



City of Bayard
COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Chief Carrillo brought to the Councils attention that this month the Sheriffs office only responded to fourteen calls. The calls that the county are having to respond to in Bayard are declining and we are making progress in having coverage. Councilor Medina stated he ran a call with officer Barboa and she was very professional and maintained her composure.

Councilor Diaz asked when our Animal Control would be starting. Chief Carrillo let him know he is scheduled for his physical and should be starting soon.

Maintenance Superintendent Mikey Paez informed council the training he will be attending will help minimize damages when out in the field and also will have a class to have a certified Competent person on staff that is required.

Reyna Garay wanted to give an update on the Shrine for Lady of Fatima. She is requesting to have a study done to see the kind of impact it would have on the surrounding houses to have a road built on the other side of the Shrine. Councilor Diaz asked who will be conducting the survey? He asked Mrs. Garay if she could possibly ask the Knights of Columbus to help with walking around the neighborhoods to get the residents opinions. Councilor Diaz stated they are all in support of what she is doing. Reyna Garay would like for someone to provide her the numbers for contacting the Knights of Columbus.

Councilor Frances Gonzales gave an update on Bayard Housing Buildings that burned. She stated there were two buildings involved and the Housing Authority is in contact with someone to see how the foundation is. Insurance should cover the damages that were done to the Buildings. She said the Bayard Housing Authority board will be reaching out to USDA to see what other funding options are available. She also gave an update on the increasing prices for the housing. For residents who pay a base rate it is based off of 80% of their income. She also said the Housing board was concerned about audit. They wanted to know if they will still be apart of our Audit included with City of Bayard. The housing cannot afford to go in on their own. Clerk Ramos stated it was recommended by Mike Stone for them to go on their own. He suggested having a meeting set up with the auditors and the Housing Authority to come to a conclusion. Councilor Medina was concerned about the letters that were sent to the residents at the Bayard Housing Authority saying that some people will be looking at rates of \$800 month and that is concerning.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-tem Eloy Medina

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**ROLL CALL****PRESENT**

Councilor Eloy Medina
Councilor Frances Gonzales
Councilor Jose Diaz
Councilor Eloy Gonzales

ABSENT

Mayor Chon Fierro

Others in attendance were Larry Ojinaga, Joe Ramirez, Nick Siebel, Scott Siville, Reyna Garay, Hector Carrillo, Michael Paez, Cody Dove, Dolores Charon, Joan and Jesus Perez, and Jade Wilson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Jade Wilson gave an update on the Bayard Beautification Bingo and said they had a great turnout. They wanted to invite the community out again this Sunday. They will also be having their Annual Trunk or Treat and Candy Drop on Sunday, October 29, 2023. There will be vendors at the event and it is for everyone in the surrounding areas.

Dolores Charon wanted to make everyone aware that October is Domestic Violence Awareness. She wanted to see if Bayard would participate again this year with putting purple ribbons up. Refugio will be putting a proclamation together and would like to have our PD present. October 19th is Remember my Name and they will have a ceremony at the Refugio at 6:30 p.m. that day. October 10th they would like all the ribbons put up on the light post.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Regular Minutes for August 28, 2023 and Regular Minutes for September 11, 2023.
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Report for September 25, 2023.

3. Approval of Bayard Police Report for August 2023.
4. Approval of Bayard Animal Control/Code Enforcement for August 2023.
5. Approval of Mikey Paez to attend NM Damage Prevention Summit in Albuquerque October 24-26, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Discussion from Reyna Maynes Garay about updating the shrine of Our lady of Guadalupe.

Discussed in work session and council agrees on getting a letter of support to Mrs. Garay.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion from Senator Siah Hemphill Correa - Legislation Updates.

Senator Hemphill Correa stated economically right now there is a lot of good news. The state is in a good place. The finance committee is seeing a surplus in revenue and they are working on how to protect it and use in future projects and how to build Quality of Life. The biggest goal is to make sure they have a balanced budget every year. They are putting more money to support Growth and Services for better Quality of Life. They are working on the Healthcare policy diversifying economy career and technology. Looking in to building a Vo-tech Center in the Mining District which continues to be one of the leading contributors in the retail trade. The State of New Mexico is leading the country in employment gain and currently have more jobs open than people working. Councilor Gonzales stated that we need help with our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Clerk Ramos wanted to know if there was anything being put aside to help with the smaller municipalities who struggle to get a cash match for certain projects that are required federally. Councilor Diaz requested that they set up a meeting for everyone to sit together to discuss the needs of the city before the legislative session starts.

8. Update from Councilor Frances Gonzales on Bayard Housing Authority.

Update was talked about in work session.

9. Discussion/Approval to assign Scott Siville as the Animal Control Liaison.

Chief Carrillo stated he sat down with Mr. Siville and he was amazed with all his work he does. He asked Mr. Siville to explain the process of everything he does. Mr. Siville helps line up the transportation to to get dogs adopted out and also gets them scheduled for vaccines before they get adopted out. He said there is a dozen of volunteers that help him with finding coupons for spaying and neutering. Chief Carrillo wanted to make it more official for Mr. Siville with a title. Councilor Diaz thanked him on behalf of the city for everything he is doing. Chief Carrillo presented Mr. Siville with a letter of recognition as well. Clerk Ramos would like to put together a proclamation for Mr. Siville for all his hard work.

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

10. Update from Planning and Zoning on neglected homes and street names.

Ricardo Aguirre came before the Council representing the Planning and Zoning Board. He wanted to make them aware of issues they are having. He would like to see about getting a more accurate zoning map for the City of Bayard. There are a few zoning regulations that they are handling as well like a rock structure and a few buildings that seem to be hazardous to surrounding neighbors. They also have some concerns about a few street names and would like to see changes done. Clerk Ramos stated that the readdressing is something that will be getting worked on. Mr. Aguirre also wanted to thank the councilors for hiring him to be the new Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer.

11. Discussion/Approval of changing personnel policy to allow employees to carryover more than 120 annual leave hours.

Clerk Ramos advised the council that there are employees with sick family members and they would like to be able to carryover more time in the case of emergencies. Clerk Ramos stated that annual leave does get paid out if someone leaves us so the big question is can we afford to pay it out in that event. Councilor Diaz advised that we should change the policy to revise the sick leave to carryover more hours. Councilor Medina suggested not putting a cap on the sick leave and possibly moving up the annual leave to carryover 160 hours. Councilor Diaz said for next agenda to add uncapping the sick leave and revising the policy.

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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

12. Adoption of Resolution 15-2023 FY2024 TPF Match Waiver for Alta Vista Street Construction.

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

13. Adoption of Resolution 16-2023 Acceptance and Approval of the FY22 Audit.

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

CLOSED SESSION

14. A Closed Session may be held pursuant to 10-15-1 (H-2) NMSA 1978 for limited personnel matters.

Motion made by Councilor Diaz, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.

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

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Clerk Ramos wanted to make everyone aware that there was hydrant work that was done in front of a council members house. It was not work being done at the councilors house but working on a fire hydrant. There has been research done in to the \$0.25 increases for certifications and nothing has been found in anywhere documented. A previous supervisor stated that back in 93 they talked about giving increases for water levels 1,2,and 3. Also said a lot of people were excited about the Bingo and great job to everyone who ran it.

Councilor Jose Diaz wanted to reach out to Dolores to let her know that he would like to be on the advocate committee. Thanked the maintenance dept. for fixing a hydrant that should've been fixed a long time ago. He got to watch how they were together as a team. Also great teamwork form the Beautification Committee. There will be a Trunk or Treat on October 29th. He was very happy to see the tracks were finally getting worked on.

Councilor Frances Gonzales said there is a public meeting for the Library at 5 p.m. Also would like for the Fire Chief to attend the Housing meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Also wanted to remind everyone the last day to register on paper to vote is October 10, 2023. There is a Planning and Zoning meeting Thursday at City Hall at 4 p.m.

Councilor Eloy Gonzales said every meeting he learns something new and that is a good thing.

Councilor Medina stated the Beautification Committee is doing an amazing job and he was impressed with the BINGO. It was a packed house and the prizes they were giving out were great.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - October 10, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

8:19 p.m.

Eloy Medina
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Gabriel Ramos
Clerk Treasurer