

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm September 8, 2025, in City Hall.

Roll Call: The following people were present: Mayor Lutitia Ford, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. JR Stearns, Ald. Justin Hand, Ald. Heather Neer, PWD Cory Allen, City Secretary Cheryl Adams, Kevin Sharp and visitors Henry Birdwell, Jr. and Ashley Anderson with the Jacksboro Herald-Gazette. Ald. Travis Rhoten arrived late at 7:36 p.m.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
- III. Guest/Visitors Comments to Council
- IV. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting by Ald. JR Stearns; seconded by Ald. JR Stearns. Vote 4-0.
- V. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2025-05 adopting the fiscal year 2025-26 Annual Budget by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.
- VI. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2025-06 adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate by Ald. JR Stearns, seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 5-0.
- VII. Discussion was held on the issue of moving money into the Park Fund from the General Fund. City Secretary will do more research into different banks.
- VIII. A discussion was held on City Park improvements. Safety issues need to be fixed and equipment updated.
- IX. A discussion was held on McCloud Memorial Baseball Complex. Jesse Laine will speak more with Mr. London.
- X. A discussion was held on having a town hall meeting. Poll response was favorable. It was suggested topic items be posted on Facebook. A tentative date and time were set for 5 p.m. Saturday, October 18.
- XI. A discussion was held on view obstructions at highway crossroads. City Secretary will contact TxDOT about parking on the highway and obstructing the view.
- XII. After discussion and hearing concerns from Henry Birdwell, Jr. a motion was made to move forward with procuring a wastewater package plant by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 4-0.
- XIII. Report from Public Works Director – PWD Cory reported that a chlorine burnout is due to be scheduled from October 7-16.
- XIV. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams was informed of several streetlights that needed to be reported to TNMP. She discussed the status of the 22-23 FY Audit by MWH and informed the Council that it should be completed by September 30. She was asked to contact MWH and see about future audits being done in a shorter time frame to get caught up with the current fiscal year. She updated Council on a few changes in the Texas Legislature that may cause significant changes to municipal operations.

- XV. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm by Ald. Jesse Laine; seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 5-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest

Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson