

Bayard City Council minutes from September 28,2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Nathan McAlister at 5:33 PM

Roll call was taken with council members Nathan McAlister, Heather Bielenberg, Jack Stone, and Arnie Kesselring present. Absent were Mayor Tom Wardyn, Councilman Brandon Patrick, City clerk Gina Arnold and City employee LeeRoy Wagner. Clint Fichter, Bob Veenstra and Dick Stone also present.

The July minutes were approved, the August minutes were read. Stone made the motion to approve the July and August minutes, Kesselring 2nd the motion. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Public forum was opened with Dick Stone from Stone Trucking discussing the condition of his garbage truck and route. His garbage truck was broken down for two weeks and R & S Sanitation supplied him with the use of one of their trucks so he could get the garbage route done. Dick told the council that he is looking for someone to take over the garbage route someday, but would like to renew a two-year contract with the City of Bayard. He stated that he has been looking for someone to replace him when he decides to retire, but finding someone local who wants to do the garbage route is difficult. We will get a contract ready and put it on the Agenda for next month.

Beggars night was set for Tuesday October 31, 2023 from 5:00-7:00. There will be Hot Dogs at the Fire Department and several business/churches will have treats.

Library report- Carla had handouts for the council. It was requested to approve Steve Orte to the Library board. Kesselring made the motion to approve Steve Orte to the Library Board, Stone 2nd the motion. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Bob Veenstra was present to give an update on the Waste Water Lagoon Project. He provided the council with maps of the property needed for the project. He discussed the possibility of annexing part of the property and has discussed this with the property owners. There will have to be a public hearing with a resolution to approve the annexation.

Discussion and action on claims, when we receive the invoices from Mike's plumbing, they need to be rebilled to Kinetic and the Water tower company(Utility Service Co.,LLC) for repairs needing done. Stone made a motion to approve the claims, Kesselring 2nd the motion. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and action on the Waste Water project claims. Kesselring made the motion to approve, 2nd by Stone. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Clint Fichter presented offers to purchase real estate for the Waste Water Lagoon Project from both parties. Stone made a motion to send the offers, and authorizing Tom Wardyn to sign them when needed. Bielenberg 2nd the motion. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and action on the financials. Stone made a motion to approve the financials, Kesselring 2nd the motion. All in favor, No nays, motion carried.

Fire Department report- They will not get the new truck until November.

Ambulance report- checking on how to put the Ambulance in storage, (in activate it).

Street Department report- There are 12 trees that need to come down in the south park. We need to get bids, then prioritize which ones need to come down.

Discussion was had about the properties that are nuisances, and how to handle them, the order in which notices need to happen and time limits that need to be given to get things cleaned up. LeeRoy reported that the new street signs are in and he will be putting them up. New tires have been ordered for the pickup. The water in the parks will be getting shut off and winterized. There has been a public hearing set in Guthrie County for the sale of the county shed to the City of Bayard.

Kirk Rose asked to discuss what his rights are concerning access to his property from St. Gregory's side, as he is wanting to build a garage on that side of his property.

Water/sewer report- LeeRoy reported on the Water/Sewer audit that was completed. It came back very good and anything that needed addressed has been completed, or has a plan to be completed.

Discussion and action on renewal of Sparky's Alcohol License. Stone made the motion to approve, 2nd by Bielenberg. Stone aye, Bielenberg aye, Kesselring a nay, motion passed.

Clerk's report- Gina reported on the workmans' comp audit that was done, and a refund was deposited in our account. Discussed the upcoming elections. Minutes were discussed. It was discussed about the railroad crossings and the rules for only blocking the crossings for 10 minutes.

Mayors report-none

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

Next meeting October 12, 2023 at 5:30PM

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