

City of Bryson Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2025

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm January 13, 2025, in City Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**
- Roll Call:** The following people were present: Mayor Lutitia Ford, Ald. Heather Neer, Ald. Shelly Tinney, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. Travis Rhoten, PWD Brian Rushin, APWD Cory Allen, City Secretary Cheryl Adams and Visitor Henry Birdwell. Absent was Ald. JR Stearns.
- III. Mr. Birdwell addressed the Council again about the solar farm and the potential for the City to sell bulk water to the company. He stated he is trying to push the use of county people and businesses to keep revenue in the local economy.
- IV. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 4-0.
- V. **Quarterly Budget Report** – Quarter 1: The Council and staff reviewed the 1st Quarter Budget Report. All revenues and expenditures appear to be on track. City Secretary Cheryl Adams noted that a significant portion of the Rock budget has already been spent.
- VI. Discussion was held on an electricity proposal from ADK. City Secretary Cheryl Adams had questions about this and other proposals since the City is contracted through Public Power Pool. Mostly to verify that the City's intention was to remain with Public Power Pool and future proposals can be dismissed.
- VII. Report from Assistant Public Works Director – PWD Brian Rushin gave a report on the selling of water from Bryson Lake. He indicated that the City would need an amended permit. He had begun the process of getting the permit but was not sure on how long it would take. He also reported that he had spoken with an engineer about the package plant and was given an estimate of 1 to 1.5 million dollars in cost. A discussion was held on avenues to pursue funding for this project. The council asked about contacting USDA and banks about securing a loan and looking online for any grant opportunities.
- VIII. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams discussed an issue with paying bills to certain vendors. The current process of paying bills the day after Council meetings can cause some bills to be received after their due date. This coupled with continued unreliability on the USPS, had caused the City to have to pay late fees on some accounts. It was determined that payments to Fort Belknap Electric can be paid online or dropped off at their office in Graham if it is in question that it may not arrive before the 15th of the month. She also asked for clarification on issuing building permits for mobile homes being moved in and what information is needed from the person acquiring the permit.
- IX. **Tablets** – iPads that were purchased with obligated SLFRF funds were distributed to members and staff and users were walked through the set up of their tablets and accounts. User names and passcodes and passwords were recorded by the City Secretary and will be kept on file.
- X. **Adjournment** – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 4-0.

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Lutitia Ford, Mayor
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Attest

Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
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