

City of Bryson Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2025

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Heather Neer called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm February 10, 2025, in City Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**
- Roll Call:** The following people were present: Mayor Pro Tem Heather Neer, Ald. Shelly Tinney, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. Travis Rhoten, PWD Brian Rushin, APWD Cory Allen, City Secretary Cheryl Adams and Visitors Charlie Edmonson and Brian Smith with the Jacksboro Herald-Gazette. Absent was Ald. JR Stearns.
- III. Charlie Edmonson addressed the Council about the condition of the Bryson Lake roads. He pointed out that the gate at the bottom of the dam has been open and non-city employees have been going through it. He asked if the City was selling water out of the lake and about the maintenance on the roads. He said the bar ditches need cleaned out/cut to help with the water runoff. PWD Brian Rushin informed he that he needs to put a new lock on the gate and that the City would try harder to maintain the road but cost and manpower is an issue.
- IV. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 3-0.
- V. **Tablets** – City Secretary Cheryl Adams gave instruction to the Council on the procedure to use the tablets for City Council meetings. The Council was informed of the location of various documents and how to find the agenda for upcoming meetings.
- VI. Discussion was held on a request for a franchise agreement with Windstream Wholesale for a fiber optic line through the City. Windstream informed the City Secretary Cheryl Adams that they would be using the Lumen conduit already in place. No one on the Council or employees had any knowledge of any conduits by Lumen and no records have been found of their existence. Guevera Law has been contacted about the franchise agreement request but has not responded with any guidance as of this City Council meeting. Council members noted that in the past companies have submitted proposals and they have been voted on by the Council.
- VII. After discussion a motion was made to approve the purchase of an updated Texas Municipal Law and Procedure manual by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Shelly Tinney. Vote 3-0.
- VIII. After discussion a motion was made to approve the purchase of the Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 3-0.
- IX. After discussion a motion was made to approve the purchase of an Annual AATRIX subscription for tax filing and payments by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Shelly Tinney. Vote 3-0.
- X. Report from Public Works Director – Public Works Director Brian Rushin updated the Council on the diver that is supposed to replace parts at the lake pump and getting the permit to sell water from Lake Bryson. He stated he has sent the application to the state and is waiting on them to respond. He also discussed the leak on Clayton St. and the issues it could have repairing it. The Council and PWD discussed further the issues brought up by Charlie Edmonson earlier in the meeting and asked for a ballpark amount

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that it might take to make the repairs to the Lake road. An update on the package plant was also discussed. Mr. Rushin said he was waiting for the development board to set up a meeting and that he would try to get in contact with someone.

XI. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams updated the Council on the issue of paying bills and problems with USPS. She informed the Council that she has moved some accounts to pay online and may move more as needed. She informed the Council that there may be several ordinances that may need to be updated and created soon. She gave an update on steps that have been and still need to be taken to start the TMCA program.

XII. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 3-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest

Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson