

City of Bryson Council Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2024

I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm November 11, 2024, in City Hall.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**

Roll Call: The following persons were present: Mayor Lutitia Ford, Ald. Heather Neer, Ald. Shelly Tinney, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. Travis Rhoten, Ald. JR Stearns, PWD Brian Rushin, APWD Cory Allen, City Secretary Cheryl Adams and Visitors Richard Green, Will Farmer, Roger Price and Jay DeKoch.

III. Richard Green, a landowner, addressed the Council about purchasing bulk water from Bryson Lake to pump into McCloud Lake as needed. Mr. Green stated they can provide the pump and do all of the work needed to create the pump system. A decision was made to research the request with TCEQ and add an item to a future agenda.

IV. Roger Price addressed the Council about his desire to open a “charity sweepstakes” in the old Cotton’s Liquor building. He also stated that he would make monthly donations to the Bryson Volunteer Fire Department if allowed to do so. When asked to clarify “charity sweepstakes” it was revealed that the proposed business would be a video game gambling hall. Due to questions about Texas laws on gambling, a discussion will be held at a later meeting after research is done on the subject.

V. Jay DeKoch addressed the Council concerning the state of roads and substandard houses in the City of Bryson. Council informed him of the actions the City can and have been taking to address these issues.

VI. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.

VII. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2024-11-11.01 adopting a new Financial Policy by Ald. Heather Neer; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 5-0.

VIII. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2024-11-11.02 adopting a Covered Application and Prohibited Technology Policy as required by Texas Senate Bill 1893 by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. JR Stearns. Vote 5-0.

IX. A motion was made to approve a water rate increase of \$.50 matching the increase by Fort Belknap Water Supply by Ald. JR Stearns; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.

X. A motion was made to approve a sewer rate increase of 11% by Ald. Jesse Laine; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.

XI. A discussion was held on the annual Christmas in the Park. The event will be held at 5 p.m., Friday, December 6, at Bryson City Park. Various tasks were split up between Council members and staff.

XII. A discussion was held about zoning in the City of Bryson. City Secretary Cheryl Adams was tasked with contacting Public Management Inc. with questions.

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XIII. A discussion was held on future City Council meeting schedules. It was determined that the December 2024 meeting would be moved to Tuesday, December 10 due to a lack of quorum expected for Monday, December 9.

XIV. Report from Assistant Public Works Director – PWD Brian Rushin reports that the City received a TCEQ violation, and a public notice would need to be issued. He discussed the hiring of two SCUBA divers to fix the pump intake in Bryson Lake that has been blocked by muck. The divers were unable to fix the issue and the PWD suggests that the divers be hired again to cut a section of pipe off to lift it out of the muck. He also discussed the Clayton irrigation issue.

XV. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams discussed water account debt collection and account management issues and asked Council members to sign a proxy form required for Nortex Regional Planning Commission delegation.

XVI. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest _____
Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson