



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Councilor Frances Gonzales wanted to know how many animals get euthanized and also wanted to know the monthly charge for this.

Councilor Diaz wanted to know if we would be getting new trash bins. Clerk Ramos stated that was part of the contract. Councilor Gonzales wanted to verify they would still be doing the community clean up twice a year with the big roll out bins.

Chief Carrillo had three applicants for the ACO/Code Enforcement Officer and they interviewed two. Councilor Diaz wanted to make sure they understood they would be doing crosswalks as well. Chief Carrillo stated that we will be starting this employee at \$16.50 an hour and we are in the process of getting an agreement with the schools to get reimbursed \$30.00 for the crosswalk duties.

Clerk Ramos wanted to get two volunteers to talk about increases for the notary and certifications. Councilor Diaz would like to see the policy be revised and has asked about this for the past two meetings. He mentioned possibly getting with the employees with the notary certifications and come to an agreement of a lump sum. Clerk Ramos said it is a tough decision but that council needs to come to an agreement.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chon S. Fierro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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PRESENT

Mayor Chon Fierro
Councilor Eloy Medina
Councilor Frances Gonzales
Councilor Jose Diaz
Councilor Eloy Gonzales

Others in attendance were Hector Carrillo, Larry Ojinaga, Tanya Ortiz, Jade Wilson, Dolores Charon, Joe Ramirez, Trevor Jensen, Louis Gomez, Jesus Perez, and Joan Perez.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Diaz.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Jesus Perez had concerns for neighbors house. He has contacted the health dept. and to see if there is black mold. has had issues with rats and see they run to the neighbors house. The roof is gone and it smells like mildew. Cats are in and out and skunks are constantly spraying his dogs. He has talked with the Mayor, previous Chiefs and Councilors and still nothing has been done. Joe Ramirez advised him about the planning and Zoning meeting that is coming up.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

1. Approval of Regular Minutes for August 28, 2023.
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Report for September 11, 2023.
3. Approval of Bayard Library Report for August 2023.
4. Approval of Chief Hector Carrillo attending Organized Retail Crime Conference in Albuquerque on September 28, 2023.
5. Approval of Chief Carrillo attending Use of Force Report Writing in Albuquerque on October 19, 2023.
6. Approval of Trevor Jensen and Anthony Macias attending IR 8000 Operator Class in T or C on October 26, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Discussion/Approval of Solid Waste Contract.

This was postponed for signatures.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem Eloy Medina.

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Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

9. Discussion/Approval of Planning & Zoning requesting City Staff as a Secretary.

Joe Ramirez was in attendance on behalf of Mr. Mark Richard. He stated the committee is wanting some changes made to the Neglected/Vacancy Ordinance. There is some issues with certain timing dates and will be submitting what they would like to see changed. There is a part in section 7 that they would changed from 4 weeks to longer. It was brought up at the last meeting that they would like to have a secretary from the city do minutes. He stated that Councilor Gonzales is doing great with the minutes but Mr. Richard felt they would be taken more seriously if they had a secretary. Mayor Fierro asked if the planning and zoning committee elected her to be the secretary and she stated they did. Mayor Fierro stated to keep it that way since she was elected for that position. Clerk Ramos recommended that we do not assign a secretary from City staff. Councilor Diaz stated that she is a liaison and should take a step back, we are there only for support and feedback and they should let someone from the committee take minutes. Mr. Ramirez said they need more volunteers.

Motion made by Councilor Diaz to keep the secretary as is, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

10. Approval of Lexipol Master Service Agreement.

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

11. Discussion/Approval of Notary Increases.

Clerk Ramos would like to have two volunteers to serve on a committee to go over what should be done for increases on notaries and future certifications. Councilor Diaz advised he would like to be on the committee. Councilor Gonzales also stated she would like to be on the committee as well.

Motion made by Councilor Diaz to have a Special Meeting to discuss increases, Seconded by Councilor Medina.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Louis Gomez wanted to know how we are handling background checks on volunteer Fire. Chief Carrillo said he is equipped to run backgrounds and asked the council if they would allow him to run the simple backgrounds for the Fire Dept.

Clerk Ramos stated employees are doing great and Maintenance is staying busy. He has heard nothing but great things with our Police Dept., as well as positive things about our Fire Dept. Clerk Ramos asked the council how they wanted to handle employees with Covid. Councilor Diaz advised employees will need to use annual and sick leave. Councilor Medina said if you are exposed you need to have a mask on. Clerk Ramos advised everyone that the Welcome to Bayard sign by Snell is coming down soon. Councilor Medina said instead of putting money into new sign he would like to add more money in to the existing Welcome to Bayard sign by Blake's. Mayor Fierro stated DOT does not want anything else there. Councilor Medina said he would like to see a Veterans Memorial or plaque to recognize veterans. Clerk Ramos asked council about considering changing the leave policy to allow employees to carryover more than 120 annual leave hours. Council advised to have it on next agenda.

Councilor Eloy Gonzales said he attended the Municipal League and it was a great experience. he got to exchange ideas and is looking forward to the next one.

Councilor Medina asked if residents wants a copy of the Vacant Building Ordinance where can they get one. He was advised they can pick one up at the City Hall. He also stated the Fire Dept. has been getting a lot of compliments.

Councilor Frances Gonzales said there is a Housing Meeting at 4:00 p.m. next Thursday. She stated she had spoke with Jolene at the Housing and that she was told the ex Fire Chief went over there asking why she reported to council about the Dept. and that he was upset. Planning and Zoning meets at the City Hall on September 21, 2023.

Councilor Diaz advised there is a Bingo Fundraiser the Beautification Committee is doing September 24, 2023 and October 21, 2023. There is also the annual Trunk or Treat Candy Drop on October 29, 2023.

Mayor Fierro said he was very happy with how our maintenance handles leaks so quickly. He is also really happy with the Police Dept. Him and the Clerk had a meeting with Bruce from PNM to see what they could do t help with grants. They also have a meeting with the Mine to see about getting funding for the Mine Mill Hall and another mining museum.

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NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - September 25, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

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Chon Fierro

Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristina Ortiz, MMC
Clerk Treasurer