

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers November 12, 2024. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on November 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 Council Members Chris Baird, Sheila Dudden, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez, Marty Marquez, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Mayor Scot Ouderkirk. There being a quorum of council members present, Council President Marquez called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council President Marquez 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 Dudden made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Marquez opened the Public Hearing for the 1- & 6-Year Street Plan at 7:02 P.M.

The purpose of the hearing is to propose to the residents of the City, One (1) Year definite street improvement and Six (6) Year tentative street improvements. In compliance with Section 39-2115 and 39-2119 of Chapter 39 of the Cumulative Supplement of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

After no other public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:03 P.M.

Council member Dudden moved to approve Resolution #1046 for final approval of the 1- & 6-Year Street Improvement Plan. Seconded by Council Member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared passed by Council President Marquez

PLATTE VALLEY BANK

Lewis Coulter, Katy Gompert, Payton Oliverius, and Billie Smith came before council to present options for switching to their bank with the closure of FNBO branch in Bayard.

LOCOMOTIVE

City Clerk Bowlin told council about an option for grant funds that may be available for the repairs/painting of the locomotive at Swimming Pool Park. More information is needed to continue and apply for the grant.

RESOLUTION 1047

Council member Kraus moved to approve Resolution 1047 to approve having a parade on December 6th at 6 PM in conjunction with the Soup Supper. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING FUNDS

Council member Baird moved to approve submitting Letter of Intent for Rural Workforce Housing Grant in partnership with Bridgeport, and dedicating \$25,000 of the matching funds required. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Baird, Dudden, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

CITY BILLS & CLAIMS

Council member Hernandez moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$233,455.65. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Baird, Dudden, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. A&A Porta Potties \$450.00, ABDO \$603.70, Action Communication \$12,125.12, Airgas \$33.58, AirMed \$600.00, AST \$53.90, Allied Benefits \$13,667.43, Altec \$1,582.30, Altitude Energy \$60,000.00, Amazon \$342.49, ASCAP \$434.00, AT&T \$380.38, Bayard Automotive \$790.01, Benzel \$99.00, Black Hills Energy \$512.70, CenturyLink \$59.47, Charter \$1,227.01, Chimney Rock PPD \$520.98, City of Gering \$12,611.20, Connecting Point \$94.34, Culligan \$146.50, Dollar General \$20.75, Zak Douglass \$124.91, Enviro Service \$50.00, Flatwater Vet \$86.53, FNBO \$529.59, Kevin Fowlkes \$17.97, Fyr-Tek \$777.90, Galls \$444.11, General Consolidated \$224.44, GreatAmerica \$149.99, Ideal Linen \$261.02, Independent Plumbing \$243.71, Ingram \$1,042.62, Intralinks \$1,525.50, Jack's Uniforms \$455.74, John Deere \$200.10, John Hancock

\$1,705.20, Kodiak Power Solutions \$7,175.00, Kuskie \$976.61, Lincoln Life \$125.88, Mark Lang \$652.32, Maverick Beef \$131.07, Menards \$97.36, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Community Hospital \$160.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, MEAN 34,000.29, NE Public Health \$492.00, NRWA \$350.00, NE State Fire Marshal \$81.00, Nippon Life \$1,236.37, NMC \$170.52, NW Pipe \$2,055.93, OPTK \$30.00, Prevention \$48.00, Quadiant \$600.00, QuickAttach \$13,038.00, Reganis \$318.40, Rocky Mtn. Air \$178.00, Sandberg Implement \$1,266.71, Scb Building & Zoning \$34.00, Simmons Olsen Law \$52.50, Simplot \$542.42, April Smith \$149.49, Transcript \$628.01, US Bank \$2,308.21, Viaero \$27.55, Payroll \$51,119.82. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA

Council member Kraus moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of \$266,831.08. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – worked with Altitude on Substation upgrades; trimmed trees in alleys; fixed two water leaks; put up new signs; repaired electrical outages; multiple meter orders.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 21 assist the public, 15 assist other agencies, 1 accident investigations, 0 citation violations, 6 warning violations, 11 complaints, and 4 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 681 books checked out in the month of October, the computer was used 11 times, 118 books checked out through Overdrive; purchased new children's books; will be picking four names from Christmas giving tree; has applied for multiple grants.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, working with Auditors, Utility Rate Changes
- **PARKS** – Done for the season

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Kraus moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from October 8th meeting; Treasurer's reports, operational budget and Fire Department minutes from September, October, and November. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Council member Baird made a motion to host Employee Recognition dinner at the American Legion on January 11th with Happy Hour starting at 5 PM with dinner to follow at 6 or 6:30 PM. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

BONUSES

Council member Kraus moved to approve incentive bonuses for Chimney Rock Villa employees of \$150 for full-time, \$100 for part-time, and \$75 for casual or less than 90 days. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Baird, Dudden, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

Council member Dudden moved to approve incentive bonuses for city employees of \$150 for full-time, \$100 for part-time, and \$75 for casual or less than 90 days. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Baird, Dudden, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Seconded by council member Kraus.
ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Meeting
declared adjourned by Council President Marquez.

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Mayor

S Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer