Enviro Service \$50.00, Ernie Eversole \$75.00, Fluent IMS \$1,100.00, FNBO \$176.53, Fox Insurance \$40.00, Fyr-Tek \$556.70, Galls \$681.99, General Consolidated \$271.19, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Ideal Linen \$221.33, Ingram \$1,096.68, Intralinks \$642.84, John Hancock \$1,580.02, Jon's Auto Body \$2,416.15, KSO CPAs \$20,042.46, Kuskie \$500.95, L-Tron \$688.50, LARM \$278.79, Lincoln Life \$120.06, Menards \$44.28, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Court \$17.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, MEAN \$36,246.44, NE Child Support \$472.62, NE Dept of Ag \$43.92, NDEE \$40.00, Nippon \$749.37, NW Pipe \$23.25, OPTK \$30.00, Quadient \$600.00, Reganis Auto \$1,520.80, Rocky Mountain Air \$197.35, Sandry Fire \$4,610.55, Scb Bldg \$232.00, Transcript \$345.56, USPS \$316.00, US Bank \$1,811.79, Viaero \$56.52, Payroll \$70,507.72. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA

Council member Hernandez moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of 330,467.09. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Baird, Dudden, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Changed Street lights, cleaning and organizing shop, repair water service, poison prairie dogs, continue to work on water treatment plant issues, blading streets, received new loader.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 60 Assist the public, 21 assist other agencies, 0 accident investigations, 0 citation violations, 13 warning violations, 14 complaints, 5 investigations. Need to take the new truck back to Action to fix a couple items installed improperly and to put the computer mount in.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 634 books checked out in the month of February, the computer was used 24 times, 127 books checked out through Overdrive, received \$4,609.00 Library Improvement Grant; Won Simon & Schuster Award for Teen Books; Booked Jeff Quinn to kick off Summer Reading Program on May 29th.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, meeting with DOT, Softball contracts
- **PARKS** – Done for the season
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief’s Report** 4 Calls – 1 Gas Leak 5 people 7.5 man-hours; 1 tree fire 4 people 6 man-hours; 1 grass fire 5 people 1 man hour; call canceled; 1 mutual aid fire in North Platte 1 person 20 man-hours. **Rescue Report** 13 Calls - 5 Transported by Bayard, 4 Transported by Bayard tiered w/ Regional West; 1 Transported by Regional West; 2 Wrestling Stand-by; 1 refusal; 197.2 miles w/ patient, 384 total miles – 27 hours 7 minutes in service. **Training Report** Ladders & Ropes – 8 people, 2 man-hours; EMS Training – Airway 5 people, 2 man-hours.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Baird moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from February 13th Meeting; Treasurer’s reports, operational budget, New Hire – Emma Henkel Library Asst. \$13.00 and fire department minutes and roster. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Baird, Dudden, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

ALLEY CLOSURE

Council member Baiard moved to approve closure of alley located between softball field and Chimney Rock Power pole yard. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PUMP

Council member Baird moved to approve purchase of new Patterson pump for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$23,750.00 plus the cost of freight. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared Waived by Mayor Ouderkirk.

FREE DUMP DAY

Council member Dudden moved to hosting Free Dump Day on April 13th from 8 AM to 12 PM (Noon). Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Council member Dudden moved to use Keno funds for matching grant funds for Library Improvement, which will replace more bookshelves in the library. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Bowlin mentioned Yard Waste pickup will begin April 5th, nothing other than grass and small branches are allowed in the green dumpsters. Vaccination Clinic with Flatwater Vet service will be at the end of April.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 8:38 P.M. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez Kraus, Marquez, Baird, Dudden, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer