

Minutes from the regular Bayard city council meeting held on Thursday June 13, 2024 at 5:30PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Wardyn at 5:31PM. Roll call was taken with councilmembers Nathan McAlister, Michelle Nowak, Sue Dorr, Arnie Kesselring, and Jack E. Lloyd present. Gina Arnold, LeeRoy Wagner, Don Olesen also present. Guests were Bob Veenstra, Clint Fichter, Norma Olesen and Jessica Pruter, and Chris Eddy.

Jack E. Lloyd made a motion to approve the agenda, second by McAlister. All in favor, no nays. Motion passed. The May 2024 minutes were read and discussed. McAlister made the motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Dorr, all in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Jessica Pruter was present to ask the council about taking down the dead Ash trees that are located on the right of way by her house. According to IA code 364-12 the city is responsible to remove any diseased or dead trees. Currently in Bayard there are 10 trees that need to come down. The council will verify that the trees are in the right of way and get bids to get the trees taken care of.

The car show scheduled for this Saturday was discussed and it was decided that Main Street will be blocked off from 7:30AM-2:00PM. Landus is supporting the event and will help with set up, cleaning the streets and help with other things needed. This event is to help fund the Meals on Wheels program.

Chris Eddy from Community Insurance was present to go over the city's insurance policy as there have been changes on coverage, and deductibles. He explained the benefits and savings by increasing our deductible to \$10,000.00. McAlister made the motion to raise our insurance deductible to \$10,000. 2nd by Lloyd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Bob Veenstra gave a report on the Bids that came in for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. There were five bids that came in and the best one for our project was by On Track Construction. Bob explained the process moving forward. The bid will be awarded, the acceptance of a contract, and USDA approval. There will need to be a resolution to award the contract to OnTrack Construction subject to USDA concurrence. Kesselring made the motion to approve the resolution to "Award the contract to On Track Construction in the amount of \$2,509,177.00 subject to USDA Concurrence." 2nd by McAlister. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried. At the July meeting there can be a formal amendment to the USDA loan of \$4.1million with a \$700,000 contingency.

Bob gave an update on the upcoming water project and outlined the steps to get this started. There needs to be a Planning and Designing contract, to start applying for funding. It was asked if Clint Fichter would be the Bond council and Financial Advisor for the project. Clint agreed to do this. Bob will proceed with the steps to apply for a block grant to help fund the water project.

Clint gave a report on the financials, and stated that the city is in good shape for the end of the 2024 fiscal year. Clint reports on having conversations with the bank concerning the property of interest on Allen St, and has had discussions with the owner of the buildings on Main St. On what the intentions are regarding the shape of the buildings and how to move forward on them. This will be discussed more at the July meeting.

Discussion was had about renewing the tobacco and nicotine license for Sparky's. McAlister made the motion to renew the license, 2nd by Dorr. In favor were Nowak, Lloyd. Nay was Kesselring. Motion carried.

Fire Department report-LeeRoy states they have gotten a bid for replacing the lights/balis in the fire hall. There are 15 that need changed. The council asked for one more bid and this will be decided at the July meeting.

Ambulance report-There should be a county meeting coming up to discuss the county wide ambulance service. There needs to be a decision on what to with the ambulance that we currently have.

Street report-Mowing, spraying, and trimming have been taking place. The Valve on Main Street has been fixed, and the holes filled. When the rock settles the barricades will be removed. The drain ditch behind Monte McAlister property has been fixed. Discussion was had about what streets in town need repaired. Tom and Nathan will put a list together to get an estimate. They will report back at the July meeting. Tom will talk with Landus about repairs on the COOP streets. LeeRoy states he issued 10 mowing letters and all were taken care of by the property owners except for one. One junk car has been removed. He will continue to monitor the need for letters and issue them accordingly.

Water/sewer report- as of now things are running pretty smooth. There will be bills from Pemble and Harmon for the work done behind the McAlister property.

Library Report- Handouts were given to the council

Discussion and action for the regular claims. The claim for the city's insurance policy in the amount of \$52,286.00 will be added to the claims. McAlister made the motion to approve the regular claims. 2nd By Dorr. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Discussion about the water tower contract. LeeRoy will contact our representative to confirm what is included in the contract and the dates. It was decided to hold off on adding to the funds already given to the CHI HWY 25 corp.

Discussion and action on the WWTP project claims. Clint will let Gina know what the Todd Heck Claim is for the Bin sight. McAlister made the motion to approve the project claims, 2nd by Kesselring, all in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Clerks Report- All items were previously discussed during the meeting.

Mayors Report- Increase to wages for the 2025 fiscal year were discussed. It was decided to increase the wages by 3%. McAlister made the motion, 2nd by Lloyd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Dorr, 2nd by McAlister. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Next meeting Thursday July 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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