



City of Bayard
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

The Bayard City Council conducted a budget work session on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bayard City Hall.

City Council members present were Mayor Fierro, Councilor Medina, Councilor Villanueva, Councilor Gonzales, and Councilor Diaz.

Others in attendance were Kristina Ortiz, Hector Carrillo, Marlena Valenzuela, Larry Ojinaga, Dolores Charon, and Tanya Ortiz.

Clerk-Treasurer Ortiz presented final recommended budget amounts for the FY2023 Budget. Clerk Ortiz stated that there is no recommendation to increase wages for employees that have an hourly wage below \$15.00, further discussions would be required to develop a consensus on employee wages across the board. Clerk Treasurer presented the recommended utility rate increases which would be at minimum 13% or about \$11.87 for a minimum residential unit.

City Council members discussed how the increases would affect the budget if not completed. Clerk Ortiz stated that the water operations fund would have a shortfall of approximately \$60,000 and the city would lose \$300,000 in Colonias Project Funding that was just awarded. The awards were based on a utility increase for water, sewer, and wastewater fees. The city would lose additional funding that is required to complete projects.

Residents Dolores Charon and Larry Ojinaga did not like that the rates would be increase but they stated that they understood the need to increase rates. They attend the meetings so they can be informed of what is happening.

Clerk-Treasurer Ortiz stated that this was the recommended final budget to be approved on Monday, July 25, 2022. She would not be available for the meeting but the approvals are required so the budget can be submitted by the July 31, 2022 state statute deadline.

Kristina Ortiz, MMC
Clerk Treasurer