



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 23, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Clerk Ramos let the council know that Jenny Castanon received another grant for the Union Hall Museum project. This is the second grant she has gotten which brings the total to almost \$200,000.00 in grants. He wanted to advise the council she is doing a great job.

Clerk Ramos stated a request was made by Cesar Jimenez to have a dinner for the football players and would like to close a small portion of Winifred St. He has talked to his neighbors and everyone is ok with it. It will be from 3p.m. to 7p.m. Clerk Diaz said he has helped out a lot with the Bayard Beautification Committee and the Welcome sign.

Clerk Ramos stated that they will utilize the money from the grant to hire another Police Officer. The only down fall is the grant decreases over the period of three years. It is a great idea to help have 24/7 coverage. Chief Carrillo advised as of October 7th they have had 24/7 coverage. On the police report only 23 calls were answered from the county. They are averaging 300 to 400 calls a month. They are on a 1 month rotation on graveyards. He will be down two officers when his two un-certified officers leave for the academy.

Eloy Medina brought up that there will be an increase in Hurley for trash pick-up. He wanted to verify if we are increasing rates. Marlana did advise that we do increase rates annually to follow the CPI Increases put out by the state yearly. Mr. Medina wants to advise the residents before hand. Councilor Frances Gonzales would like for the increase to start in January and we will have to eat the fees for the month of November and December. Clerk Ramos advised that it will roughly be about \$3000 per month that the city is having to take on. Councilor Diaz said we owe it to the residents to not start the fees until January. Councilor Gonzales would like to see an ad out in the paper about the increases that will start in January to give residents a fair warning. Marlana advised that speaking with the Utility clerk bills will go up about \$3 roughly.

Councilor Gonzales wanted to remind residents about a survey that needs to be completed form the health council. Also wanted to make everyone aware that on November 2nd from 6-8p.m. there will be a meeting at the Veterans Center on how we can handle homelessness issues and substance abuse issues. Councilor Diaz stated that this program is working up in Farmington. They help out with a van that is equipped with law enforcement and a social worker and they will pick up people to help them detox.

Councilor Diaz wanted to remind everyone that the Bayard Beautification Committee is having their annual trunk or treat this weekend and their candy drop.

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
Councilor Eloy Gonzales

Others in attendance were, Larry Ojinaga, Dolores Charon, Manuel Garcia, Jesus and Joann Perez, Gilbert Ortiz and Jade Wilson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Update: Tourism Department Grant Award Planning and Design for the Union Hall Museum Project.
2. Approve/Disapprove of the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

3. Approve/Disapprove WNM Communications Service Agreement

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. Approve/Disapprove of hiring an Additional Police Officer

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Councilor Medina advised that there is a survey that needs to be done on behavioral health. It helps the county get funding for projects for drug rehabilitation and homelessness. Please take advantage of the opportunity.

Councilor Eloy Gonzales said he attended the Mimbres Fall Festival and it was very well attended. A lot of people, good food, and music. The booths were nice. He would like to see one here in the future and we should always support them as well.

Councilor Frances Gonzales stated that the Planning and Zoning meeting will be held here at the city November 4th at 4:00p.m. Wanted to remind everyone that if you are adding to your house you need to make sure you get all your permits in. There is a Housing meeting this Wednesday as well.

Councilor Diaz attended the Refugio Never Forgotten Ceremony. It was very touching. Wanted to thank the Maintenance Dept. for putting up the ribbons for the Refugio. Also wanted to remind everyone to come to the Veterans Center on November 2nd.

Mayor Fierro said it was brought up a few meetings ago about adding stuff by the Welcome sign. He stated that the DOT did not approve the drawings that were submitted to them. He was told it is a big liability. He stated that him and the Clerk will be going to Deming to talk with them again to see what we could do.

Councilor Diaz wanted to bring up a trailer that is parked on Canyon St. that is junk. Wants to know if there is anything we can do. Virginia St. has one that is trashed as well. Councilor F. Gonzales advised we need to follow the new Ordinance that was passed not too long ago. Chief Carrillo advised that they are having issues with people claiming squatter rights.

Clerk Ramos stated that a money card is going around for Mr. Terrazas to help with the passing of his wife. He is working on submitting the Quarterly report this week as well. Also wanted to advise that Medical Insurance premiums are going up 10% and it will be effective as of January 1, 2024. There will be dumpsters going in by the Bayard PD Dept. for the Community Clean-Up. He also attended the Never Forgotten Ceremony at the Refugio and it was an eye opener. Jenny Castanon has done great with the grants as well. He also talked with AJ Forte and on who can request a closed session. Any councilor can request a closed session.

Chief Carrillo advised that it is going to be a busy week for the department. Wednesday they will be assisting with the painting of the "C" and they will be shutting down the highway for the parade at 2 p.m. They will be assisting with the Trunk or Treat at the schools and the Bayard Beautification Committee. He wanted to thank the councilors for approving getting an 7th officer. Having enough vehicles is still an issue.

Community Member Dolores Charon wanted to thank everyone for all the support they received during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Bayard Beautification committee reported that they will be helping with the Copper Collaborative and that they will be having their annual Trunk or Treat as well.

Planning and Zoning will be meeting November 1st at 4 p.m. at the City Hall.

CLOSED SESSION

7. Closed Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1 (H-2 & H-8) NMSA 1978 pertaining to limited personnel matters; pending or threatened litigation.

Motion made by Councilor F. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Medina.
Voting Nay: Mayor Fierro, Councilor Diaz, Councilor E. Gonzales

There was no closed session.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting – November 13, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

6:55 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor E. Gonzales, Councilor Diaz, Councilor F. Gonzales

Chon Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriel Ramos
Clerk Treasurer