

Minutes from the January 12, 2023 Bayard City Council meeting

Mayor Tom Wardyn called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Roll call was taken with council members Arnie Kesselring, Heather Bielenberg, and Nathan McAlister present. Absent Jack Stone and Brandon Patrick. Also, present Gina Arnold, LeeRoy Wagner, Brayton Bonney, and Carla Hilgenberg. Guest Bob Veenstra from Veenstra and Kimm.

January minutes were read by Nathan McAlister. An amendment to the minutes is to add the resolution #12-08-22-1 title which is, Resolution fixing date for public hearing prior to project approval to consider a public improvement project which may require acquisition of agricultural land. McAlister made a motion to approve the minutes, 2 nd by Kesselring. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

The library report was given by Carla Hilgenberg, Librarian. She gave the council a recap of 2022, including all the programs and activities that the library put together, discussed the library budget, and asked the council to consider increasing the amount of the support payment. No decision was given at this time.

The street report was given by LeeRoy Wagner. He reports that the snow removal has gone very well, he asked that we look into getting some new chains for the dump truck. There are some repairs needing to be done to the dump truck, he will take it to MPE. There are a few water meters that need to be replaced. He reported on three water leaks caused by the pipes freezing. The property owners are aware and they have been taken care of. LeeRoy also asked the council to consider the cost of a new mower when doing the next budget.

Bob Veenstra reports that things are moving along with the Waste Water Lagoon Project. The appraiser should have a report done by the end of January. There will have to be a DNR field inspection done. Bob also discussed getting a proposal together for a preliminary engineering report for a water treatment plant project. Bob explained what is needed to move forward with that.

We discussed setting up line accounts for the sewer plant debt service in the computer and on the billing statements. It was discussed and decided that would be the best way to separate this out from the regular charges that are on the monthly water statements. There will be an Ordinance outlining the rate increases voted on at the February meeting. The March statements will have the first charge on them.

There was discussion on the Ambulance situation and the response to the ad for the EMT class that is being held in Jefferson. There were three people interested and more will be discussed at the February meeting concerning the best way to move forward.

Water/sewer report was given, there were several locates last month, the hydrants were flushed, the quarterly well tests were completed. The 5 year DNR inspection was done where they review the paperwork for the previous 5 years, and do a physical inspection of the plant. They are aware and updated on the progress of the lagoon project. The main complaint they issued were the weeds, Michael will address the issue.

Fire Department report was given by Brayton Bonney, he updated the council on the new truck and how the grant money was going to be used. Currently one of the trucks is being built. The lights in the firehall need replaced, and they are planning on using an Alliant Energy grant to get that done. He also asked if they could purchase 4 new pagers. They priced them from 2 Way Radio and they run around \$420.00 for each pager, and they come with batteries. Discussion was had about what the city covers vs. what the fire department pays for. The city covers the costs for the items that are required, and the fire department covers the costs for extra equipment that is not required.

The claims were reviewed and discussed. There was an error with the Electric pump invoice that was corrected, and will show in the February claims report. There was discussion on how to better break down and code the invoices for easier tracking. Gina will work on this. Bielenberg made a motion to approve the claims, second by Kesselring . All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and action taken on renewing Eagles Run Alcohol permit. McAlister made the motion to approve. Bielenberg second. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried

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

Clerks report given by Gina Arnold. Discussed some ideas for Bayard clean up days and more advertising. Mayors report given by Tom Wardyn. He discussed the need for everyone to do the NIMS training, and getting the paperwork for a Bayard representative for EMA to Bob Kempf. The next meeting is on March 9 th at Greenfield.

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

Special meeting set for Thursday January 26, 2023 at 6:00 for the budget.

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