

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm December 10, 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. JR Stearns, PWD Brian Rushin, City Secretary Cheryl Adams and Visitor Roger Price. Absent were Ald. Travis Rhoten and APWD Cory Allen.

- III. Roger Price addressed the Council again about his desire to open a gaming hall in the building previously operated as Cotton's Liquor. He expressed his opinion that it will benefit Bryson and implies it will be legalized by the Texas legislature next year anyway and that online isn't applicable to laws anyway. He stated that vendors will be responsible for the required permits.
- IV. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the November 11, 2024, Regular Meeting by Ald. JR Stearns; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 4-0.
- V. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-03 adopting an increased water rate by Ald. Heather Neer; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 4-0.
- VI. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. O-2024-04 adopting an increased sewer rate by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 4-0.
- VII. A discussion was held on the Nortex Regional Solid Waste Management Plan grant opportunity. PWD Brian Rushin will investigate it more.
- VIII. A discussion was held on the topic of Richard Green's request to purchase water from Bryson Lake to pump into McCloud Lake. PWD Brian Rushin has contacted TCEQ to inquire about any water rights issues or restrictions on selling the lake's water.
- IX. A discussion was held about animal control in the City of Bryson. There have been many complaints about loose and stray animals and it continues to be a problem. Previous donations to Jacksboro Animal Control were made to help facilitate extra patrolling in Bryson.
- X. A discussion was held about plans to use the remaining SLFRF funds. These funds must be obligated or spent by December 31, 2024. It was discussed that purchasing iPads for Council and employees to increase functionality and decrease paper waste would be one appropriate use of funds. Also discussed the purchase of electrical work for a lift station. Other uses could be for sewer pipe and other needs.
- XI. Report from Assistant Public Works Director – PWD Brian Rushin reports that he is currently working on the lake water issue and trying to find information on how to proceed further.
- XII. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams discussed the zoning issue after inquiring with Public Management. PM informed that they would walk through the whole process with the City if and when any grant monies were awarded. Also discussed a few questions concerning water accounts.

- XIII. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 4-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest

Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson