



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 24, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Mayor Fierro asked if anyone had any comments on minutes from last meeting and Councilor Gonzales stated that the corrections, she had asked for were done.

Councilor Diaz wanted to know about a few vendors that are repeatedly on the accounts payable list and wanted to know if these are yearly or monthly. Also asked Clerk Ramos to look into what contracts we have with vendors so we can see what bills we can put together instead of paying multiple vendors for one service.

Councilor Gonzales asked about the 24-hour coverage from the Police Dept. Clerk Ramos stated that with six employees in the department we will try our best to make sure we are 24/5 on coverage.

Chief Carrillo discussed with the Council and Mayor that he finalized the Bayard PD Policy and Procedures, He did get it from Silver City and added our modifications. This has been looked over by the Municipal League and Silvers attorneys as well.

Jenny Castanon asked the council if anyone had any volunteers or ideas for the Bayard Welcome sign. She would like to take over on that project.

Councilor Gonzales let the council know that Code Enforcement Officer Gomez attended the last Planning and Zoning meeting and did let them know about a training that is available yearly for codes and Animal Control as well.

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

ABSENT

Mayor Pro-tem Raul Villanueva

Councilor Villanueva was absent but asked Clerk Ramos to let the public know that he did want to thank the Mayor and the Council. He served for 10 years and wanted to express his gratitude to the community for always accepting him and helping him do great things here.

Others in attendance were Sonya Dixon, Jenny Castanon, Mikey Paez, Hector Carrillo, Marlana Valenzuela, Euphemio Gonzales, Mike Armendariz, Gary Arrellano, Ralph Jimenez, Dolores Charon, Joann and Jesus Perez, Mark Diaz, Jade Wilson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Diaz made a motion to approve with the corrections of adding 1-2023 Negligence and Abandoned Residential and Commercial Properties Ordinance as well as the correction of Hiring Certified Officer Jenson at \$27 an hour.

Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

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

1. Swearing of Appointed Officials/ City Clerk.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

Clerk Ramos stated that the Public Input would be limited to three minutes and sign in. Public Input is only for discussion about an item not on the agenda. If anyone would like to further discuss in more detail they can be put on the next agenda and must reach out to the Mayor or Councilor about the subject and have them request as a sponsor to be put on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Diaz.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Diaz

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on June 26, 2023 and Regular Meeting Minutes on July 10, 2023.
3. Approval of Accounts Payable Report for July 24, 2023.
4. Approval of Bayard Police Dept. Report for June 2023.
5. Approval of the Wastewater Report for June 2023.
6. Approval for Anthony Macias to attend Operational Red Flags for Narcotics Investigations in Las Cruces on July 26, 2023.
7. Approval for Mayor, City Council, and City Staff to attend 66th NMML Annual Conference in Farmington from August 30, 2023-September 01, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Approval of Bayard Police Dept. Policy and Procedures.

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

NEW BUSINESS

9. Discussion from Jade Wilson for Public Relations.

Jade Wilson discussed that at the last meeting she addressed the board with an issue of inappropriate comments that were made by the Fire Dept. Her domestic partner also works for the city and was told by his supervisor to go to the Fire Dept. It is then that the Chief was waiting to serve her partner a letter dismissing him from the volunteer Fire Department. The claim in the letter is that her partner did not attend 70% of the trainings. This claim came after she had questioned the Fire Dept. at the last meeting. In the past year she has attended council meetings and witnessed the Chief speak over and speak profanely about the Mayor and Council members and most recently retaliate on a member of the Fire Dept. With this behavior she is questioning what are the requirements to be a Fire Chief and, on the volunteer, dept. Wants to know if there are any licensing and certificate requirements.

Councilor Medina asked for the bylaws and requested a copy.

Ms. Wilson stated that since there is an opening in the Fire Dept. how can she apply or where can she pick up an application.

Chief Gonzales stated she can go to the Fire Dept.

Councilor Diaz said we need to have all the records kept in one place and in the past, they requested the dept. bring all files to the City Hall. He also has not seen any waivers received from the department that was previously asked of the department.

10. Approval of SWNM Council of Governments 2023-2024 Agreement.

Clerk Ramos wanted to update the public just for information it will cost for the year \$2,331.19.

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

11. Update for Ralph Jimenez Copper Little League President.

Mr. Jimenez stated that the Little League season is a wrap. He has had numerous people reach out about a Fall League this year. This hasn't been done for 5 years. He would like to ask for permission and it would run from August to mid-October. He wanted to let everyone know the air conditioners have been installed and windows will be installed by next week. The little league board is willing to help out with the bottom field that the city just took over.

Mayor Fierro said that fall ball is a great idea. He did notice that there has been some damage done to the restrooms and Maintenance superintendent Mike P. stated that the partitions were not installed correctly. Mr. Jimenez stated that they are having issues with the flooring up top and it separating. He knows we hired the YCC to help install the floors but they are installed incorrectly.

Councilor Eloy Gonzales asked how the District Tournaments are assigned. Mr. Jimenez stated that the district admin will assign those. Mr. Jimenez is trying to get a state tournament back in our town and Councilor Eloy Gonzales wants to make sure we are equipped to hold a state tournament. Councilor Eloy Gonzales thanked Mr. Jimenez and said they are doing a great job and appreciate everything they are doing.

Councilor Diaz thanked him for being the president for the past six years. He wanted to let him know about concerns he had. He wants the league and the city's maintenance to work together on getting jobs done. He noticed some expenses were high for a conference table and chairs and wanted to know where it came from. Mr. Diaz stated that he was informed that it came out of the Recreation Fund and we would be getting that money back. Would like anything over \$200 to come through the Council. Mr. Diaz said he talked to Ms. Valenzuela about the price of the chair and assured her they did not need anything that nice. He stated it wasn't what they requested but was told that the money was there and needed to be spent before the city lost it. Councilor Diaz stated that he would like to know exactly where \$500,000 of Recreation money has gone. Councilor Diaz stated that in the future if anyone wants to use the field for football or anything else it needs to be brought to the council so they know when and what the lights are being used for.

Mr. Jimenez wanted to clarify before moving forward with fall ball that they do have the approval to use the field for the season. Board said they will put it on the next agenda for approval.

12. Update from Bayard Housing Authority.

Councilor Frances Gonzales stated she is the liaison for the Bayard Housing Authority. She stated that at the last fire meeting they discussed that the Housing Authority felt the fire was not put out correctly the first time. The Housing Authority Board felt that Fire Chief Gonzales was not empathetic. They talked with Mr. Gonzales and with the Fire Marshall and were told the Fire Marshall would not come down. They had concerns about the Fire Marshall not coming down. She stated the board was concerned if there was another fire would there be retaliation or would the dept. want to work with them.

Fire Chief Gonzales stated that the Fire Marshall did say he would not come down. Councilor Medina asked if the dept. has thermal imaging and if it was used. Chief Gonzales stated they do and it was used and showed nothing.

13. Update from Bruce Ashburn, PNM for new street lights on Hurley Ave.

Mr. Ashburn was not present but Clerk Ramos updated the council about the status of getting new light poles up on Hurley Ave. He stated that PNM in December, is waiting for an approval and with this goes through they will redo every light pole in Bayard at no cost. If we want light poles now, they are \$2500 not including installation. Would like to wait before we purchase any poles.

14. Discussion from Jenny Castanon about Bayard Welcome Sign.

Jenny Castanon wanted to know if there was anyone wanted to help with The Welcome to Bayard Sign by Snell Middle School. Mark Diaz stated that the Beautification committee noticed that the boards and the poles are no good. It will take a lot of work. They are working on themes and ideas for the sign. Mr. Diaz asked if maybe the city could help with some funding for the sign. Jenny Castanon brought up an alternative and possibly asking J&J Signs to help with the sign.

15. Update from Clerk on FY 2022-2023 Audit.

Clerk Ramos sat with Mr. Stone and our only finding on the audit is that it was late. Mr. Ramos looked into getting another auditor and with the process of putting out an RFP he feels we could end up late again. He is recommending that we stay with Stone McGee for one more year. Mayor Fierro agrees with the recommendation and stated that we have used Mr. Stone for years and in the past as well and he has never been late. Councilor Diaz did agree with the recommendation as well.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

16. Approval of Resolution 4-2023 Adoption of Required CDBG Certifications and Commitments.

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

17. Approval of Resolution 11-2023 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments.

Mr. Ramos stated these are the final adjustments for the fourth quarter to be completed. Final budget will be getting submitted for the special meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION 11-2023

WHEREAS, the Bayard City Council in regular session on July 24, 2023 did propose to make certain budgetary adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Council does hereby authorize the attached listing of budgetary adjustments for the June 30, 2023 financial statements as listed in Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Council does hereby approve the June 30, 2023 budget adjustments as presented.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council does hereby accept and approve the budgetary adjustments for the period ending June 30, 2023.

Done at Bayard, New Mexico, this 24th day of July 2023.

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriel Ramos
Clerk-Treasurer

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

18. Approval of Ordinance 1-2023 Neglected Vacant Residential and Commercial Buildings.

CITY OF BAYARD, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ORDINANCE No. 1-2023

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEGLECTED VACANT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BAYARD,

WHEREAS the City of Bayard requested the City Council to enact an ordinance pursuant to their statutory authority under N.M.S.A. 1978, Section 3-17-1, which ordinance would require the registration and payment of an annual fee where a vacant residential or commercial structure is certified in writing by the City Police Chief or Fire Chief to be neglected;

WHEREAS the Clerk of the City of Bayard published timely notice in the Silver City Daily Press, a newspaper of general circulation in Grant County, and gave timely notice to interested parties in accordance with the provisions of N.M.S.A. 1978, Section 3-17-3; and

WHEREAS the City Council conducted public meetings on June 28, 2023, July 3, 2023, and July 7, 2023, and duly considered all statements presented as well as written commentary provided.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYARD, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to help protect the health and safety of the residents of the City of Bayard so that vacant structures do not constitute a public nuisance, by ensuring appropriate maintenance of vacant residential and commercial structures to prevent the development of insanitary conditions, unsafe deterioration of the structure, and unauthorized entry. This ordinance will help promote the City's public welfare by preventing blight and protecting property values and neighborhood integrity and safety.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE. It is declared a public nuisance for any owner to cause, permit, or fail to maintain any vacant residential or commercial structure in a manner contrary to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all vacant residential and

commercial structures within the corporate boundaries of the City of Bayard, as those boundaries may be altered from time to time by annexation.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows.

LOT	A measured parcel of land having fixed boundaries designated on a survey under one ownership as shown on the last assessor's roll of Grant County or the records of the City, whichever is the most recent.
NEGLECTED VACANT STRUCTURE	A structure which is vacant and is not maintained in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and certified in writing to be neglected by the City Police Chief or Fire Chief.
OCCUPANCY	The act of residing in the structure with full utilities service or conducting a legal business, properly registered, from the structure with full utilities service.
OWNER:	The owner of record based on the public records of the Grant County clerk and office of the Grant County assessor and any person with legal, financial, or equitable interest in the structure, land, or premises at the time of the determination that the vacant structure is a neglected structure under the provisions of this ordinance.
REGISTRATION	The process of providing name, present address, and other contact information of the owner of a vacant structure for protection of the subject premises and the owner's investment.
STRUCTURE:	A combination of any materials fixed to the ground and having a roof, enclosed within exterior walls, and constructed as a dwelling for the shelter of persons, including a building for the conduct of a legal business. A structure shall include any mobile home or manufactured home, as those homes are defined in NMSA. 1978, Section 3-21A-2(A) and -(B) (2001), whether used for residential or commercial purposes.
VACANT STRUCTURE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) A residential or commercial structure that has remained unoccupied for a period of more than thirty (30) days.(2) A structure is not deemed to be vacant for purposes of this ordinance if any of the following circumstances exist:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Any unit or portion of the structure is occupied by authorized persons;b. Any other structure on the same lot is occupied by authorized persons; orc. Construction or alteration of the structure is in progress, and where a state permit is required such unexpired permit must be posted. If a required state permit is not posted or has expired, then the structure shall be considered a vacant structure and subject to the requirements of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. REGISTRATION OF NEGLECTED VACANT STRUCTURE.

- A. Notification of Determination of Neglect and Required Registration. When a vacant structure is determined to be neglected, and certified in writing, the City Clerk shall notify the owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the neglect determination and the requirement to register the neglected vacant structure with the City. Said notice shall contain a registration form.
- (1) The owner must register the neglected vacant structure within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the notice.
 - (2) The owner must pay the neglected vacant structure fee with the registration.
- B. Registration Information. Registration shall be on a form available from the City Clerk, which includes but is not limited to the following information:
- (1) Name, address (physical and mailing), and contact telephone number of the owner;
 - (2) Name, address (physical and mailing), and contact telephone numbers of the local agent or representative for the structure /property, if other than the owner.
- C. Keep Registration Information Current. Upon any change in the facts provided in the initial registration, the owner shall file up-dated information within ten (10) business days of such change.
- D. Neglected Vacant Structure Fee. Upon notification of the neglected vacant structure determination, the owner must pay a prorated fee as established below, and continue to pay an annual fee on or before July 1 of each calendar year the vacant structure continues to be classified as a neglected vacant structure.
- (1) Initial fee shall be prorated from the month following the receipt of notice of the neglected vacant structure determination, which shall be based on a first year annual fee of \$300.00 (\$25.00/month).
 - (2) First full calendar year annual fee, where the structure is still designated as a neglected vacant structure, shall be \$300 (three hundred dollars).
 - (3) For each additional full calendar year the premises remains designated as a neglected vacant structure, the fee shall increase an additional \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) per year up to a maximum of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) per year.
- E. Owner Not Exempt from Complying with Standards Upon Payment of Fee. Payment of the neglected vacant structure fee does not exempt the owner from complying with this ordinance and other applicable laws. Upon a showing that the vacant structure and lot are in full compliance with this ordinance, the City will vacate the neglected vacant structure fee. No further fee will be due provided the vacant structure and lot continue to be in compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS.

