

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers June 9, 2026. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on June 3, 2026. An agenda for the meeting was made available to the mayor and each of the Council Members prior to the meeting. Present was Mayor Scot Ouderkirk and Council Members: Chris Baird, Garrett Schukei, Marty Marquez, and Tanner Henkel. Absent: Jamie Hernandez, 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 Marquez made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **LB840**

Council member Baird moved to approve recommendation from LB840 committee for Chimney Rock Chiropractic in the amount of up to \$15,000 half loan and half grant. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **KENO FUNDS**

Council member Baird moved to approve matching funds of \$1,100 for painting of downtown buildings. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **AGREEMENT**

Council member Schukei moved to approve signing agreement with Morrill County Rockers to allow parking of enclosed trailer at ballfield during their season. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **GRANT**

Council member Baird moved to approve acceptance of grant funds received for radios for the fire department. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **CITY BILLS & CLAIMS**

Council member Schukei moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$202,674.38. Seconded by council member Baird. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. . Action Communications \$110.25, Aflac \$1,499.76, Airgas \$105.00, AST \$53.90, Amazon \$495.89, AT&T \$425.76, Baird Spraying \$1,550.00, Bayard Automotive \$122.12, Bluffs Sanitary \$27.56, Border States \$143.78, Bound Tree \$216.99, Capital Business Sys. \$164.33, CenturyLink \$98.88, Charter \$932.32, Chimney Rock PPD \$157.62, Chimney Rock Villa-UHC \$11,177.49, Gene Claver \$2,201.51, Connecting Point \$160.14, Contractors \$38.00, Croell \$366.00, Culligan \$169.00, Dinges Fire \$452.95, Dollar General \$24.50, Don's Services \$15,969.25, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek \$925.75, Zak Douglass \$42.23, Enviro Service \$60.00, FNBO CC \$1,612.21, Jorje & Maria Garza \$2,708.27, General Consolidated \$184.92, GreatAmerica \$149.99, Hullinger \$504.00, Ideal Linen \$247.79, Ingram \$1,355.35, Intralinks \$1,720.25, IworQ \$2,900.00, Jacks Uniforms \$313.34, Johnson Service \$24,972.75, Kuskie \$3,832.96, Lincoln Life \$115.77, Main St. Appliance \$14,500.00, Menards \$1,413.00, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Court \$17.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$2,500.00, MEAN \$32,785.90, Mykinzee Musfelt \$80.08, NDEQ 9,908.37, NE Law Enforcement \$80.00, NW Pipe \$192.36, OPTK \$30.00, Titan Machinery \$80.13, Quadient \$600.00, Relentless LLC \$749.00, Sandberg \$103.63, Simmons Olsen \$750.00, Sunset Law \$843.92, US Bank \$96.00, Payroll \$57,306.67. 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 \$291,696.85. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS**

All department heads gave their reports.

- **UTILITY REPORT** – Exercise Valves, repour concrete, replace power pole that was broken, trim trees from powerlines, repair water leak, repair street lights, reviewing camera footage from Johnson Service camera work.
- **PARKS** – replaced sprinkler heads, replanted grass, spraying weeds, started spraying mosquitos.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 27 assist the public, 16 assist other agencies, 0 accident investigation, 2 citation violation, 7 warning violations, 13 complaints, and 2 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 739 books checked out in the month of May, the computer was used 20 times, 133 books checked out through Overdrive, received e-rate for internet, kicked off Summer Reading, awarded State aid.
- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, Meetings, utility billing, IworQ implementation for Code enforcement.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Baird moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from May 12, 2026 meeting; Treasurer’s reports, new hires – Alayni Nesbitt Library Intern \$15.00, and operational and new fiscal year budget worksheets. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Marquez. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **PAINTING POLICE STATION**

Council member Baird moved to approve painting the police station with bid from Touch of Grey Painting in the amount of \$9,169.00. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Marquez, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **RESOLUTION 1064**

Council member Schukei made a motion to approve Resolution 1064 reducing the number of days to discharge fireworks for 2026. Seconded by council member Marquez. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Marquez, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYARD, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS: WHEREAS, as a result of the current drought situation the area is experiencing, it is necessary to limit the use of fireworks within the city limits. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard as follows:

1. Fireworks may be discharged in the City from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. commencing June 30, 2026, and until midnight on July 4, 2026. Discharging of fireworks before June 30, 2026 is prohibited. Following July 4, 2026, the dates for the discharge of fireworks will return to as allowed by Bayard City Code § 32.19.

### **GARAGE DOOR**

Council member Schukei made a motion to approve purchase & installation of garage door on building used for mosquito spraying pickup behind 302 Main Street. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Marquez, Schukei, Baird, and Henkel. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

### **VACANT PROPERTY – ORDINANCE 895**

Ordinance 895 was introduced and the City Clerk read the title.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAYARD, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS PURSUANT TO THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION ACT PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. NE §19-5405, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kacey Clark with the Bayard Community Foundation came before council to introduce the group and talk about working together in the future.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Baird moved to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Seconded by council member Schukei.  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Marquez, Henkel, and Baird. NAYS: None. Meeting declared  
adjourned by Mayor Ouderkirk.

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Mayor

S Bowlin  
City Clerk/Treasurer