

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers February 10, 2026. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on February 4, 2026. An agenda for the meeting was made available to the mayor and each of the Council Members prior to the meeting. Present was Mayor Scot Ouderkirk and Council Members: Chris Baird, Garrett Schukei, Jamie Hernandez, Marty Marquez, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Council Member 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 after moving item #5 up before item #3. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PANHANDLE FRONTIER FINDS

Bebe Shortall came before council to ask for use of Swimming Pool Park for a craft/vendor/business event that is coming to the panhandle June 5-7, 2026. Council member Kraus moved to approve the use of the park for the event. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Ouderkirk opened the public hearing for the acquisition of building located at 302 Main Street at 7:17 PM. Discussion was heard about options for what to do with the building going forward, residents asked if another bank could go in there. Options of moving the city office into the building, co-habituating with a bank and more were discussed. Further discussion was held to reach out to banks, and see if any interest, as to the acquisition of the bank, the most residents that were present were in favor of the city acquiring the building with further discussion to be held with what to do with the building in the future. With no further discussion at this time, Mayor Ouderkirk closed the public hearing at 7:34

2024/2025 AUDIT

Jessica Dailey with KSO CPAs was available by phone to present the end of year audit to council. Council member Baird made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

LB840

Council member Hernandez moved to approve recommendation from LB840 committee for Brendal's restaurant in the amount of \$10,000 to be split \$5,000 grant and \$5,000 loan. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

SDL FOR STAG FEED

Council member Kraus moved to approve the Special Designated License for Bayard Fire Department Stag Feed to be held on April 11, 2026. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

CITY BILLS & CLAIMS

Council member Baird moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$221,144.21. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. A&A \$150.00, Action communications \$36.75, Aflac \$2,495.70, Airgas \$125.73, AST \$53.90, Amazon \$744.52, American Legion \$644.00, Bayard Automotive \$20.00, Black Hills Energy \$2,792.36, Bluffs Sanitary \$247.48, Border States \$90.38, Shelly Bowlin \$49.99, Capital Business Sys. \$153.41, CenturyLink \$59.62, Charter \$1,271.63, Chimney Rock PPD \$162.22, Chimney Rock Villa-UHC \$11,177.49, Connecting Point \$90.71, Culligan \$141.50, DAS State \$44.00, Dollar General \$12.50, Don's Services \$16,676.75, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$1,110.00, Enviro Service \$60.00, Equitable Financial \$590.81, FNBO CC \$756.31, General Consolidated \$650.00, GreatAmerica \$149.99, Hero's Pride \$342.37, Holiday Inn \$259.90, Ideal Linen \$239.51, Ingram \$845.69, Intralinks \$1,743.04, Jack's Uniforms \$466.34, Kinetic Leasing \$49,361.00, Kuskie \$902.46, LARM

\$2,756.20, LNM \$170.00, Lincoln Life \$123.54, Masimo \$924.00, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$2,500.00, MEAN \$39,409.84, NE Public Health \$16.00, NW Pipe \$200.97, OPTK \$30.00, POAN \$120.00, Pye-Barker Fire \$607.00, Quadiant \$1,320.00, Thompson Glass \$1,022.58, Transcript \$377.97, Troy Wilson \$6,420.05, US Bank \$2,488.77, Vieraero \$27.29, Payroll \$62,663.54. 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 \$260,906.84. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – disconnected electric for resident, remove tree from road, repair multiple electrical services, repair and replace street lights, repair cross-arm, adjust water pressure, took down Christmas lights.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 27 assist the public, 16 assist other agencies, 1 accident investigation, 3 citation violation, 17 warning violations, 11 complaints, and 6 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 642 books checked out in the month of January, the computer was used 17 times, 169 books checked out through Overdrive, received \$1,000 for intern grant, have been planning Summer Reading and Story Time, applied for e-rate for internet.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, LB840, Audit, garbage items

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Kraus moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from January 13, 2026 meeting; Treasurer's reports, fire department minutes and operational budget. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

RESOLUTION 1059

Council member Kraus made a motion to approve Resolution 1059 for the lease of the street sweeper. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Hernandez, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Dankowski is still working on finding time for Council and School Board to meet.

Greg Schmall asked about a property tax listed on delinquent property tax list.

KC Heath updated Council with items for the sign outside of town. He also asked about setting up PRT and Board of Health meetings.

Bebe Shortall asked if Council would extend the amount of time an RV is allowed to stay at the Pool Park.

City Clerk Bowlin told Council about a Spay/Neuter Program currently happening at the Panhandle Humane Society and the City of Bayard can be part of. Residents can trap feral cats and take them to the Humane Society to be Spayed or Neutered and then the cats would be returned. The Humane Society would also accept donations to this program.

City Clerk Bowlin also gave Council to keep an eye on their email for a conference that might be of interest to send someone to.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 8:33 P.M. Seconded by council member Schukei.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Hernandez, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer