

Minutes from Thursday February 9, 2023 Bayard City Council

5:30 Mayor Tom Wardyn called the meeting to order

Roll call was taken with council members: Brandon Patrick, Jack Stone, Nathan McAlister, Heather Bielenberg, and Arnie Kesselring present. Absent Gina Arnold, clerk.

The January minutes were read and discussed with Bielenberg making the motion to approve, second by Patrick. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

There was discussion and action on the 2023-2024 budget. There needs to be a few adjustments made and the council will vote to approve it at the March meeting. It was decided that there will be a 6% wage increase for the city employees, and a 3% increase for the library support in the new budget. These will take effect July 1, 2023. Stone made the motion to approve the increases, McAlister made the 2 nd . All in

favor, no nays. Motion carried.

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

Claims were omitted from the agenda, so they will be discussed at the meeting on February 14,2023.

The max levy was reviewed and will be voted on at the March 9 th meeting, as it will have to be reran in the paper.

Discussion and action on the wastewater lagoon project. There were multiple options discussed and it was decided to have Clint Fichter continue to work on negotiating the purchase of the original layout of 26.4 acres.

Discussion and action to adopt the Ordinance amending the sewer rates to include debt service charge #0-2-9-23-1. Starting on the March billing statements. McAlister made the motion to approve, second by Stone. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Water/Sewer report: Michael states that everything has been running smoothly. Discussion was had for Veenstra to do a water assessment of the city's system.

Library report: none

Ambulance report: There will possibly be a class at DMACC in August for those interested in becoming an EMT. The 28E Agreement with Panora EMS was discussed. It was decided to sign the agreement.

Patrick made the motion to approve, second by Bielenberg. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department: None

Street report: The chains for the dump truck will be replaced from Bauer Built. Discussed the need for new signs around town.

Discussion on Jen Robb renting the kitchen in the community building on a temporary basis @ 200.00 per week.

Mayors report Tom reported receiving a 15,600.00 check for insurance claims from the storm damage.

Motion was made to adjourn by McAlister, second by Patrick. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.