

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, Morrill County, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers July 8, 2025. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on July 2, 2025. 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, Marty Marquez, Garrett Schukei, Jamie Hernandez, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Tanner Henkel. 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 Baird made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **CITY BILLS & CLAIMS**

Council member Kraus moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$158,370.34. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None Action \$25.96, Aflac \$1,663.80, AST \$53.90, Amazon \$2,585.92, ARSL \$30.00, AT&T \$380.80, Bayard Automotive \$141.17, Baird Family Farms \$1,550.00, Black Hills \$632.08, Border States \$529.33, Bound Tree \$2,350.02, Shelly Bowlin \$20.91, CenturyLink \$59.55, Charter \$1,535.90, Chimney Rock PPD \$28,151.40, Chimney Rock Villa (UHC) \$10,410.65, City of Gering \$12,590.13, Clarke \$99.15, Connecting Point \$108.62, Contractors \$396.50, Croell \$1,001.75, Cross Canyon \$2,866.60, Culligan \$146.50, Defense Tech \$234.00, Dollar General \$17.85, Enviro Service \$60.00, Equitable \$1,144.92, Becky Fiscus \$5.99, General Consolidated \$301.56, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Hawkins \$1,462.61, Ideal Linen \$334.27, Ingram \$987.48, Intralinks \$2,193.06, Iworq \$2,000.00, John Hancock \$869.38, Kuskie Oil \$1,294.65, LARM \$391.16, Lincoln Life \$116.94, Marketing Consultants \$233.00, Menards \$1,337.57, Midwest Salt \$6,077.08, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, Municipal Supply \$2,303.95, NE Dog Licensing \$63.44, NE Mosquito \$25.00, NE Power Review \$157.02, Neptune \$2,096.62, NW Pipe \$463.27, One Call \$36.35, OPTK \$45.00, Fred Ozuna \$7.45, Pro Overhead Door \$2,348.00, PT Hose \$339.28, Quadient \$1,320.00, Rocky Mountain Air \$200.28, Scb County \$238.00, US Bank \$2,437.06, Payroll \$58,097.47. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA**

Council member Baird moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of \$265,742.12. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS**

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Utility Superintendent was at Water Treatment Plant for emergency call. For the month of June worked on electrical outages, fixed street lights, fixed storm drain at RV park.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 24 assist the public, 7 assist other agencies, 0 accident investigations, 12 citation violations, 35 warning violations, 8 complaints, 4 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – Library director was not available but submitted her report: There were 878 books checked out in the month of June, the computer was used 19 times, 144 books checked out through Overdrive, Summer Reading and Storytime are both have great attendance; both the fire and police departments came and read to the kids for story time.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, committee meetings, budget, grants, Finance Conference, utility billing
- **PARKS** – Grounds Superintendent was sick but submitted his report: replaced valves at Library Park, worked on mosquito sprayer, mows all grass twice a week, fixing multiple sprinkler heads, spraying sidewalks and parking lots.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Kraus moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from June 10th Regular Meeting, June 24<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop, Treasurer's reports, and budget forms. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **RESOLUTION #1053**

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution #1053 LARM renewal for 2025-2026 fiscal year for three (3) years with five (5) percent discount. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **TASERS**

Council member Baird moved to approve purchase of two (2) tasers in the amount of \$4,020. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **SWIMMING POOL**

Council member Baird moved to demolish the bathhouse at the pool, along with the slide, diving board and shade structure; cap off gas, and water; disconnect electric and find fence company to fence area that will be open. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ruby Stromberger came before council to ask about water restrictions; Mayor Ouderkirk explained that all items at treatment plant have been replaced and no restrictions are currently in place for water.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Hernandez moved to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Marquez, Kraus, Hernandez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

S Bowlin  
City Clerk/Treasurer