

City of Bryson
Council Meeting

March 11, 2024

- I. Call to Order –
Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm March 11, 2024, in City Hall.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
- III. Roll Call
The following persons were present: Mayor Lutitia Ford, Ald. Shelly Tinney, Ald. Heather Neer, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. JR Stearns, Ald. Travis Rhoten, PWD Brian Rushin, Assistant PWD Cory Allen and City Secretary Cheryl Adams.
Visitors: Danny Lewis, Michael Lewis, Chelsea Lewis and Marty Cathey
- IV. Danny Lewis, Michael Lewis and Chelsea Lewis addressed the council concerning a new water tap needed on their property. Public Works Director Brian Rushin informed them that he had spoken to an engineer and learned that the City's elevated storage will be sufficient to add more water taps.
- V. Marty Cathey addressed the council concerning the clean-up done by a contractor hired by the City at his property at 201 S. Depot and the property of Debbie Goodner at 102 E. Roberts. He claimed that the contractor removed valuable items, such as hay bales, tin horns, bricks and cinder blocks. Mr. Cathey claimed that he was not properly given notice of the clean-up orders and planned actions taken by the City. However, Mr. Cathey also admitted that he only checks his mail once a month and missed the certified letters that were sent to him and admitted that he saw a public notice in the Jacksboro Newspaper. Mr. Cathey wants reimbursement of \$4,000 from the City. The Council informed him that all necessary steps were taken to notify him.
- VI. Motion was made to approve consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the February 12, 2024, Regular Meeting by Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.
- VII. Motion was made to cancel the May 4, 2024 Uniform Election due to lack of candidates filing. by Ald. Shelly Tinney, seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 5-0. Three Aldermen, Shelly Tinney, Heather Neer and JR Stearns will serve another term.
- VIII. Motion was made to approve a Resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month by Ald. Shelly Tinney, seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.
- IX. Motion was made to not respond to Public Utility Commission's CPI Adjustment to right-of-way access line rates, thereby accepting the proposed rates. Vote 5-0.
- X. Motion was made to not delay by 45 days the Texas Gas Service Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program Rate Adjustment by Ald. JR Stearns, seconded by Ald. Shelly Tinney. Vote 4 -1 abstaining.
- XI. Discussion was made on Open Meetings Act certifications.
- XII. Discussion was made on Sewer Line Grant construction plans. Construction had not begun by Canary Construction by March 11, 2024, PWD Brian Rushin informed the Council that it should begin March 12, 2024.

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- XIII. Discussion was made regarding Substandard Housing for 2023-34. No updates were given.
- XIV. Discussion was made concerning the annual Spring Clean-Up and Free Dump Days. The event was scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 12 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 2024. Tentative plans were discussed to hold a weed and debris sweep sometime after.
- XV. Motion was made to move into Executive Session by Ald. Shelly Tinney, seconded by Ald. Heather Neer, Vote 5-0.
- XVI. Motion was made to approve a 3.2% pay raise for the Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director and City Secretary to be effective immediately by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. JR Stearns, Vote 5-0 (closed).
- XVII. Motion was made to move out of Executive Session by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. JR Stearns, Vote 5-0.
- XVIII. Report from Public Works Director – Informed the Council that a new pump for the irrigation system has been ordered after the current one caught fire.
- XIX. Report from City Secretary – Informed the Council that the computers for City Secretary and Public Works Director had been replaced and the process of file transfer was ongoing. Informed Council that the Vista server move had been completed and was still awaiting training and resolving of some technical issues.
- XX. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm by Ald. JR Stearns; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

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Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
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