

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, Morrill County, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers December 12, 2023. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been 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, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez and Marty Marquez. Absent: Sheila Dudden and Diane Kraus. 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 Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council member Baird moved to appoint Marty Marquez as council president. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Baird and Mayor Ouderkirk. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Marquez. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

YEARLY APPOINTMENTS

Council member Hernandez moved to approve the following yearly appointments: MC Schaff as City Engineer, Cross Canyon Engineering as City Electrical Engineer, Jeff Wolfe as Street Superintendent, and Stan Tavenner and Jason Perkins as Police Officers. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Marquez, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council member Baird moved to approve Library Board recommendation of Anna Schmunk to the Library Board to fill the empty seat. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Baird, Henkel and Hernandez. 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 \$158,074.42. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Marquez. NAYS: A & A Port-A-Potties \$150.00, Accelerated Receivables \$30.00, Action communications \$36.78, Advancing Tech \$150.00, Aflac \$1,278.08, Airgas \$525.21, AST \$53.90, Allied Benefits \$8,245.00, Amazon \$449.94, AT&T \$340.20, Bayard Automotive \$37.21, Benzel Pest \$99.00, Black Hills Energy \$2,043.67, Bluffs Sanitary \$164.95, Border States \$185.83, Capital Business System \$340.67, CenturyLink \$59.30, Mike Cerny \$207.04, Charter \$1622.12, Chimney Rock PPD \$141.76, City of Gering \$12,644.74, CivicPlus \$1,200.00, Connecting Point \$65.09, Culligan \$122.50, Amber Dean \$4.99, Demco \$159.01, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$1,021.75, Dutton-Lainson \$65.18, Enviro Service \$50.00, FNBO \$353.06, Ford Credit \$9,525.23, Galls \$151.92, General Consolidated \$696.24, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Vanessa Hornstein \$83.76, Ideal Linen \$254.39, Ingram \$1,316.13, John Hancock \$2,138.56, Kuskie \$2,536.27, Lincoln Life \$127.82, MC Schaff \$825.00, Menards \$229.99, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Hospital \$245.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, MEAN \$32,540.12, Municipal Supply \$58.42, NDEQ \$165.00, NE Child Support \$472.62, NDEE \$10,105.85, NRWA \$350.00, Nippon \$1,465.54, OPTK \$30.00, Panhandle COOP \$75.00, POAN \$60.00, Sandberg \$411.22, Nathan Schanaman \$65.01, Shortline Irrigation \$1,560.00, Simmons Law \$400.00, Slate Rock \$274.63, Star Herald \$24.99, Transcript \$95.88, US Bank \$960.99, Valley Ambulance \$526.08, Viaero \$56.50, Western NE Tourism \$125.00, Payroll \$56,080.29. 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 \$275,895.57. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Ran new wire to street light, changed multiple street lights, pothole repair, replace water hydrant, put up and repaired Christmas lights, snow removal, and maintenance on snow equipment.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 54 Assist the public, 25 assist other agencies, 2 accident investigations, 4 citation violations, 7 warning violations, 17 complaints, 6 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 626 books checked out in the month of November, the computer was used 21 times, 147 books checked out through Overdrive, board meetings will be held at the library starting in January.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Multiple Meetings, Budget work, work with auditors on site.
- **PARKS** – Done for the season
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief’s Report** 2 Calls – 5 man-hours; 1 Grass fire, 1 False Alarm. **Rescue Report** 13 Calls - 9 Transported by Bayard, 2 lift assists, 1 cancelation, 1 standby; 190.8 miles w/ patient, 393.2 total miles – 21 hours 37 minutes in service. **Training Report** House Fire – 7 people, 4 man-hours. 2 people in Firefighter One

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Marquez moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from November 14th Meeting; Treasurer’s reports, operational budget, and fire department minutes and roster. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hernandez, Marquez, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Council member Baird moved to approve Nebraska DOT Maintenance Agreement for 2024. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Baird, Henkel, and Hernandez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

RESOLUTION #1031

Council member Baird moved to approve Resolution #1031 signing of Year-End certification of Street Superintendent. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

JANUARY MEETING

Council member Baird moved to move the January Council meeting to January 16th at 7 PM. Seconded by council member Hernandez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Marquez, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Bowlin reminded everyone of the employee recognition dinner this Saturday starting at 5. Chimney Rock Villa Director reminder everyone of Villa’s dinner on Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 7:41 P.M. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

S Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer