

Bayard City Council meeting Thursday December 8, 2022

5:30 Meeting Called to order By Mayor pro tem Nathan McAlister

Roll call was taken with council members Brandon Patrick, Arnie Kesselring, and Jack Stone present.

Absent were Mayor Tom Wardyn and council member Heather Bielenberg. Also present were Gina Arnold, clerk, and LeRoy Wagner. Guests were Don and Norma Olesen, Brayton Bonney, Robert Veenstra, and Clint Fichter.

November minutes were read and discussed. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Kesselring made the 2 nd . All in favor to approve the minutes. No nays, motion carried.

Public forum was opened, councilman Arnie Kesselring opened a discussion about the possibility of advertising for the EMT class being offered in Jefferson starting in January. Different options were discussed to see what the interest in this would be such as running an ad in the newspaper, putting it on the Bayard facebook page, and getting it on the City of Bayard website. It is definitely a need, and would be good to get the Ambulance back in service. Clint Fichter updated the council on where EMS stands in town as an essential service and a great asset to have. Currently we have a 28E agreement with the Panora Ambulance service to cover Bayard. That is up for renewal by June 2023. We will table the renewal agreement until next month to see if anyone wants to attend the EMT class. The problems we are facing is having people in town who can be on call, and committing to staying on the Ambulance crew. This is a struggle for each ambulance service. Arnie agreed to be a point of contact for anyone interested.

Bob Veenstra went over the next steps needed to keep the waste water lagoon project on schedule.

The first thing to do is hold a public hearing for the purchase of the land for the proposed project site.

Then there can be an appraisal, targeting for January 2023, to determine fair market value. There is also a sight survey requested ty the DNR that needs to be done.

The regular meeting was closed at 5:57

The public hearing was opened at 5:58. It was noted that Bill Brenny had contacted the city of Bayard, and Bob Veenstra, to discuss the project, but chose not to be present for the hearing. There were no other questions at the time of the hearing. The public hearing was closed at 5:59.

The regular meeting was opened back up at 5:59. The resolution 12-08-22-1 was read by mayor pro tem McAlister. Councilman McAlister made a motion to adopt the resolution, 2 nd by Kesselring. A roll call

vote was taken with Arnie Kesselring a yea, Brandon Patrick a yea, Jack Stone a yea. No nays, motion carried.

There was discussion to renew the alcohol permit for Eagles Run Bar and Grill. We will check with Melissa Lewis to see if she wants to do this. It will be tabled until next month.

There was discussion and action to adopt the Guthrie County Emergency Management Procurement Policy. This is needed for any FEMA related activity. Patrick made a motion for the City to follow the Guthrie County Emergency Procurement Policy. Kesselring made the 2 nd . All in favor, no nays. Motion carried. There is a copy of this policy in the City Clerks office.

Discussion and action on the November claims. There needs to be a change to an invoice from Landus to the Guthrie County Road Department, for sand and salt. Gina will make the correction. Kesselring made a motion to approve the claims with the correction made. Stone made the 2 nd . All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

November 2022 financials were reviewed and discussed. Kesselring made a motion to approve the financials, Patrick made the 2 nd , all in favor, no nays. Motion Carried.

Discussion and action on the sewer rates, and how to move forward with increasing the rates over a set amount of time. Several options were discussed with it being decided to have a separate line item printed on the statements. This will start on the March 2023 statement and will increase quarterly over the next couple of years. We will need to do a resolution to amend the ordinance for this.

The sale of the lots was discussed and Clint will get an agreement ready for the January meeting. We will get the deed so we can move forward with this.

Library report- Copies of the year end report was given to the council.

Ambulance report-none

Fireman's report-none

Street report-LeRoy reports he continues to get things ready for snow removal. Hydrants were flushed.

Water/sewer report Don explained the cloudy appearance of the water. There was a new pump installed and has caused the water to be stirred up, but it will clear up in a couple days. The Brine pump is up and working very well. The 5 year inspection at the sewer plant was done on 12-07-2022. We continue to monitor the condition and tests taken.

Clerks report-none

Mayors report-none

Motion to adjourn at 7:59

Next meeting is Thursday January 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

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