

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm July 14, 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, Ald. Heather Neer, PWD Cory Allen, Kevin Sharp and visitors Henry Birdwell Jr., Colton Shelton and Jason Dildilian. Absent was City Secretary Cheryl Adams.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

- III. Guest/Visitors Comments to Council

- Jason Dildilian requested a City Ordinance to ban truck parking on Dempsey St. due to the view from the stop sign on Depot St. being blocked and he requested to zone 105 E. Dempsey St. as private parking. Mayor Ford informed him we are waiting on a return phone call from TXDOT.

- IV. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting by Ald. Heather Neer; seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 5-0.

- V. There was discussion on the current USDA loan and possibly sending more money. No action was taken.

- VI. There was discussion on having a meeting with Kyler Norman and Henry Birdwell Jr. about the sewer plant. Mr. Birdwell voiced his concerns about chemicals in the soil and testing. Mr. Birdwell mentioned possibly testing the water as it enters the plant because if it is clean there, it will be clean in the soil. No action was taken.

- VII. There was discussion on Fort Belknap's water rate increase and what we can do if/when it passes. No action was taken.

- VIII. There was discussion on Texas Gas Service's rate increase. No action was taken.

- IX. There was discussion on a date and time for a Budget Workshop. A motion was made to have a meeting on August 8th unless Ald. Rhoten could get off on August 1st. by Ald. Heather Neer; seconded by Ald. Jr Stearns. Vote 5-0.

- X. Report from Public Works Director – PWD Cory Allen updated the Council on what he and his crew has been doing: Lead and Copper Testing, selling water from the lake, waiting on TCEQ to post Kevin's hours so he can move forward with testing, and let us know that Colton Shelton had called him about a locked gate over what we think is a City access road. We think the property is owned by Chester Barker. The council discussed figuring out who owns the land so that we can take the proper measures to resolve the conflict. Mr. Allen said as soon as the lead and copper testing is done we will start smoke testing.

- XI. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams was absent but Ald. Laine read her notes: Narcan kits, audit, website, community service, zoom webinar, unifirst contract.

- XII. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm by Ald. Jesse Laine; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest

Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson