

City of Bryson Council Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2025

I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm June 9, 2025, in City Hall.

Roll Call: The following people were present: Mayor Lutitia Ford, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. JR Stearns, Ald. Justin Hand, Ald. Travis Rhoten, PWD Cory Allen, City Secretary Cheryl Adams, Kevin Sharp and visitors Steven Hall and Joanna Hall with BKV Consulting and Kyler Norman with Corlett, Probst and Boyd.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

III. Guest/Visitors Comments to Council

IV. Steven Hall addressed the Council on behalf of Branden Beheler and BKV Consulting to request an exemption to sell fireworks at 109 E Dempsey from June 20th to July 4th and December 20th to January 1st. An offer was made to donate a percentage of profits to the City of Bryson for special projects and maintenance. After discussion, Council declined the exemption by a motion by Ald. Justin Hand, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 4-0.

V. Kyler Norman with Corlett, Probst and Boyd addressed the Council concerning options for sewage treatment. After investigating, he described several possible paths that could be taken: The cheapest and easiest option would be to continue irrigation from the Imhoff tank and expand it if the current landowner agrees. He said we would need to get soil samples and see if the landowner is ok with the City continuing to use the land and expanding the application. This could fix the issue of too much flow coming in. We would also need to check the storage ponds and see if they need any maintenance. An option to do some work on the Imhoff tank and see what the capacity is and if it can be improved was also described by Mr. Norman. If another tank was added the cost could be similar to a new package plant that would dump into Carmichael Creek. ASBR – Advanced Sequencing Batch Reactor – a tank that changes what it's doing depending on what sewage is present was also described. These are quoted at \$450,000 not installed. More upgrades would be needed with things such as bar screens. A new package plant option is estimated to cost near \$1,000,000. He went through payment options of loans, bonds and grants. The Council asked questions about the options presented.

VI. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the May 12, 2025, Regular Meeting by Ald. Jesse Laine; seconded by Ald. JR Stearns. Vote 4-0.

VII. After discussion a motion was made to postpone 2024-25 Budget amendments to the July Council meeting by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 4-0.

VIII. After discussion it was decided to post a job opening for a Maintenance position beginning in August. City Secretary Cheryl Adams was given authority to research other city's similar postings and to post the job and advertise for it. Position would be hourly with 90-day probation before benefits.

IX. Report from Public Works Director – PWD Cory Allen updated the Council on what he and his crew has been doing: mowing, weed eating, Lead and Copper Testing, selling water from the lake, replaced a tin horn on N. Depot. Had an incident at the gate to the dam where someone had busted the chain, he said he wants to install game cameras in the

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area and at the shop. Updated on the status of Kevin's water license. He is waiting for it to be posted where he can take his test.

- X. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams told the Council that PWD Cory Allen needs a new cell phone and she would be getting that for him. She informed the Council that we are supposed to report unclaimed property to the state and she is unsure how to accurately find these. She gave an update on the Opioid Abatement Fund project to make Narcan kits for distribution to the public. Also discussed the 25-26 Budget and the ongoing audit with MWH.
- XI. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm by Ald. JR Stearns; seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 4-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest

Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson