



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2026 at 4:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John L. Ojinaga

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor John L. Ojinaga
Councilor Eloy Medina
Councilor Eloy Gonzales
Councilor Gilbert Ortiz
Councilor Chuck Gray

Others in attendance were Cordell Jones, Helen Schruf, Mark Diaz, Helen Doporto, Sam Arellano, Stephen Estrada, Renee Provencio, and Martha Salas.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Gray, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

1. We welcome your input. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes and are not a Q&A session. For in-depth discussions, please request to be placed on a future agenda; forms are available at City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Gonzales asked about some charges in the general fund for the Senior Center to Santa Clara and the attorney fees.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes June 17, 2026
3. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes June 24, 2026

4. Approval of Accounts Payable
5. Approval of Police Department Reports
6. Approval of Maintenance Report
7. Approval of Wastewater Report
8. Approval of Fire Department Report
9. Approval of Municipal Court Report
10. Approval of Library Report
11. Approval for City Clerk to attend New Mexico Audit Rule Training on July 24, 2026 in Las Cruces, NM

NEW BUSINESS

12. Discussion/Action- Task Order #6 Stantec Construction Management Services for Bayard Oak Street Lift Station Improvements, Colonias-6698 CIF

The City of Bayard was short for this project. Bayard asked for additional funds of \$135,230. That was approved through NMFA. Total for this project is \$1,105,588 plus GRT.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

13. Discussion/Action- Bid Recommendation – Bayard Oak Street Lift Station Improvements, Colonias 6698-CIF

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gray.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

14. Discussion/Action- Task Order #1 Stantec Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Room Electrical Workplan & Budget Narrative

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

15. Discussion/Action- Recommendation to Approve Contractor Quote for Animal Shelter Renovations- 25-J9503-02

Clerk Salas stated she has received two quotes for the renovations at the animal shelter the first one was Romo Construction at \$25,953. and Mira Loma Construction at \$54,789. Salas recommends Romo Construction.

Motion made by Councilor Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

16. Discussion/Action- Barking Dog Complaints on Watson Street

Police Chief Hector Carrillo stated this has been a issue for about 5 years now, there is an individual that continues to call central dispatch about barking dogs. He has made 112 calls to central dispatch. When they respond there are dogs about 2 or 3 blocks away. Bayard's Animal Control Officer did let the resident know that this would be a item at todays meeting and there has not been one call to central dispatch in 4 days. Councilor Medina and Gray stated they both agree the police department need to respond to all calls.

Motion made by Councilor Medina to postpone this item unit the next meeting and invite the resident and his family to attend, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

17. Discussion/Action- Bayard Library Strategic Plan

Head Librarian Renee Provencio presented the strategic plan. Councilor Medina would like for Renee to replace Cobre Schools to include all Grant County Schools. Councilor Gray stated it takes a lot to do this strategic plan.

Motion made by Councilor Gray, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

18. Discussion/Action- Bayard Library Park Garden Contract

Motion made by Councilor Medina to approve Marie and Ralph Carter, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

OLD BUSINESS

19. Discussion/Action- Review and finalize the written decision following the June 24, 2026 Reconsideration Hearing regarding the May 7, 2026 Order of Abatement to demolish the residence at 607 Grant Street, Bayard, NM, wherein Randy Medina is the owner of record

Motion made by Councilor Gray to reinforce what was approved on May 07, 2026 for the Abatement order to demolish the residence at 607 Grant Street, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

Voting Abstaining: Councilor Medina

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

20. Discussion/Action- Resolution 16-2026 Participation in Local Government Road Fund Program Administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation for Steyskal Street- Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements, Reconstruction, Design and Construction Management of City Streets

Clerk Salas stated this is the Resolution to approve the award of \$62,000 for Steyskal Street and the City's match of \$15,000.

RESOLUTION 16-2026

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUND PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the **City of Bayard** and the New Mexico Department of Transportation have entered into a cooperative grant agreement under the Local Government Road Fund Program for a local road project.

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project will be **\$62,087** to be funded in proportional share by the parties hereto as follows:

WHEREAS, the **City of Bayard** shall pay all costs, which exceed the total project cost of **\$62,087**.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved in official session that **City of Bayard** determines, resolves, and orders as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the **City of Bayard** to enter into Cooperative Agreement for Project Control Number **L100658** with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for the LGRF Program for fiscal year **2027** for **Steyskal St - Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements, Reconstruction, Design and Construction Management of City Streets** within the control of **City of Bayard** in the State of New Mexico.

Bayard City Council

John L. Ojinaga, Mayor	DATE
Eloy Gonzales, Mayor Pro Tem	DATE
Eloy Medina, Councilor	DATE
Chuck Gray, Councilor	DATE

Motion made by Councilor Gray, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

21. Discussion/Action- Resolution 17-2026 Establishing a Stipend Program for the City of Bayard Volunteer Fire Department to Compensate Volunteer Firefighters for Emergency Response, Training and Line Officer Responsibilities

Fire Chief Gonzales is going apply for a Stipend Program for the Bayard Volunteer Fire Department.

City of Bayard

Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Policies and Procedures

Stipend for Volunteer Firefighters & EMS Personnel

- (1) First Quarter ends September 30; voucher forms are due by Oct. 15.
- (2) Second Quarter ends December 31; voucher forms are due by Jan. 15.
- (3) Third Quarter ends March 31; voucher forms are due by April 15.
- (4) Fourth Quarter ends June 30; voucher forms are due by July 15.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gray.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Maintenance Director was not available at the meeting, Mayor Ojinaga read the departments report.

Wastewater Director Stephen Estrada hauled remaining sludge to the landfill, submitted a sludge sample for laboratory analysis. Submitted quarterly discharge report to the state, unclogged the chlorine injector at the wash water building. Restoring the recreational plant to be able to water the cemetery.

Fire Chief Gabe Gonzales the department answered to 21 Ems calls and 4 fire calls. The department has been participating in training with the tri city. Community service for the department was traffic control at the rodeo in Arenas Valley. The department will be applying for annual fire grant and will be seeking new radios and stipend.

Head Librarian Renee Provencio stated the Bayard Library was selected to participate in the New MexiCorps Digital Navigators Program, the library will receive a \$4,000 stipend to support the program. The library will no longer be open on Saturdays only for scheduled programs. The library will be attending the Cobre's Summer Fest. There is a few upcoming programs.

Police Chief Hector Carrillo stated the department answered 268 calls for service, 3 calls the County took care of. Carrillo's goal is not calls be answered by the County. Carrillo is still working on getting is policies over to Lexpol. The department will have a booth at the Summer Fest.

Bayard Beautification Committee Chair Mark Diaz invited everyone to the Halloween Truck or Treat on October 31, 2026 from 12 to around 6 or 7 pm., at the Bayard Community Park. Diaz is asking for each department to participate. The Committee will be donating \$1,000 to the

abatement ordinance on 607 Grant Street. The Committee is looking to adopt the highway from Santa Clara to the Welcome to Bayard Sign.

City Clerk/Treasurer Martha Salas worked on a Raul Business Development Grant and was awarded \$110,000. Mi Ranchito will get \$55,000 and G-Boys will get \$ 45,000 for equipment. \$10,000 will be for admin fees. This is 100% grant. The City also got awarded \$628,000 in a Economic Development Grant for Joan Street improvements. The Admin department will also be helping with Summer Fest. Salas will be working on her final budget. Salas attended the Southwest Solid Waste Authority meeting and they will be raising rate 100%. The City's ordinance dose not allow for that, the Solid Waste Authority will be coming to the council to be asking for a amendment to the city ordinance. Salas will be asking if the contractor will come to the next meeting and explain any questions anyone were to have.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Councilor Gonzales asked if the Movie at the Park is still going to happen? Salas stated she is looking in to this because there are copy rights and the City can get in trouble. Anything on Blake's Lotaburger.

Councilor Gray stated he has been working with all departments and committees, he feels fortunate to be apart of all of this.

Councilor Ortiz attended the Bayard Housing Authority meeting and wanted to know about the water meter.

Mayor Ojinaga stated all the departments are doing a good job. The Summer Fest is coming up and he would like for all the councilor be show up for the kids.

Councilor Medina has some concerns about the budget and wants to be careful with this.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Special Meeting - July 22, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

Work Session- August 12, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting - August 19, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:08pm

John L. Ojinaga
Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Salas
Clerk Treasurer