

Minutes from Bayard City Council meeting on Thursday November 9, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Wardyn at 5:30PM.

Roll call was taken with council members Nathan McAlister, Jack Stone, and Arnie Kesselring present.

Absent were council members Heather Bielenberg and Brandon Patrick. City employees LeeRoy Wagner, Don Olesen, and Gina Arnold also present. Guests were Norma Olesen, Brenda Dudley, Clint Fichter, Bob Veenstra, Sue Dorr, and Brayton Bonney.

October Minutes were read and discussed. McAlister made the motion to approve the October minutes with the corrections made, Stone 2 nd the motion. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Trick or treating was discussed and McAlister suggested a trunk or treat on Main Street for next year.

That will be revisited closer to next years' Halloween.

Library report-none

Ambulance report- none, Gina to inquire about options for the ambulance

Fire Department Report-They have gotten one of their new trucks. The second truck won't be here until the middle of next year.

Bob Veenstra reported that the specs for the new waste water lagoons have been submitted to the DNR and expedited. Hopefully if things go according to plan, we should be able to start taking bids by the second week in January, and start in the spring of 2024. We may need to have a Special meeting in January. The annexation of the property to the city was discussed, and we will set a public hearing for voluntary annexation during the December 14 th meeting. Kesselring made a motion to set a Public Hearing for December 14, 2023. 2 nd by McAlister. A roll call vote was taken with Arnie Kesslering a yea, Jack Stone a yea, and Nathan McAlister a yea. No nays, motion carried.

Clint Fichter has been visiting with Todd Heck about the timing of when the bins will be moved.

Discussion about what equipment should be kept/salvaged from the current sewer plant. The testing equipment should be kept as it will be used a couple times a year. Discussion was had about amending the Urban Renewal Report to put the money towards city improvements, housing projects, and possibly removing some of the buildings down on main street.

Nuscience letters that were served were discussed. There were six letters served and no one requested a public hearing to dispute. Nathan will give a courtesy call to the property owners, and a date will be set to move forward with getting the properties cleaned up.

Claims reviewed and discussed. McAlister made the motion to approve the claims. 2 nd by Kesselring, all in favor. No nays, motion carried.

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

Water/Sewer/Streets report- Mike Klocke will be here to cap off well #2. Tom assisted LeeRoy with shut-offs, five accounts were able to be turned back on it was suggested to increase the charge for turning the water back on after it has been shut off, currently it is \$35.00 this does not even cover the cost of having the 2 guys go out. There has been cold patch put on some of the curb stops. The new tires have been put on the pickup. The hydrants have been flushed, and the repairs have been done to the heater house. The chlorine lines have been cleaned at the water plant. The utilities have been turned on at the new shop we need to get the bill of sale and insured before we put equipment in there. Trees have been trimmed at the parks, the trucks are ready for winter, and the Christmas lights will be going up next week. The lights on the community building and the library need replaced. New bearings have been ordered for the high- pressure tank, but they are on backorder. We need to consider fixing the motor that runs the blower at the waste water treatment plant. LeeRoy will finish hanging the rest of the street signs as soon as the rest of the brackets come in. LeeRoy would like to discuss the benefit package that the city has for full time employees.

Clerks report- Gina discussed the election results. Congratulations to Tom Wardyn, Mayor, and new council members Sue Dorr and Jack Lloyd. They will start their terms at noon on January 2, 2024.

Mayors report- Tom will take care of getting the fire departments new truck and the new building insured. We should continue to do property cleanups and look into new housing possibilities.

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

Next meeting will be Thursday December 14 TH at 5:30PM.

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