

Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patricia Showalter called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Mike Tyrell, Cindy Fuentes-Ummel and Bev Hall. Others present were City Superintendent, Richard Hall and City Clerk, Debbie Steckline.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communications were presented and acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve the minutes as amended seconded by Scott Corsair. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Code violations were discussed. The Council is concerned about the noxious weeds, primarily bindweed and musk thistle that is appearing in many yards and lots in the city. Debbie suggested that she send a letter to all property owners and tenants with a copy of the code that covers this issue and a picture of bindweed and musk thistle so that the people are aware of what to look for on their properties. She will also ask that the people do their best to either not let clippings go into the street or ask that they sweep them up as this is another way that the seeds from the weeds are spread to neighboring properties. A few property owners will receive notice within the letter that if they do not abate the issue, they will be receiving a notice of violation.

2. An update on properties with delinquent taxes was discussed. There are a few that will be put on the roster to be put up for auction. The ones that have been discussed previously are all abandoned properties. Debbie will check if there are any additional properties with delinquent taxes and pass on the information.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. A draft of the proposed budget received from the accountant was reviewed. The City does not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The Budget hearing will be held on August 10, 2026 at 6:45 PM. Debbie will get the information to the County Clerk and the Ness County News.

2. The need to increase the trash fee was discussed. When the rate was increased in 2024, it was only increased to what Mitch's Trash Service would be charging which did not allow for expenses incurred by the City of Bazine. The accountant pointed out that the Trash fund was close to operating in the red. After discussion Mike Tyrell moved to adopting Ordinance 334 raising the trash rate per dumpster by \$0.50 putting the rate at \$16.00 per dumpster. Jeff Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. An email from the City attorney, Tony Rues was presented. It was regarding an email he received from a law firm that is investigating and pursuing antitrust claims in regards to purchased fire apparatus. It was decided that the email would be referred to the Bazine Fire District.

VOUCHERS: Jeff Werth made a motion and Mike Tyrell seconded to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10 p.m., Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to adjourn the meeting. Bev Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.