

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers April 14, 2026. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on April 8, 2026. An agenda for the meeting was made available to the mayor and each of the Council Members prior to the meeting. Present was Council Members: Chris Baird, Garrett Schukei, Marty Marquez, Tanner Henkel, and Diane Kraus. Absent: Mayor Scot Ouderkirk and Council Member Jamie Hernandez. There being a quorum of council members present; Council President Marquez called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council President 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 Kraus made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

KENO FUNDS

Council member Kraus moved to approve Keno funds in the amount of \$3,500.00 to the Morrill County Rockers for uniforms. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

Council member Baird moved to table request from VFW & YAY Sports for lack of information from requester not being at the meeting. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared tabled by Council President Marquez.

CITY BILLS & CLAIMS

Council member Baird moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$206,681.84. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Acc. Receivables \$30.00, A&A Porta-Potties \$300.00, Aflac \$1,499.76, Airgas \$163.50, AST \$53.90, Amazon \$398.47, AT&T \$425.90, Atlas Automation \$1,380.50, Bayard Automotive \$976.45, Benzel \$108.90, Black Hills Energy \$2,298.70, Brenda Krantz \$1,875.88, Capital Business Sys. \$209.05, CenturyLink \$67.48, Charter \$1,187.66, Chimney Rock PPD \$261.14, Chimney Rock Villa-UHC \$11,177.49, Connecting Point \$104.92, Contractors \$183.20, Corner Café \$1,726.48, Culligan \$145.00, DAS State \$88.00, Demco \$351.15, Dollar General \$104.76, Don's Services \$16,346.84, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$1,385.25, Enviro Service \$60.00, Equitable Financial \$441.45, FNBO CC \$1,116.72, Fox Insurance \$100.00, Fyr-Tek \$4,155.25, General Consolidated \$665.44, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Heartland Radar \$90.00, Hullinger \$1,200.00, Ideal Linen \$239.51, Ingram \$1,079.58, Intralinks \$1,561.50, Kuskie \$2,764.15, LARM \$337.73, Lincoln Life \$108.00, MacQueen \$108.20, Midwest Salt \$6,352.30, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$2,500.00, Morrill Co Treasurer \$1,000.96, MEAN \$78,420.42, NE Law Enforcement \$400.00, NE Fire School \$692.00, One Call \$26.55, OPTK \$30.00, Lynelle Pahl \$189.99, Paradise Pumpers \$250.00, Quadient \$720.00, Evelyn Rose \$9.57, Sandberg \$105.90, Sargent \$1,802.28, Scb Co \$126.00, Simmon Olsen Law \$2,416.00, Transcript \$786.77, US Bank \$1,069.26, Viaero \$27.67, Payroll \$52,465.06. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA

Council member Baird moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of \$313,783.96. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Line locates, treatment plant issues, working with boring crew for Viaero, working with Johnson Services cleaning sewers.
- **PARKS** – Started up all sprinklers, sprayed weeds, started mowing
- **POLICE REPORT** – 36 assist the public, 13 assist other agencies, 1 accident investigation, 5 citation violation, 21 warning violations, 12 complaints, and 3 investigations.

- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 789 books checked out in the month of March, the computer was used 19 times, 133 books checked out through Overdrive, have been planning Summer Reading and Story Time.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, utility billing, clerk school.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Baird moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from March 10, 2026 meeting; Treasurer’s reports, fire department minutes and operational budget. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

RESOLUTION 1061

Council member Schukei made a motion to approve Resolution 1061 updating the schedule of fees. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

UTV PURCHASE

Council member Baird moved to approve the purchase of UTV in the amount of \$9,500.00 from Frank Powersports for the parks. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Bowlin reminded everyone about the choice gas which runs until April 22; also, she told council that the animal vaccination clinic with Flatwater vet will be April 28, 2026 from 6-7:30 PM. Michael Little came before council to ask how to hold property owners accountable for upkeep on their properties, City Clerk Bowlin and Chief Douglass told him that the city is working on reinitiating PRT and working with City Attorney on some items in Board of Health.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Schukei moved to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Marquez, Kraus, Henkel, and Baird. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Council President Marquez.

S Ouderkirk.
Mayor

S Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer