

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a special session in the Council Chambers September 5, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. City of Bayard 445 Main St., Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on August 28, 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 Ouderkirk and council members: Chris Baird, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez, Diane Kraus, and Marty Marquez. Absent: Sheila Dudden. 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 Marquez made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Ouderkirk opened the Public Hearing for 2024-2025 Budget at 6:03 P.M.: Mayor Ouderkirk updated everyone on the budget information, and highlighted the changes from the 2023-2024 budget to the 2024-2025 budget. He stated the overall operating budget was decreasing about three percent, while valuations from the county and property tax will increase the tax valuation will decrease also. With no further comments from the public Mayor Ouderkirk closed the public hearing at 6:15 P.M. The budget will be placed on the September 10th meeting for approval.

RESOLUTION 1043

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution 1043 approving the mayor to become signer on grant paperwork for Nebraska Game and Parks Land and Water Grant for the Development of Outdoor Recreation. Library Director Henkel and City Clerk Bowlin are working together to get this grant submitted for replacing the swimming pool and tennis courts. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

COLA

Discussion was held between council members about what to give for COLA for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This item will be place on the next meeting agenda.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR WAGES

Council member Hernandez moved to have the Library Director as an hourly employee effective July 1, 2024; at her current wage of \$20.80, to comply with the updated Department of Labor Laws. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Utility Superintendent Fowlkes talked to council about upcoming changes for water testing required by federal government and the need for a new vac trailer to be able to assist with digging pipes, cleaning out storm drains, and other city functions as needed. Quotes will be presented at council meeting on Tuesday. City Clerk Bowlin told council about being approved for grant for playground equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

S/ Scot Ouderkirk
Mayor, City of Bayard

ATTESTED BY:
S/ Shelly Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer