



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 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 Kendra Milligan, Bill Null, Kim Clark, Dolores Charon, Jerry Burnette, Karen Burnette, Helen Schruf, Cordell Jones, Juno Ogle, John Saens, Stephen Estrada, Sam Arellano, Gabe Gonzales, Martha Salas, and Tanya Ortiz.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Kendra Milligan with Tree New Mexico is working with the Beautification Committee to plant trees on private property in Bayard. They have 50 trees. They will be planting on August 29, 2026. The Bayard Beautification Committee will be hosting a cookout on that day. They plan trees in peoples property to help with the heat. Volunteers help plan these trees. These trees are being funded by a grant.

Cordell Jones is getting complaints about some people living in travel trailers. Jones would like to bring it to the city's attention.

Dolores Charon thanked Chuck Gray and Manny Chavez for there help getting her weeds cut and trees cleaned up from the house fire she had.

Cobre Schools new superintendent Dr. Verenice Gutierrez introduce herself. She invited anyone wanting to meet with her can schedule a time to meet on the schools website. Dr. Gutierrez is wanting to get to know as many people as she can. She is willing and ready to serve.

1. During this portion of our meeting, we welcome your suggestions and want to hear your concerns. This is not a question and answer period; speakers will be limited to three minutes (3) minutes. Any individual who would like to discuss an item in more depth may request to be placed on a future agenda. Request forms are available at City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gray.

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

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes May 20, 2026
3. Approval of Special Meeting May 28, 2026
4. Approval of Special Meeting on June 11, 2026
5. Approval of Accounts Payable
6. Approval of Police Department Reports
7. Approval of Maintenance Report
8. Approval of Wastewater Report
9. Approval of Fire Department Report
10. Approval of Municipal Court Report
11. Approval of Library Report
12. Approval for Municipal Court Clerk to attend New Mexico Municipal Court Clerks Association Annual Conference on June 29- July 1, 2026 in Ruidoso, NM
13. Approval for Elected Officials and staff to attend New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference on August 25- August 28, 2026 in Las Cruces, NM

PLANNING AND ZONING

14. Discussion/Action- Mobile Home Installation Request at 1107 S. Canyon Street

Cordell Jones stated a request for 1107 S. Canyon street to bring in a double wide mobile home came in all the paper work we turned in and one stipulation is to get a copy of their CID request and a copy of the sign off of the CID approval.

Motion made by Councilor Gray, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

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

NEW BUSINESS

15. Discussion/Action- Presentation by Better Cities on Vision Plan

from Better Cities presented the vision plan for the Foy property.

16. Discussion/Approval- Que Linda Grant Administrator

Administrator for the Que Linda Grant will be Kim Clark. The city is looking to hire Kim Clark.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

17. Discussion/Action- Purchase of Equipment, Software with Contract for Police Department Vehicles

This equipment software is for a camera to record an inmate in the back seat and dash cam. This cost of \$91,000 will be taking out of the Law Enforcement Protection Fund.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

18. Discussion/Action- Bayard Animal Shelter Volunteer Access, Liability Waiver, and Facility Entry Policy

Police Chief drew up a police who and why anyone is at the Bayard Animal Shelter. There will be a sign in sheet for each volunteer to sign in/out and reason for there visit.

Motion made by Councilor Gray, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

19. Discussion/Action- Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

OFFICIAL NOTICE

IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to the authority granted under City of Bayard Municipal Code§18-32, and based upon the

Fire Chief's determination that drought conditions, dry vegetation, and increased fire danger

continue to exist within the City of Bayard, Stage Two Fire Restrictions are hereby implemented.

The following restrictions shall be in effect within the City of Bayard:

1. All open burning, including the burning of yard waste, tree limbs, weeds, brush, and debris, is prohibited.
2. All campfires, recreational fires, warming fires, and bonfires are prohibited.

3. Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, chimineas, burn barrels, underground cooking pits, and similar

devices are prohibited.

4. The use, ignition, or discharge of any fireworks or pyrotechnic devices is prohibited.
5. UL-approved propane-fueled and natural gas-fueled grills and cooking appliances are permitted

when operated in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and attended at all times.

These Stage Two Fire Restrictions shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect

until rescinded, modified, or lifted by order of the Fire Chief based upon fire danger conditions.

Any person found in violation of these restrictions shall be subject to the penalties provided by

City Code, including a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), imprisonment for a

period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

Issued this 17th day of June, 2026

Respectfully,

Jose G. Gonzales

Fire Chief

City of Bayard Fire & Rescue

20. Discussion/Action- Update on Situation on 607 Grant Street

Attorney Gonzalez updated council on Abatement Order issued to Randy Medina owner of 607 Grant Street. Randy Medina was in attendance by Teams online. Mr. Medina asked the council to give him more time to get his property cleaned and renovated. Mr. Medina is currently in a treatment center and did not know when he would be released so he couldn't give council an exact date. Councilor Eloy Gonzales made a motion to give Mr. Medina a 90 day extension. Councilor Eloy Medina seconded the motion. Discussion continued with Mr. Medina. Councilor Chuck Gray asked to amend the motion by Councilor Gonzales to change the deadline to August 1, 2026. Mr. Medina asked for at least 90 days. Councilor Gray then made another motion to amend the amendment to give Mr. Medina 90 days till

September 13, 2026 to clean the yard and demo the home. There was not a second motion. The city attorney then asked to go back to the first amendment and there was no motion. The city attorney then asked to revisit the first motion made by Councilor Gonzales and seconded by Councilor Eloy Medina. Councilor Medina stated all the motions made were all contradicting. City attorney gave other options for the council to vote. Councilor Medina asked if there was not a second on the motion the agenda item dies. Clerk Salas explained to the council to review the agenda item which was only an update on the abatement order and Mr. Medina was provided the opportunity to present his case. Councilor Gonzales withdraw all motions until the council could meet at a special meeting for further discussion. The council agreed to meet on June 24, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Motion made by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

Voting Abstaining: Councilor Medina

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

21. Discussion/Action- Resolution 14-2026 A Resolution Authorizing the submission of a USDA Rural Business Development Grant

Clerk/Treasurer Salas stated she put in an business application for G-Boz and Mi Ranchito USDA Rural Business Development Grant. Salas will be the representative.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026

A resolution of the governing body of City of Bayard State of New Mexico, authorizing the submission of a USDA Rural Business Development grant application supporting small and emerging business; and designating the signatory and authorized representative(s) in all matters pertaining to the grant.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture is currently soliciting applications for rural business development projects;

WHEREAS, the City of Bayard, New Mexico has the legal authority to enter into an agreement;

WHEREAS, the City of Bayard, New Mexico has the capability to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the funding plan;

WHEREAS, the City of Bayard, New Mexico is eligible to apply for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bayard, New Mexico will work with the United States Department of Agriculture to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant agreement.

WHEREAS, the City of Bayard New Mexico governing body directs and designates John L. Ojinaga or successor to sign the Application and Grant Agreement. Martha

Salas, City Clerk-Treasurer or successor(s) is the OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE who is authorized to sign all other documents necessary to fulfill the Grant Agreement and the requirements and to act as the grant contact in the USDA Rural Business Development Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Bayard, New Mexico has reviewed and approves the application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development grant program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF June, 2026.

John L. Ojinaga, Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Salas, City Clerk Treasurer

22. Discussion/Action- Resolution 15-2026 Authorizes Filing of an Application to NMFA for Technical Assistance Program

Clerk/Treasurer Salas stated this resolution is for filling an application to NMFA for Technical Assistance Program.

Resolution No. 15-2026

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BAYARD, IN GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, WHEREBY AUTHORIZES FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR FREE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY (NMFA), WATER PROJECT FUND/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN NEED OF PLANNING PROJECTS AND A COMMITMENT TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, City of Bayard ("Governmental Unit") is a qualified entity under the New Mexico Finance Authority Act, Section 6-21-1 through 6-21-31, NMSA 1978 ("Act"), and the City of Bayard ("Government Body") has the authority to authorize public projects for benefit of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the NMFA ("Board") has instituted a program for providing free professional assistance for water and wastewater systems in need of planning projects and has developed an application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application ("Application") for assistance from the Board for public projects; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recommends that an application be filed with the New Mexico Finance Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BAYARD, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY. That the Governing Body hereby directs the submittal of an Application to New Mexico Finance Authority, Water Project Fund/Technical Assistance Program (TAP) for review and to further authorize to take such other action as may be requested by New Mexico Finance Authority in its consideration and review of the Application and to further proceed with arrangements for free professional technical assistance for the development of a Preliminary Engineering Report for Water and Wastewater System Improvements. The Governing Body is fully committed to properly operate and maintain the system and the proposed project being submitted for assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the filing of an application is hereby authorized and that City Clerk and Mayor are designated as the City representatives to act on behalf of this application and necessary documents for the proposed project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSES, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of Bayard on this 17th day of June, 2026.

GOVERNING BODY

CITY OF BAYARD

By:

John L. Ojinaga, Mayor

Attest:

Martha Salas, City Clerk Treasurer

CLOSED SESSION

23. Closed Session May Be Held Pursuant to 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 (H-2) Limited Personnel Matters for City Hall Administration and (H-8) Real Property and Water Rights

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz,
Councilor Gray Enter closed session at 6:07 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz,
Councilor Gray out of closed session at 6:31 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

24. Discussion/Action- Hire Animal Control Officer

The interview committee recommends that Hope Lozano be hired for Animal Control Officer and to be paid \$17 an hour.

Motion made by Councilor Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Gray.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

25. Discussion/Action- Completion of Probationary Period by Police Officer

Police Chief Carrillo gave Albert Dominguez's work stats as of when he came to the department 6 months ago. Officer Dominguez will receive a \$1 increase.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

26. Discussion/Action- Hire Sergeant Position for Police Department

The interview committee recommends that Louis Gomez Jr. be promoted to Sergeant position in the Bayard Police Department. With a pay increase of \$3.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Gray

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Hector Carrillo the police department is changing how they handle overdose calls, all officers will be carrying Narcan on their uniforms. The officers are now required to wear a mask when there is a overdose call. July 25 will be Summer Fest for Cobre School and the department will be provided security.

Wastewater Director Stephen Estrada stated he had to call an electrician to do some repairs with the bar screen. The wash water line needed to be replaced, that was fixed and back up and running. The USP batterie needed to be replaced and is operating good. Stephen and Sam went out Lordsburg to help them get their ball fields ready for All-Stars. Stephen and Sam also had a meeting to go over the lost control and prevention. A walk through from the city's insurance came in a made sure the departments are up to OSHA standard. The meeting was to go over the report and fix the things that need to be corrected. The insurance with pretty

pleased with how everything is being ran. The things they suggest to be corrected have all ready been corrected. They have been taking care of weeds and helping with the animal shelter. Stephen has been getting quotes for the things needed to be done at the wastewater treatment plant. They department is also working on getting water to the cemetery.

Public Safety Director Sam Arellano stated his department worked on cleaning the back of the shop area to have more room to park equipment. The department is working on cleaning up alley ways. Cutting branches and hauling them off. They have been cleaning the parks and around town.

Cordell Jones the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee stated they have 5 committee members and things are going well.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Councilor William Gray stated he has cleaned up by the HMS building, cut the weeds and cleaned up the graffiti. Also, they cleaned the area of Highway 180 and 356. Mr. Gray complemented the city workers for how serious they take their job.

Councilor Gilbert Ortiz would like for the agenda item of storage containers in the city to be on the next agenda.

Mayor Ojinaga stated all the department are doing great. He tanked Sam for cleaning up the gravel that was spilled on Highway 356.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - July 15, 2026

ADJOURNMENT 6:53 p.m.

John L. Ojinaga
Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Salas
Clerk Treasurer