

Minutes from the Thursday June 8, 2023 Bayard City Council meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor protem Nathan McAlister at 5:30 PM

Roll call was taken with council members Brandon Patrick, Arnie Kesselring, Jack Stone, Nathan McAlister, and Heather Bielenberg present. Absent Mayor Tom Wardyn. Also in attendance LeeRoy Wagner, Michael McAlister, Don Olesen, Gina Arnold, Brayton Bonney. Guests Norma Olesen, Sue Dorr, Cherie Lyons, Marcia Lewis, Melissa Lewis, Shane Anderson, and Katie Mason. Later to arrive Ellen Fetters.

Clint Fichter was also present to give updates on the different projects.

Minutes were read and discussed with a correction to last months minutes in that Ron White was present and not Jim Fehn.

Katie Mason from Main Street Coon Rapids and Melissa Lewis were present to visit with the Council about different ways to make improvements to the city and to offer ideas on ways to apply for funding through different grants and programs to assist with the financial aspects of betterment. Katie gave a brief presentation on what she does for Coon Rapids and how she got started with Main Street Coon Rapids. She suggested with starting with small projects around town, getting the community members involved with some of these projects, and so forth. Clint gave some input on home housing projects that will be happening in the future that might be beneficial for Bayard.

Public forum was opened and Sue Dorr and Cherie Lyons were here to voice their concerns about how fast vehicles drive around town, and they are afraid that someone is going to get hurt while walking on the street or sidewalk. They voiced their concerns that the police are called, and it doesn't seem like they can do anything to stop this. The council is taking these complaints very seriously, however there is not much that they can do as a council to stop this. It was suggested to contact the County attorney with some of these issues.

Library report- Carla had handouts for the council.

Ambulance report- none

Fire report-none

Street report/ LeeRoy reports doing wash outs, and getting the drain on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue opened. Accu Jet was here to work on the street drain by Jim Fehn's building. They can only go about 100' than it comes to a complete stop. May have to dig up the street to see what the problem is. There are some other areas on main street that may be collapsed. We will continue to work on the issue. Getting the street lines painted on main street. Keeping up with the mowing. There was discussion about the different dog breeds in town, and the ordinances that pertain to them. Also, that all dogs are to be current on their vaccinations, and properly being taken care of. The council will continue to monitor this and stay on top of it.

Clint Fichter gave the council updates on what was going on with the Lagoon project. He went over the Letters that would be sent out to Mr Brenny, and Mr. Heck discussing the appraisal for the land. There needs to be a Signed Purchase agreement in place to continue making progress.

Claims were reviewed and discussed for the waste water lagoon project (301 fund). Stone made a motion to approve the claims, Kesselring 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, no nays motion carried.

Water/Sewer report was given. Bob Veenstra was given a list of priorities for the Water project to help with grant money set aside for water projects. Changed out a back flow valve and got it fixed. In August there will be some routine maintenance done to the water tower. There is a Bid from Tom Cat to bring in two high pressure tanks to help keep the water pressure up. We will check to see if the water utility company that is doing the maintenance has something that they will bring with them. Flushing Hydrants has been going on the last couple of nights.

Claims were reviewed and discussed. Patrick made a motion to approve the claims, Kesselring made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. Stone made the motion to approve, Kesselring 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Mayors report-Discussion about purchasing the county shed. Waiting on an answer from the county on this. Discussion on full time status for LeeRoy. Need to get a job description, and a full-time benefits package made up. Tabled until next month. Tom and Nathan will get together and make a list of expectations.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn, Bielenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried

Next meeting Thursday July 13, 2023.

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