City of Bayard

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 26, 2021 at 1:30 PM

Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

No work session was held.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chon S. Fierro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Chon Fierro
Mayor Pro-tem Raul Villanueva
Councilor Charles Kelly
Councilor Eloy Medina

ABSENT
Councilor Adrian Ortiz

Others in attendance were Chief Lee Alirez, Jason Jaeger, Anthony Aveles, Judy Diaz, Joe Carlos, Aaron Ordonez, Judge Sandoval and Kristina Ortiz.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Recommendation is to move items 10 and 11 to the top of new business and to add the Swearing in of Police Officers to the top of new business.

Motion made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was received as directed by the legal notice.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

The following items were included in the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 12, 2021.

2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Report for April 26, 2021.

3. Approval to the attendance of the NMMRWA Water Training for Credits and testing in May 2021 for Adrian Badillo.

4. Approval of the attendance to the Chiefs of Police Associate Meeting in Santa Fe on May 7, 2021 for Chief Alirez.

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

Motion made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

5. Recommendation to promote Michael Paez to Public Works Foreman effective May 8, 2021 at the rate of $1.50 with the standard introductory period.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Municipal Judge Jose Sandoval conducted the swearing in of Officer Joe Carlos and Officer Aaron Ordonez.

7. Councilor Charles Kelly - Discussion/Action for employee salary increases

   Councilor Kelly stated that discussion with the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer were held on the ability of the city to provide for wage increases to the employees for the new fiscal budget. Councilor Kelly stated that he feels the city can manage the increase of $2.00 per employee and an additional $1,000 annually for the fire department officers.

   Motion made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina. Clerk Treasurer inquired on the start date of the increases and requested an amendment to the motion to add the date.

   Motion for amendment with a wage increase start date of July 3, 2021 made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

8. Councilor Charles Kelly - Discussion/Approval of health insurance benefit increase for employees.

   Councilor Kelly stated that discussion with the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer were held on the ability of the city to provide for 100% coverage of the health benefit

premiums to the employees for the new fiscal budget effective July 2021. Councilor Kelly stated that he feels the city can manage the increase to 100%.

Motion made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

9. Proclamation honoring the 2021 Cobre High School Graduates

Mayor Fierro presented a proclamation honoring the 2021 Cobre High School Graduates. Toya Ortiz and Presley Tovar accepted the proclamation.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

10. Bayard Housing Authority is requesting concurrence to merge the Santa Clara Housing Authority into the Bayard Authority. Santa Clara Director is retiring and HUD requests the transition.

Clerk Treasurer Ortiz stated that a request to concur in the merging of the Bayard and Santa Clara Housing Authorities is requested by Bayard Housing Director Jolene Padilla. The request comes from the pending retirement of the Santa Clara Director. The City concurrence does not provide official approval for the merger but allows the two boards to work with HUD in moving forward with the analysis of the merger. Final approval will be provided by HUD.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Kelly.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

11. Senator Hemphill to provide 2021 Legislative Update.

Senator Siah Hemphill and Lt. Governor Morales both spoke to the City Council on the activities that occurred during the 2021 Legislative Session.

12. Approval of the March 31, 2021 Financial Statements and quarterly adjustments.

Clerk Treasurer Ortiz presented the March 31, 2021 Financial Statements and quarterly adjustments.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Kelly.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

13. Adoption of the CDBG Federal Requirements Resolution 4-2021.

    Clerk Treasurer Ortiz presented the CDBG Federal Requirements Resolution. She stated that the previous process was a set of five different resolutions and now they have been combined into one document.

    Motion made by Councilor Kelly, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
    Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

14. Adoption of Resolution 5-2021 for the March 31, 2021 Financial Statements and budget adjustments.

    Clerk Treasurer Ortiz presented Resolution 5-2021 for the March 31, 2021 Financial Statements and budget adjustments.

    Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Kelly.
    Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Councilor Kelly stated that he would like to have a committee to review the Personnel Policy for changes.

Chief Alirez thanked the City Council for the increases.

Mayor Fierro thanked the maintenance department for their hard work at the little league.

Jason Jaeger thanked the City Council for the increases.

Clerk Treasurer Ortiz thanked the City Council for the increases and stated that a committee also needs to be formed to review the city safety policy.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Budget Work Session - May 19, 2021

Regular Meeting - May 10, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

, Seconded by Councilor Kelly.
Voting Yea: Mayor Fierro, Mayor Pro-tem Villanueva, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Medina

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2-59 P.M.

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristina Ortiz, MMC
Clerk Treasurer