

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, Morrill County, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers May 13, 2025. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on May 7, 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, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez, Diane Kraus, Marty Marquez and Garrett Schukei. Absent: None. There being a quorum of council members present, Mayor Ouderkirk called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Marquez made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

2ND AVENUE REPAIR

Council member Baird moved to approve bid from Infinity Construction in the amount of \$83,875.00 to repair 2nd Avenue between 6th Street and 7th Street. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

AMERICAN LEGION STATE ROMP

Council member Schukei moved to approve request from American Legion Riders for support with the State Romp that will be hosted in Bayard June 21st. Items included will be flags along Main Street, blocking off parking on Main Street for bikers only, police & fire leading bikes out of town, and two porta potties. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

LOCOMOTIVE

Council member Henkel moved to approve up to \$600.00 from Keno funds for paint, and lumber to improve the look of the locomotive at the Swimming Pool Park. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

CITY BILLS & CLAIMS

Council member Hernandez moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$123,103.67. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None Aflac \$1,663.80, Airgas \$39.60, AST \$53.90, Amazon \$641.50, AT&T \$380.80, Bayard Automotive \$688.58, Bluff Sanitary \$83.50, Border States \$138.80, Bound Tree \$1,490.08, Capital Business \$258.43, Charter \$4,769.66, Chimney Rock PPD \$145.46, Chimney Rock Villa (UHC) \$10,410.65, City of Gering \$12,587.57, Connecting Point \$73.80, Contractors \$309.00, Croell \$608.00, Culligan \$156.00, Dollar General \$70.02, Douglas Kelly Ost diek \$740.00, Enviro Service \$60.00, Equitable \$1,144.92, Flatwater \$247.00, Kevin Fowlkes \$59.07, Fox Insurance \$100.00, Fyr-Tek \$4,288.22, General Consolidated \$555.00, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Hawkins \$1,649.29, Hullinger \$125.00, Ideal Linen \$227.75, Ingram \$1,383.85, Intralinks \$629.00, Jacks Uniforms \$919.63, John Hancock \$1,606.92, Jon's Body \$300.00, Kuskie Oil \$3,332.32, LARM \$36.71, Life First Learning \$180.00, Lincoln Life \$116.94, LL Johnson \$83.46, Matt MacIntosh \$38.02, Menards \$120.64, Midwest Salt \$6,950.00, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, NE Public Health \$31.00, NW Pipe \$105.87, OPTK \$15.00, Playground Boss \$2,825.00, Quadient \$600.00, Rocky Mountain Air \$199.28, Simmons Olsen Law \$100.00, Transcript \$878.19, US Bank \$1,394.55, Viaero \$27.46, Westco \$1,251.50, Payroll \$54,412.94. 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 \$262,941.31. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Haul dirt to road for lagoons, cut trees out of power lines, installed playground equipment, replace Chimney Rock Villa sprinkler line, new electrical for residents.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 38 assist the public, 7 assist other agencies, 1 accident investigations, 4 citation violations, 8 warning violations, 5 complaints, 2 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 744 books checked out in the month of April, the computer was used 11 times, 144 books checked out through Overdrive, Library Improvement Grant will go to update two computers, Summer Reading & Storytime start last week of May.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, committee meetings, webinar meetings, budget prep.
- **PARKS** – Cleaned around fence lines, mowed off dead grass & locust pods, turned on all water, sprayed fertilizer all places, started mowing twice a week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Hernandez moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from April 8th Regular Meeting, Treasurer's reports, Fire Department minutes, and operational budget. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

MOSQUITO SPRAY

Council member Schukei moved to approve the purchase of eight (8) – 55-gallon barrels of mosquito spray from Van Diest in the amount of \$29.30 per gallon. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

WEST SUB STATION SURVEY

Council member Kraus moved to approve having a survey done on property around West Substation for City purchase. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Council member Baird moved to approve purchase of ball spinner from Playground Boss in the amount of \$1,709.00 as replacement to broken spring piece. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

ORDINANCE 887

City Clerk Bowlin Read the title to Ordinance 887. Final Reading will be at June meeting. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAYARD, NEBRASKA AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING PARKING SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Council member moved to host the budget workshops on the following dates: June 24th, July 22nd and August 26th. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Hernandez and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion was held with the public about the issues with the swimming pool, Kyle Schneider, Jen Janssen, Jessica Dankowski, and Kari Schukei all made comments and held good conversations with council and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Hernandez moved to adjourn at 8:47 P.M. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

S Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer