



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Old Business

Discussion from Larry Ojinaga regarding an update on wording for Abandoned Building Ordinance, Mayor Fierro stated the City's attorney has this ordinance and is reviewing it. He knows he's been really busy and as soon as he returns this to the city it will be placed on the agenda for the council meeting.

Larry asked why is this taking so long? He stated September he brought this up to the council also, in January the city got a copy from Santa Clara and it was going to be revived. On January 27th this was discussed again and now the attorney has it but this has been 4 months.

Councilor Medina stated there is a process. The Council received this ordinance, had a idea to have a sub-committee, then that got pulled back because Police Chief Carrillo had some concerns. So the council made a motion to send it to our attorney and that's where this stands now. The city has issues we are working on and Mr. Ojinaga's the abandoned building on East Street you want to see come down will take time. Medina understands he wants this to be done fast but the council has to be sure and review it thoroughly because this ordinance will impact a lot of citations. There is potentially over 100 citations that will be affected with this ordinance being passed. Medina stated there are fees that will impact residents that live in Bayard that are on a fixed income and he will not vote on a document to speed up the process up that could effect residents on a fixed income without making sure this document is correct and make sure this does not impact people's lives that live in Bayard just to speed the process up.

Mayor Fierro stated he has been in contact with the owns of the property on East street and they know there is an issue there. There are multiple owners and the lady he spoke with will talk to the rest of the owners and come up with a resolution.

New Business

Discussion on Cemetery Prices

Councilor Gonzales stated she has gotten complaints from people form the Hanover Cemetery. They are getting a lot of people from Bayard that feel that they can not afford to be berried in the Bayard Cemetery. Bayard's Cemetery prices are right in the middle of Silver, Hurley, and Santa Clara prices.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chon S. Fierro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Chon Fierro

Councilor Eloy Medina

Councilor Frances Gonzales

Other in attendance were Dolores Charon, Manuel Garcia, Lorenzo Marquez, Selina Crespín, Larry Ojinaga, Jo Lutz, Jade Wilson, Sonya Dixon, Euphemio Gonzalez, Mick Armendariz, Low West, Robert Terrazas, Mick Paez, and Tanya Ortiz.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Medina postponing item number 10 and 11 Hiring of Peter Ortega for Parks and Rec and Hiring of Christopher Bencomo as the Janitor, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales

PUBLIC INPUT

Manuel Garcia asked when will the pothole patching work on Dayhill began? He also thanked the maintenance department for the patching they have done on his street.

Selina Crespín thanked the fire department for installed a smoke detector at her home.

Dolores Charon asked about the prices at the cemetery and if anyone is buried there?

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales

1. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 13, 2023.
2. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on March 24, 2023.
3. Approval of the Accounts Payable Report for March 27, 2023.
4. Approval of the Animal Control/Code Enforcement Report for February 2023.
5. Approval of the Police Department Report for February 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Discussion from Larry Ojinaga regarding an update on wording for Abandoned Building Ordinance.

Councilor Gonzales stated the ordinance for abandoned buildings is with the city attorney Mr. Perkins and after he approves this we will have 2 public meetings to get public input. This will be around 2 more months to be finalized and approved.

Councilor Medina encourages the public to attend these public hearing meetings. There are charges that come with this ordinance regarding the way your home looks, abandoned, vacant and things like this. Try to attend these meeting to get your input.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion on Cemetery Prices.

Councilor Gonzales stated looking at the prices in Hurley the plot is \$300, Santa Clara is \$200, Silver City is \$700. Bayard's prices per plot \$400. The people that have been calling her with concerns on the prices are wanting to be barried in Hanover because there prices are cheaper.

8. Bayard Librarian Sonya Dixon to give update on Summer Reading Program.

Sonya Dixon Bayard's Librarian stated her summer reading program kick off is going to be something different. They will be hosting a community wide event this will be a foam event. This event will be at the Copper Little League baseball field for an hour and a half, the community center will be open for the restrooms. On June 2, 2023 at 1 p.m. She has discussed this with the library board and Marlana. All that is needed is a water spigot and something to plug in for electricity. She would like to have everyone on board. Maybe an ambulance close by and the police department. She has asked the Bayard Beautification Committee if they can attend and maybe have a booth with some kind of game. She is expecting a lot of kids and would really like more eyes and ears at the event. The library will absorb the cost with what Sonya has budgeted for performances for the Summer Reading Program. This foam is biodegradable and all that would need to be done after is hose it down really good. Then the summer reading program will began the following Monday at the library. This year the program will be limited to 25 kids per day.

Councilor Gonzales asked to have a planning meeting with the police department, maintenance department, and the fire department so everyone is on the same page. This meeting is scheduled for May 18th at the Bayard library.

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

9. Resignation Letter from Mechanic Anthony Martinez effective March 24, 2023.

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

10. Hiring of Peter Ortega for Parks and Rec at the hourly rate of \$14.00 upon successful completion of all pre-employment exams and background reviews.

No action was taken.

11. Hiring of Christopher Bencomo as the Janitor at an hourly rate of \$13.25 upon successful completion of all pre-employment exams and background reviews.

No action was taken.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Robert Terrazas Wastewater Director stated the bar screen is up and running and the contractors are still working on the effluent line but is it coming along.

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Councilor Gonzales stated she attended the Strategic Planning Meeting with Cobre Schools and stated it was a good meeting. They will be having a Summer Fest meeting Wednesday 5 pm at the Admin building.

Mayor Fierro thanked all the departments for all there good works they are doing and he is hoping the effluent line at the wastewater treatment plant will be done soon.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - April 11, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales

ADJOURNMENT 6:23 P.M.

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marlena Valenzuela
Clerk Treasurer