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Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday May 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Clawson called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members present were Audra Thornton, Alan Thornton, Butch McFall and Michelle Chavez. Others present were Clerk Ashley Hopkin. Attorney was available by phone if needed (but not present). Guests present were Adene Wuertley, Linda Engstrom, and Janet Pichlmaier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Adene Wuertley read a letter to the council that she wrote expressing her disappointment that the town council did not approve of giving her the paintings that were at the school for her museum. The council had decided to keep them at the Town Hall. She stated that she was trying to do a positive thing for the town by preserving some of Bairoil's history in her museum. She also mentioned that the town doesn't have much left in the way of attractions anymore and the school, which she felt was a large part of the community, is gone. She stated that the school building and grounds looked like they are abandoned. She expressed hope that the old Town Hall and trencher park will not end up the same way. She feels the town park is not user friendly. In the past, she had hoped that the old school could be used for a museum, but it was condemned by the State Fire Marshall. She agreed that she had received two pickup loads of items from the school that were designated for a museum in the future. She also stated that she's trying to include things from the School, Ambulance service, and the Fire Department in her 307 Indian Paintbrush property. She remembered when the Ambulance service and the Fire Department were some of the best in the state, and that her late husband was a member of the Fire Department for 25 years. She also stated that she feels the Library and the Church are important parts of the community. She discussed the bobcat mount that was displayed in the Bairoil school and the history behind it. She said that her museum will be open much of the summer and would be available for viewing by calling her personally.

Approval of the minutes for April 15, 2026, they were posted according to law. With no changes necessary, the minutes stand as written.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Butch McFall, to approve the agenda of May 6, 2026. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: The contractor that is going to be working on our valves and testing the town's water system was going to start the project on Monday.

Old Business: A motion was made by Michelle Chavez, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pass ordinance#2026-01 on the second reading. Motion passed.

New Business:

No executive session was needed.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to pay check#17634 through check#17660, including all debit card charges and EFT's, for a total amount in bills \$40,312.55. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest because there was check#17634 for Plus Electric and check#17642 in there for him.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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Date 5/20/2026