

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 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. City of Bayard 445 Main St., Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on September 3, 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 Ouderkirk and council members: Chris Baird, Tanner Henkel, Jamie Hernandez, Garrett Schukei, and Marty Marquez. Absent: Diane Kraus. There being a quorum of council members present, Mayor Ouderkirk called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Marquez made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Hernandez, Schukei, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared approved by Mayor Ouderkirk.

#### **BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Ouderkirk opened the Public Hearing for 2025-2026 Budget at 6:05 P.M.: Mayor Ouderkirk updated everyone on the budget information, and highlighted the changes from the 2024-2025 budget to the 2025-2026 budget. He stated the overall operating budget increased about three (3) percent, valuation from the county increased by three (3) percent, property tax request increased by two (2) percent, while the tax rate decreased by one (1) percent. With no further comments from the public Mayor Ouderkirk closed the public hearing at 6:14 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Hernandez, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

S/ Scot Ouderkirk  
Mayor, City of Bayard

ATTESTED BY:  
S/ Shelly Bowlin  
City Clerk/Treasurer