

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 8, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. City of Bayard 445 Main St., Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on September 2, 2026. 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 Garrett Schukei. Absent: Marty Marquez. There being a quorum of council members present, Mayor Ouderkirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Baird made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Ouderkirk opened the Public Hearing for 2026-2027 Budget at 7:02 P.M.: Mayor Ouderkirk updated everyone on the budget information, and highlighted the changes from the 2025-2026 budget to the 2026-2027 budget. He stated the overall operating budget increased about two (2) percent, valuation from the county increased by eight (8) percent, property tax request increased by two (2) percent, while the tax rate decreased by six (6) percent. It was mentioned that the Villa's budget is included with the cities. With no further comments from the public Mayor Ouderkirk closed the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion was held with public, council and water superintendent about the high nitrate notice that was sent out.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 7:26 P.M. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

S/ Scot Ouderkirk
Mayor, City of Bayard

ATTESTED BY:
S/ Shelly Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer