

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a special session in the Council Chambers July 22, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. City of Bayard 445 Main St., Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been posted in three places; 305 Main Street, 445 Main Street, and 517 Main Street. 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: Jamie Hernandez, Garrett Schukei, Tanner Henkel, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Chris Baird and 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 Henkel made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Schukei and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE OFFICER**

Council Member Schukei moved to approve the appointment of Ricky Trevino as the newest police officer. Seconded by Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

#### **BUDGET WORKSHOP 2025-2026 Budget**

City Clerk/Treasurer Bowlin presented council with updated spreadsheets for the upcoming budget discussions; the line-item spreadsheet will be used to create the state submitted budget forms. Operational budget spreadsheets were presented along with wage options. Department heads included Utility Superintendent, Library Director, Chief of Police and City Clerk each presented the council with items for the new fiscal year. Discussion was held about utility rates, with more to be presented at a later time. Next budget meeting will be August 27, 2025 at 7 PM.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Kraus moved to adjourn at 7:33 P.M. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Henkel, Hernandez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

S/ Scot Ouderkirk  
Mayor, City of Bayard

ATTESTED BY:  
S/ Shelly Bowlin  
City Clerk/Treasurer