- A. Maintenance in Accordance with all Applicable Laws. The owner of a vacant structure shall maintain it and its lot(s) in accordance with all applicable local ordinances and the state sanitary codes, building codes, and fire codes pertaining to the lot and the external (visible) parts of the structure.
- B. Security Standards. The owner shall maintain the vacant structure in a way that secures the structure from any unauthorized entry and shall comply with the following minimum security standards:
- (1) Promptly cover, secure, or repair all broken windows, doors, other openings, and any unsafe conditions at a vacant structure. Boards or coverings must be fitted and sized to the exterior opening.
 - (2) There shall be at least one operable door into each vacant structure, secured with a suitable lock.
 - (3) The lot(s) upon which a vacant residential or commercial structure is located shall be appropriately secured based on the conditions and surroundings, and maintained in a manner that eliminates any public safety hazard. Said lot(s) must be free of all combustible materials.
- C. Appearance Standards. The owner of a vacant structure shall comply with the following minimum

appearance standards:

- (1) All vacant structures must be maintained in a manner that minimizes the appearance of neglect and deters unauthorized occupation. Owners shall promptly remove graffiti from the vacant structure and any fencing and immediately repair damage from attempted or actual intrusions into the vacant structure.
- (2) All exterior surfaces, including any boarded windows or doors, shall be applied with sufficient paint, siding, stucco, or other finishes in the same color or similar color to blend with the structure's existing exterior color scheme. All exterior surfaces, including roofs, shall be of sufficient construction to weatherproof the vacant structure.
- (3) The lot(s) upon which the vacant structure is situated, including all landscaping, shall be kept in such condition as not to create the appearance of an unsecured, unoccupied structure. Said lot(s) shall be free of litter, which includes debris and garbage.

SECTION 7. PARTIAL OR COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF STRUCTURE. An owner of a structure rendered vacant as a result of catastrophic fire or act of nature shall: (i) immediately secure the premises with appropriate fencing and no trespass signs, (ii) within two calendar weeks from the catastrophic event clear the premises of all litter and debris; and (iii) within four calendar weeks from the catastrophic event demolish any remaining parts of the structure and clear the site or show proof to the Code Enforcement Officer of completed and filed application for appropriate state permits for rebuilding the partially destroyed structure.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES.

- A. Penalties: It is unlawful for any person who owns controls, or is the responsible agent of a vacant structure to fail to register and pay the requisite fee as provided in this ordinance, and to maintain, or cause or permit the maintenance of the vacant structure in a condition defined as a "neglected vacant structure" in this ordinance. Violations of this ordinance are in addition to any other violation established by law.
- B. Penalties. The court may impose fine of not more than \$500 (five hundred dollars) or imprisonment of more than ninety days or both upon finding any person in violation of any provision of this ordinance.
- C. Remedies Not Exclusive. This ordinance shall not be interpreted as limiting the penalties, actions, or summary abatement procedures that may be taken by the City under existing laws, ordinances, or rules, including perfecting a lien upon the premises and foreclosure thereof.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. Should any provision of this ordinance be rendered invalid by a court of law, the remaining provisions shall continue in force and effect until amended or repealed by action of the City Council.

Findings:

1. The presence of unmaintained vacant residential and commercial structures creates a negative impression and has been shown to have an adverse economic impact on neighboring properties and businesses by depressing property values;
2. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain a vacant structure to minimize the appearance of neglect and to secure the vacant structure from unauthorized entry, and such responsibility should not be a burden placed upon the entire community;
3. Trespassers find vacant structures to be attractive places to conduct criminal activities, and

unauthorized access can lead to vandalism and even fires that put the structure and surrounding area at risk;

4. Neglected vacant and unsecured residential and commercial structures can become an attractive but dangerous play area for children and can harbor wild animals, pests, and vermin;
5. Vacant structures that have deteriorated or been neglected are a threat to public safety, health, and welfare of the community.
6. The City of Bayard has an interest in identifying and registering property owners of neglected and unsecured vacant residential and commercial structures located within the corporate limits of the City of Bayard; and
7. To provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the City of Bayard and its inhabitants, it is necessary to establish a process whereby the City can identify neglected vacant structures and impose a fee upon the owners thereof in order to monitor compliance with applicable laws.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by vote of the City Council of the Bayard, Grant County, New Mexico, this 10th day of July 2023.

Chon Fierro, Mayor
City of Bayard

Attest:

Tanya Ortiz
City of Bayard

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

19. Approval to Extend Planning and Zoning Board to Seven Members.

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

20. Approval of Letter of Interest for Ricardo Aguirre to be on the Planning and Zoning Board.

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

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

21. Approval to Hire Certified Officer Trevor Jenson at the Rate of \$24.00 an hour.

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

22. Approval to Hire Louis Gomez Jr. as an Un-Certified Officer at the Rate of \$18.00 an hour.

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

23. Approval of Resignation Letter from parks & Rec Christopher Bencomo.

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

CLOSED SESSION

24. Pursuant to 10-15-1 (H-2) NMSA 1978 for limited personnel matters for Fire Department.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

Beautification Committee- Two members parted ways with the board. The events they have coming up is their annual Trunk or Treat. They are talking about maybe having Music in the Park the same night. Mr. Diaz also invites the public to attend the meetings that are held every third Wednesday of the month at the Bayard Community Center.

Planning and Zoning- Councilor Frances Gonzales stated that their next meeting is August 3, 2023 at the Bayard Public Library. She is suggesting to bring Sheila in and to talk with Silver to see how everyone runs things. Also appreciated that Mr. Ramos attended the last meeting. Councilor Frances Gonzales stated they need good clear maps of the city and zones for each of the members and will be getting with Jenny Castanon to see what funding is available for Planning and Zoning.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Maintenance- Mikey P. updated the Mayor and Council on the Railroad Project. They have submitted a Traffic Control Plan to get approved and the state is hoping to get started towards the end of August.

Wastewater Treatment Plant- Bar screen was ordered and tie in with the effluent line will begin and be at 100% flow by Thursday.

Police Dept.- Chief Carrillo wanted to thank everyone with helping getting the dept. fully staffed. They will be helping with the Summerfest and will be having a meeting on operational plans to focus on safety because this event will be a lot bigger than last year. He has tasked Valerie Barboa as the liaison on getting neighborhood watch going.

Clerk Ramos stated he attended a Beautification meeting as well as a Planning and Zoning meeting and also met with the maintenance supervisor and they need repairs done for the sweeper and they are also in need of a heavy duty trailer. They did start on weed clean ups and also got hot mix ordered to start patching up holes on Mayo St. He also went and saw the wells and also checked on the chlorinator and spoke with an engineer to get a substitute to run the chlorinator and that is running a little under \$10,000. Met with Police Chief and they are in need of storage which he noticed all depts. are in need of storage. Fire Chief also needs storage for old fire truck and washroom. Mr. Ramos also met with Librarian Sonya Dixon and

there needs to be some work done on the wall. There is water run off that goes towards the building and needs to be rerouted. Met with Mr. Terrazas to go over needs for the wastewater treatment plant and to start utilizing matching funds. Mr. Ramos would like to have a small retreat with the council and Directors to get a move on ICIP. Wants to discuss our top projects. Mr. Ramos also stated that he really appreciated the Fire Dept.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Mr. Eloy Gonzales wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for having him on the board. As a council member his priority is Bayard. As a member he wants to be responsible for a lot of things that happen and be able to help.

Councilor Diaz stated that things are taking a good turn and wanted to thank everyone for attending the meeting. Would like to see that the ACO position be posted soon.

Mayor Fierro said he did meet with Mr. Ramos to see what needed to be done and improved and he feels we are getting to where we need to be. Wanted to thank the Maintenance Superintendent and Wastewater Superintendent for their work. Wanted to express that we need to Pray for Mr. Terrazas and his Wife and Family.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - August 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment 8:37 p.m.

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriel Ramos
Clerk Treasurer



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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chon S. Fierro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1. Approval of Resolution 12-2023 4th Quarter Budget.

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

2. Approval of Resolution 13-2023 Final Budget FY2024.

Clerk Ramos stated that revenues are less than expenditures but we have not received certain revenue that comes throughout the year. He is still very concerned about the expenditures. would like to work on tightening our belts and no overspending.

Councilor Jose Diaz asked if this Final Budget included all positions and Mr. Ramos informed him it did include all positions. Mr. Ramos stated he would like to put a hold on hiring two other positions for the Maintenance Dept. until at least December. There is also talks about possibly doing away with Parks and Rec. position and just hiring as maintenance.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - August 12, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriel Ramos
Clerk Treasurer