

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers November 14, 2023. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been posted in the Bayard Transcript on November 8, 2023 and also posted three places: 302 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 Scot Ouderkirk and Council Members: Chris Baird, Sheila Dudden, Diane Kraus, and Marty Marquez. Absent: Tanner Henkel and Jamie Hernandez. 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 Dudden made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Ouderkirk opened the Public Hearing for the 1- & 6-Year Street Plan at 7:02 P.M. Mike Olsen with M.C Schaff was available to answer any questions.

The purpose of the hearing is to propose to the residents of the City, One (1) Year definite street improvement and Six (6) Year tentative street improvements. In compliance with Section 39-2115 and 39-2119 of Chapter 39 of the Cumulative Supplement of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Mike ran through the list of streets that are likely to be updated: 2nd Ave from 4th Street to 5th Street is on the One Year Plan, while 1st Ave from 5th Street to 6th Street, Ave A from 10th Street to 11th Street, intersections on Avenue B and 3rd & 4th Streets, Curb & gutter on Avenue A from 2nd to 4th Streets and Avenue B from 3rd to 5th Streets, 3rd Street from Ave A to Ave B, 13th Street from Avenue A to Avenue C, 14th Street from Main Street to Avenue C, Citywide ADA access, 8th Street from Main to 1st Avenue, intersection at 6th Street & 1st Avenue, 5th Street from Avenue A to Avenue B, and Avenue B from 5th Street to 6th Street.

After no other public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M.

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution #1028 for final approval of the 1- & 6-Year Street Improvement Plan. Seconded by Council Member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared passed by Mayor Ouderkirk.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT & REQUEST FOR KENO FUNDS

Trenton Carrizales came to council for approval of his Eagle Scout Project, he would like to reconstruct the container for the cans in the recycling center. He presented council with his plan with cost breakdown. Council member Kraus moved to approve using up to \$600.00 in Keno funds for Trenton to complete this project. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared passed by Mayor Ouderkirk.

RESOLUTION #1029

Council member Dudden moved to approve Resolution #1029 approving the closure of Main Street for a Home of the Holidays parade. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING GRANT

Council member Baird moved to enter into a grant opportunity for Rural Workforce Housing with the City of Bridgeport and agreed to \$25,000.00 in initial funding. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Baird, Dudden, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

LANDBANK

Council member Baird moved to create a Morrill County Landbank with the City of Bridgeport and pull out of previous Land Bank with Cities of Gering and Kimball. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

Council member Kraus moved to purchase ten (10) turkeys for the school's yearly food drive. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. 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 \$340,172.52. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None A & A Port-A-Potties \$1,200.00, Accelerated Receivables \$98.66, Action communications \$36.78, Advancing Tech \$486.32, Aflac \$1,278.08, Airgas \$31.25, Airmed \$585.00, AST \$53.90, Allied Benefits \$8,245.00, Al's Market \$128,224.83, Amazon \$228.00, AT&T \$339.22, Bayard Automotive \$209.20, Benzel Pest \$99.00, Black Hills Energy \$838.39, Border States \$2,730.58, Bound Tree \$659.98, Clarissa Buck \$250.00, CenturyLink \$59.30, Charter \$1,177.01, Chimney Rock PPD \$144.49, City of Gering \$12,712.59, Connecting Point \$105.27, Contractor's \$147.60, Culligan \$134.50, Deere Credit \$643.40, Demco \$131.21, Dollar General \$39.04, Zak Douglass \$115.69, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$1,011.00, Dutton-Lainson \$2,314.78, Enviro Service \$50.00, Finalsite \$2,118.00, Flatwater Vet \$1,552.44, FNBO \$353.06, General Consolidated \$315.03, GreatAmerica \$149.99, Gworks \$10,781.91, Hawkins \$1,926.55, Ideal Linen \$217.19, Ingram \$1,230.21, Inland Truck \$4,017.47, IIMC \$185.00, Morris Jacobus \$127.65, John Hancock \$2,033.03, Kuskie \$871.90, Lincoln Life \$129.76, L-Tron \$1,840.91, Arista mancias \$193.00, MARC \$1,125.00, Mark Lang \$516.50, Menards \$579.24, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, MEAN 28,833.74, Municipal Supply \$2,486.07, NDEQ \$28.75, NE Child Support \$472.62, NE Public Health \$501.00, Nippon \$732.77, NMC \$778.07, NW Pipe \$420.67, NSG \$2,415.88, OPTK \$30.00, Gary's Cleaning \$730.65, Panhandle Clerks \$20.00, WNED \$50.00, POAN \$20.00, Quadient \$600.00, Big Red Garage \$15,000.00, Scottsbluff Building \$34.00, Jeremy Serda \$30,000.00, Simmons Law \$21.00, Simon Materials \$736.44, Simplot \$49.20, Slate Rock \$2,832.25, US Bank \$3,138.77, Rhonda Whitney \$214.32, Payroll \$52,581.27. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA

Council member Dudden moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of \$294,612.71. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Baird, Dudden, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Replaced multiple water meters, replaced and fixed multiple street lights, blading streets, sweeping streets, winterized pool, filled potholes, and fixed water hydrant at RV park.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 69 Assist the public, 24 assist other agencies, 3 accident investigations, 3 citation violations, 16 warning violations, 15 complaints, 8 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 544 books checked out in the month of October, the computer was used 18 times, 147 books checked out through Overdrive, applied for and received telescope from the Omaha Astronomical Society, attended webinar on Nov 7th and Western Library meeting Nov 14th, want to build or purchase a “little free library” and potential place at Swimming Pool Park.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, Budget work, work with auditors on site.
- **PARKS** – Done for the season
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief's Report** 3 Calls – 27 man-hours; 1 Hay fire, 1 Corn Field Fire, 1 Tree Fire. **Rescue Report** 13 Calls - 4 Transported by Bayard, 1 Tiered with Valley, 3 transported by Valley, 1 refusal, 1 lift assist, 3 standbys; 97.9 miles w/ patient, 206.4 total miles – 14 hours 45 minutes in service. **Training Report** Fire Dynamics – 7 people, 3 man-hours. Pipeline and Hazmat trainings off-site.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Dudden moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from October 10th Meeting; Treasurer's reports, operational budget, and fire department minutes and

roster. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

RESOLUTION #1027

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution #1027 appointed officials' salaries. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

LOADER PURCHASE

Council member Baird moved to approve the purchase of a new Case Loader in the amount of \$125,000.00 with a trade in of old loader and road grader. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Schmall.

RESOLUTION #1027

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution #1030 allowing a yearly incentive bonus for employees. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Dudden, Kraus, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

BONUSES

Council member Dudden moved to approve incentive bonuses for city employees of \$100 for full-time, \$75 for part-time, and \$50 for casual or less than 90 days. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Baird, and Dudden. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

Council member Kraus moved to approve incentive bonuses for Chimney Rock Villa employees of \$100 for full-time, \$75 for part-time, and \$50 for casual or less than 90 days. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Baird, Dudden, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Posey with the Morrill County Rockers came before council to discuss possible items being updated at the softball fields and working with the city for improvements.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Discussion was held to have Employee recognition dinner December 16th at American Legion.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Kraus moved to adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Seconded by council member Dudden. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Dudden, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer