



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Councilor Diaz asked if the \$37,313.55 is everything for Well #10. Clerk Ramos advised that was everything to get the well running again. Councilor Diaz also asked about the chlorinator and Clerk Ramos stated there has been a quote submitted of about \$17,000. That would help run the system till we can get the funding to redo the whole Chlorination System and we can keep this as a backup for the future.

Councilor Diaz asked about the GPS system and stated it has been brought up before about possibly getting rid of the contract. Councilor Ramos stated he would like to keep the system and Councilor Medina did agree as well. Chief Carrillo felt the city did not need the system.

Councilor Diaz stated the Wastewater Report was very well detailed. Clerk Ramos wanted to thank the workers and what a great job they were doing down at Wastewater Plant.

Councilor Diaz also added that the Library Report was very well detailed.

Mayor Fierro asked for an update on the Library and was told the Librarian had asked the maintenance workers to stop.

Chief Carrillo stated that he would be sending Trevor Jensen to the training in Albuquerque because this course is needed for him to certify in arms. Councilor Frances Gonzales supports sending all Officers to all needed trainings.

Clerk Ramos advised the council that the Fire Dept. has a new EMT and Fireman and is back to 11 people. There are three guys going to Firemen training and three going to EMT class to be certified as well.

Chief Carrillo talked about the Cobre Homecoming Parade and stated the Department will be ready to assist with Painting of the "C" and the parade. Clerk Ramos also let council know the school asked for assistance from our Maintenance Dept. to assist with taking down the senior banners that were put up.

Clerk Ramos would like to recognize the retired Fire members and also the new Fire Chief. Councilor Diaz asked for the next meeting to get the new Fire officers approved through the council. Councilor Medina Asked if the city was paying for the classes. He would like to see we get some kind of contract with the members if we are paying for state licensing.

Clerk Ramos stated that they did some research and 3 other certified notaries never received their increase of \$0.25. Councilor Diaz asked what is the plan to compensate the other three

employees who never got their increase. Clerk Ramos would like to start everyone with the increase beginning with the next payroll. Councilor Diaz asked that they get retro pay because anytime anyone has received a certification

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chon S. Fierro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Chon Fierro

Councilor Eloy Medina

Councilor Frances Gonzales

Councilor Jose Diaz

Not Present

Councilor Eloy Gonzales

Others in attendance were Hector Carrillo, Larry Ojinaga, Bobby Terrazas, Joann Perez, Jesus Perez, Dorina Martinez, Dolores Charon, Jade Wilson, and Juno Ogle.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Diaz

PUBLIC INPUT

For Public Input Dorina Martinez wanted to make the city aware that there is a large piece of the sidewalk missing across from the Blakes. She stated it is a liability and wanted to make sure we were aware of the missing piece. Mayor Fierro asked Clerk Ramos to check with DOT on the sidewalk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Diaz,

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on July 24, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes on July 31, 2023.
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Report for August 14, 2023.

3. Approval of Wastewater Treatment Plant Report.
4. Approval of Bayard Municipal Court Report.
5. Approval of Bayard Library Report for July 2023.
6. Approval for Robert Ruiz to attend the NMWWA "Fred Ragsdale Memorial" Central School September 11-14, 2023 in Albuquerque.
7. Approval for Manuel Galaz to attend First Line Supervision and Management September 18-22, 2023 in Albuquerque.
8. Approval for Trevor Jensen to attend Instructor Development Course August 21-25, 2023 in Albuquerque.
9. Approval of the Fire Department Report for July 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Approval of the Cobre High Homecoming Parade.
Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Diaz
11. Approval of the Traffic Control Plan for the Railroad Project.
Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Diaz
12. Discussion of New Fire Dept. Recruitment Incentives.
Council would like to know what is left on the Stipend policy.

13. Approval for Copper Little League to have a Fall Ball Season.

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

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

14. Approval for city staff increase of \$0.25 for Certification as a Notary.

Council would like tabled for next meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Chief Carrillo is accepting applications for Animal Control. He has a few of his officers attending trainings at the end of September. He is also working on an agreement with the schools about somehow working together for the crosswalks before and after school. He is hoping that City of Bayard could get reimbursed to have someone designated at the crosswalks everyday. He did apply for a grant for Public Service aid and hopefully that will help. His department is fully staffed. He is also planning a meet and greet but does not have a date and time yet for the public to come and meet the dept. Councilor Frances Gonzales stated she is concerned with the crosswalks in the morning and the speeding drivers. Mayor Fierro stated that he would like the afternoon crosswalks too be more patrolled. Chief Carrillo said he already has certain officers tasked with those areas and know where they need to be.

Bobby Terrazas advised the council that the entrance works project is now complete. He also wanted to thank his co-workers for doing a great job while he has been out and that they are doing a great job.

Clerk Ramos let the council know that clean up has started on certain properties and 90% of the sidewalks are done. He spoke with Matt from WNM Communications and they will be getting rid of certain lines that aren't needed for the city. When we switch over phones we will be saving about \$300-\$400 a month. He is also working on the Policy and Procedures handbook. He is waiting on one more quote for the parking lot repairs at the Community Center. Last week he met at the Mine Mill hall and had Jenny Castanon (Grant Writer) to look over grants for the building. Currently there is work in the Fire Station door getting repaired. At the Little League the partitions have been completed and there is still a lot of work to be done. He attended the Grant County Regional Dispatch meeting and if the votes don't go through the municipalities will have to pay \$60,000-\$80,000 and calls would have to go through Las Cruces. He also attended the Planning and Zoning meeting. He would like to know how the council feels about having one council meeting in the day and one council meeting in the evening to help cut down comp time. Councilor Diaz said he didn't think Dept. Heads need to attend unless it is an urgent matter. Councilor Gonzales stated she does not support day time hours. They need to be made more for the public.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Councilor Frances Gonzales attended a special Planning and Zoning meeting and they talked about procedures and how to run certain things for the next meeting. Clerk Ramos would like to see all committee meetings be held at City Hall.

Councilor Diaz wanted to thank the PD Dept. and Fire Dept.. He attended the Summerfest and that was a success. Also advised the public to not forget to send in ballots and wanted to reassure everyone voting yes does not raise taxes. The support is needed. Councilor Gonzales would like to see an ad placed in the paper as well for the ballots.

Chief Carrillo added that over the past weekend he was unaware on Mayo St. someone decided to rent a splash balloon and blocked the road. Councilor Medina stated that people should be asking for permission.

Councilor Medina would like to see Euphemio, Mike Armendariz, Gary Arellano and Juan Estrada be recognized for the Fire Dept.

Mayor Fierro stated him and the Clerk have been driving around town looking at different properties. We might have a buyer for the old HMS Building. He also wanted to thank the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting – August 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment 6:41 p.m.

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristina Ortiz, MMC
Clerk Treasurer