

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayard, Morrill County, State of Nebraska, met in a regular session in the Council Chambers February 11, 2025. City of Bayard, 445 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska, 69334. Notice of the meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript on February 5, 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 Scot Ouderkirk and Council Members: Chris Baird, Tanner Henkel, Diane Kraus, and Garrett Schukei. Absent: Jamie Hernandez and Marty Marquez. 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 Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

2023/2024 AUDIT

Jessica Dailey with KSO CPAs was available by phone to present the end of year audit to council. Council member Kraus made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Seconded by council member Schukei. ROLL CALL: AYES: Henkel, Kraus, Schukei, and Baird. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

KC Heath with Bayard Transcript came before council to ask for use of Legion Field to host a music festival on June 21st. He has submitted a grant to help with advertising this event and was looking for Keno funds for matching fund requirement. After discussion, additional power would need to be added to the field to host this, and further information will be needed to see if that would be cost effective. Mayor Ouderkirk stated that the city would be behind helping with this event once costs can be further determined.

CITY BILLS & CLAIMS

Council member Baiard moved to approve all city bills and claims in the amount of \$149,532.30. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: Kraus, Schukei, Baird and Henkel. NAYS: None. A & A Porta Potties \$450.00, ARS \$104.13, Action communications \$37.25, Aflac \$2,495.70, Airgas \$87.90, AST \$53.90, Altec \$604.40, Amazon \$260.24, AT&T \$380.73, Bayard Automotive \$644.07, Benzel \$99.00, Black Hills \$7303.30, Bluffs Sanitary \$17.98, Capital Business Sys. \$327.13, CenturyLink \$59.52, Charter \$1,541.93, Chimney Rock PPD \$1,953.92, City of Gering \$12,628.81, Connecting Point \$70.75, Contractors \$412.00, Culligan \$160.50, Dollar General \$24.45, Drug Collections \$52.00, Enviro Service \$60.00, Fyr-Tek \$23.67, Galls \$520.99, General Consolidated \$215.00, GreatAmericca \$149.99, Ideal Linen \$227.75, Ingram \$1,394.45, Inland Truck \$448.80, Intralinks \$1,734.50, John Hancock \$760.26, Kuskie \$992.30, Lincoln Life \$124.71, Menards \$699.80, Morrill Co Attorney \$150.00, Morrill Co Sheriff \$1,500.00, NE Public Health \$262.25, NW Pipe \$303.60, OPTK \$15.00, Panhandle Clerks \$20.00, WNEB \$50.00, Penworthy \$557.59, Quadient \$1,920.00, Rock Mountain Air \$183.40, Sandberg \$7.42, Stan Tavenner \$17.01, Team \$180.65, US Bank \$1,773.04, Viaero \$54.91, Payroll \$84,594.30. 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 \$316,638.14. Seconded by council member Kraus. ROLL CALL: AYES: 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** – Repaired multiple water leaks, have taken care of some senior center repairs, fill pot holes, repair and replace street lights, replace flag pole in front of senior center, and replaced No Parking signs on East 8th Street.
- **POLICE REPORT** – 16 Assist the public, 10 assist other agencies, 1 accident investigations, 5 citation violations, 9 warning violations, 8 complaints, 3 investigations.
- **LIBRARY REPORT** – There were 619 books checked out in the month of January, the computer was used 19 times, 137 books checked out through Overdrive, Library Director

Henkel stated that she finished yearly report that is required to received state aid; will be attending a summer reading workshop on February 19.

- **OFFICE REPORT** – Monthly reports, payroll, committee meetings, governmental software meetings, bank meetings.
- **PARKS** – Done for the season

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Baird moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from January 14th Regular Meeting, Treasurer’s reports, and operational budget. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Schukei, Baird, Henkel, and Kraus. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

CITY HEALTH INSURANCE

Council member Kraus moved to approve 85/15 percentage split on new health insurance for the year. Seconded by council member Henkel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Baird, Henkel, Kraus, and Schukei. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried by Mayor Ouderkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Mayor

S Bowlin
City Clerk/Treasurer