

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers January 13, 2026. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on January 7, 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, Tanner Henkel, Marty Marquez, 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 Marquez 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 Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Council member Kraus 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 Regina Preston as Police Officers. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

### **CITY OF BAYARD SIGN BY CHIMNEY ROCK**

Council member Kraus moved to approve purchase of supplies for sign in the amount of \$895.96 with Keno funds. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marqez.

### **LB840**

Council member Baird moved to send recommendation from LB840 Committee back to committee for update and further review. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

Council member Baird moved to approved Kalena Perry to fill vacant seat on LB840 Committee. Seconded by Council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

### **CITY BILLS & CLAIMS**

Council member Baird moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$214,656.31. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus, and Marquez, Schukei. NAYS: None. A&A \$400.00, ARS \$60.00, Action communications \$2,434.50, Aflac \$1,663.80, Airgas \$143.75, AST \$53.90, Amazon \$305.14, Juliana Andersson \$239.39, Applied Concepts \$262.50, AT&T \$766.37, Bayard Automotive \$446.65, Benzel \$198.58, Berner Heating \$4,867.39, Black Hills Energy \$2,771.69, Blue 360 \$308.30, Border States \$1,564.31, Bound Tree \$389.44, Capital Business Sys. \$182.85, CenturyLink \$229.38, Charter \$1,631.62, Chimney Rock PPD \$143.15, Chimney Rock Villa-UHC \$11,177.49, City of Gering \$12,251.41, Connecting Point \$140.94, Culligan \$146.50, DAS State \$44.00, Dollar General \$44.25, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$1,139.50, Enviro Service \$60.00, Flatwater \$80.00, FNBO CC \$704.59, General Consolidated \$139.70, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Albert Hanoch \$100.00, Ideal Linen \$289.16, Ingram \$271.59, Intralinks \$1,014.00, JDS \$1,000.00, Kuskie \$1,643.14, Lincoln Life \$124.71, L-Tron \$11,910.60, MacQueen \$1,175.00, MC Schaff \$2,900.00, Menards \$1,129.35, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$2,500.00, MEAN \$34,077.59, Municipal Supply \$3,853.46, NE Public Health \$743.00, Kerri Olkjer \$100.00, One Call \$16.32, OPTK \$30.00, PV Bank \$120.91, Pye-Barker Fire \$497.00, Quadient \$1,839.00, Robinson Electric \$698.97, Scb Co \$84.00, Simmon Olsen \$1,015.00, Simplot \$226.96, SparqData \$4,250.00, Transcript \$800.15, US Bank \$1,490.37, Viaero \$27.30, WY First Aid \$47.96, Payroll \$95,389.69. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

### **CHIMNEY ROCK VILLA**

Council member Kraus moved to approve the Chimney Rock Villa Bills & Claims as presented in the amount of \$373,474.38. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – replaced street lights, repair & replace street signs, took down Christmas lights, pot hole repair, burn cattails at lagoons, poison prairie dogs at lagoons, fix electrical.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 20 assist the public, 10 assist other agencies, 0 accident investigation, 0 citation violation, 9 warning violations, 4 complaints, and 7 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 511 books checked out in the month of December, the computer was used 14 times, 169 books checked out through Overdrive, submitted 3 NLC grants, went to summer reading training got 5 new books, have Western Library Meeting 1-20-2026
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, Garbage contract and rates, LB840, Keno Annual report, council items.
- **PARKS** – Done for the season.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Baird moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from December 9, 2025 meeting; Treasurer's reports, fire department minutes from Nov and Dec and operational budget. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

## POLICE VEHICLE

Council member Baird made a motion to approve purchase of new police Dodge Durango from Gene Steffy in the amount of \$43,668. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

## PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Council member Baird moved to approve signing the purchase agreement to purchase 302 Main Street. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, Kraus, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Council President Marquez.

## ORDINANCE 892

Council member Baird made a motion to waive the three readings for Ordinance #892 Floodplain Management. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion to suspend statutory requirements is adopted by three-fourths of the council, motion suspended by Council President Marquez.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAYARD, NEBRASKA AMENDING REPEALING AND REPLACING ZONING REGULATIONS, CREATING FLOODWAY AND FLOOD FRINGE DISTRICTS, DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

Council member Baird made a motion for final passage of Ordinance #892 Floodplain Management. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared passed by Council President Marquez who declared ordinance passed, adopted and ordered it published.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Dankowski came before council to ask if there would be interest in having a meeting between council and school board to talk about the future of town.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council member Schukei moved to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Meeting declared adjourned by Council President Marquez.

S Bowlin  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor