

Bayard City Council Minutes from July 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Wardyn at 5:33 pm.

Roll call was taken with council members Brandon Patrick, Arnie Kesselring, Jack Stone, and Nathan McAlister present. Absent was council member Heather Bielenberg. City employees Gina Arnold, LeeRoy Wagner, Don Olesen, and Brayton Bonney present. Guests were Bob Veenstra, Clint Fichter, Norma Olesen, Todd Heck, Bill, Kathy, and Brian Brenny, and Landus representatives Mitch and Kyle.

Minutes were read and discussed. There were no corrections to be made. Unable to approve the minutes due to non publication.

Landus employees were at the meeting to discuss the issues with the trains blocking the railroad crossing on Main Street. This doesn't allow cars or pedestrians to cross from one side of town to the other and is an issue for kids to get back and forth to the school bus pick up, which is currently at the library. Several ideas were discussed and Tom and Mitch are going to go to the next school board meeting to see what the best solution would be. Other items discussed the iron pile on Prairie Street that needs cleaned up, the house that the Coop owns that needs tore down. Councilman Jack Stone asked who owns the land that runs along the railroad tracks? This has been an ongoing question, that no one can seem to answer. As of now the city mows and maintains the land.

Bob Veenstra was present to give the council an update on the Waste Water Lagoon Project. He discussed the land acquisition process, had questions on what should be done with the existing building that is on the site. The plans will be submitted to the USDA in July for their review, then it will be submitted to the DNR. Mr. Heck and the Brenny's were present to discuss the plans and to have discussions on the process for purchasing their land for this project. Clint Fichter was present and was able to answer several questions that they and the council had. There were several concerns addressed. If the parties can't agree, it was suggested that mediation take place help come to an agreement. Everyone seemed open to that possibility.

Discussion about the water project and what the priorities should be in moving forward with that.

Ambulance report- none

Library report-Carla provided handouts that the council reviewed.

Fire Department Report-Discussed the need for new lights at the fire hall. The department received \$400.00 from the Bayard Golf Day. They should be getting their 1st truck at the end of August or 1st part of September.

Street/Parks Report-Discussed getting bids for tree removal. There are 7 Ash trees that need to come down. One bid has been turned in and the council wants at least one more bid before moving forward on this. Discussion about getting bids for chip sealing some of the streets. Nathan and Tom will go around and make a list of what streets need this done. The street by the Coop will get done and the bill for that will be sent to them.

Water/Sewer Report-LeeRoy reported that on June 30th there was a water main break at Prairie and Main Street that had to be repaired. There appeared to be questionable readings on the Chlorine and Maganeise . He will be bringing in a different tester to compare the readings. Iowa Pump quoted a new

testing machine at \$3,300.00. There will be work started on the Water Tower sometime in August. This will possibly put the water tower down for approx. 45 days. The detention tank will be cleaned as well. There have been problems with the softners, Jet Co have been here to look at them and think it is plugged somewhere. There are issues with one of the motors at the Sewer plant, it needs a new bearing. LeeRoy will get a new one.

Clint discussed the end of the year transfers.

Discussion and action on the claims for the Lagoon project. McAlister made the motion to approve the claims. 2nd by Kesselring. All in favor, no nays. Motion approved.

Discussion and action on the claims. There was a double entry on the street loan, and the water treatment plant loan. So those corrections will be made and new claims reports ran. A motion to approve the claims pending corrections was made by McAlister, 2nd by Kesselring. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. McAlister made the motion to approve the financials, 2nd by Patrick. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Clint will rerun the end of year transfers after the claim entries are corrected and have them ready for the August council meeting.

Clerks report- Gina discussed the mosquito spraying. Election papers are needing to be turned in to the Auditors office in August. NIMS training was discussed. Gina reports that most of the paperwork for completing the FEMA claim is done.

Discussion and action on hiring LeeRoy Wagner for fulltime employment. He would be getting 40 hours a week at \$20.00/hour. There will be a new job decription written up. We will look into the possibility of insurance coverage, benefits, ect. McAlister made the motion to Hire LeeRoy fulltime. 2nd by Patrick. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by McAlister. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Next meeting Thursday August 10, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

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