

Minutes Bayard City Council March 09,2023

At 5:35 pm the meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Wardyn. Roll call was taken with Council Members Nathan McAlister, Jack Stone, and Arnie Kesselring present. Absent were Council Members Heather Bielenberg and Brandon Patrick. Also present, City Clerk Gina Arnold, Michael McAlister, LeeRoy Wagner, Brayton Bonney, Don and Norma Olesen, Jim Fehn, Carla Hilgenberg, and Clint Fichter.

Discussion and action for a special council meeting on March 30, 2023 to hold a public hearing and vote on approving the resolution to adopt the proposed Max Levy rate for the fiscal year 2023-2024. McAlister made the motion to hold a special meeting on March 30, 2023. Stone made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Library report was given by Carla Hilgenberg. She presented a recap of the events and programs that the library offers throughout the year. Presently they utilize the Gazebo Park, across the street from the library, as their green space for outdoor activities. Carla and members of the Library Board presented an idea of putting up some kind of open shelter on the East side of the Gazebo Park, so that events and activities could be held there more often. If the weather is too hot or raining, they have to either reschedule or move it inside the library. She states that a lot of kids participate and there really isn't room in the library. They are just in the planning states, and are open to different ideas. Discussion about what type, size, overall cost and location of the structure was had between the Council Members and the Library. Mayor Wardyn suggested using the City Park and the new shelter house. He stated that he has concerns about using the Gazebo Park area for something that isn't a business. The question was asked about the cost of the structure, and how it would be paid for, and who would be responsible for the upkeep and insurance. Carla let the council know that the library received a very generous, anonymous donation, that is to be used for something of this nature. It was agreed upon for the library to continue to gather information on the type of structure, building costs, ect. and keep the council updated. The council will further discuss this and will continue discussions with the library. No actions were taken at this time.

Gina asked Carla if she could turn in individual time cards for the library staff for payroll. Gina will give her copies of what the city uses.

Ambulance report-None

Fire Department-Report given by Brayton Bonney. He reports getting a \$750.00 grant for replacing older pagers. He asked the council about getting a different paging system. Most counties have gone to either the I Am Responding or E-Dispatch systems. He brought handouts from both of these systems outlining their services offered and cost. After looking at both systems they would like to go with the I Am Responding one. It was the one recommended for our area and what the needs are here. They would still carry pagers, but this would let the other Firemen know who is responding. The problem with the old system is that there is a reception issue and depending the location, the pagers don't go off, and you never know who is going to show. This system would utilize each persons' cell phone, and is programmed to be able to respond and a message is sent to everyone else. The cost has an initial \$50.00 set up fee, and \$300.00 per year. There is a 3 month free trial period. The council tabled this until the next meeting.

Clint Fichter gave an update on the waste water lagoon project. He will be meeting with Todd Heck next week, and Bill Brenny the following week, to move forward with an agreement to acquire the land for the project. There needs to be a purchase agreement in place, and we need to get a DNR permit. The hope is to have these in place in June, so that the project can be started in late summer, early fall.

Kesselring asked the question about whether or not solar panels would help with the utility costs. The pros and cons were discussed, and it was decided that there wouldn't be a benefit.

Bob Veenstra is working on putting together a water system project. Clint suggested we move forward with this, as there will be a rollout of money to be used for water infrastructure projects.

Tom Wardyn gave the council an update on our insurance premiums, and the increase of \$10,000.00. Chris Mohr from Community Insurance will be at the next meeting to go over our policy.

Clint discussed the budget deadlines, and the reason that the deadline was pushed back to April 30, 2023. He stated that we would hold the Public Hearing for the Max Levy Rate, which will be published in the paper, then we will have the Budget meeting and the next regular meeting in April.

Claims were reviewed and discussed. Kesselring made the motion to approve the claims, McAlister made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Financials were discussed and reviewed. Kesselring made the motion to approve the financials, Stone made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motions carried.

Water/Sewer report was given by Michael McAlister. He reports that things are running relatively smoothly. They have replaced some shut offs and water meters.

The renewing of the mosquito spraying contract was tabled until next month.

The Bayard clean up days will be discussed at the next meeting. The date is April 28th and 29th.

The 28E agreement with the Guthrie Co. Sheriff's Department was discussed, and the council would like to have a discussion with the Sheriff's Department before any decision is made. We will contact them to see when this could be done.

made a motion to adjourn, Stone made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be March 30th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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