

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Heather Neer called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm March 10, 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, Ald. JR Stearns, PWD Brian Rushin, APWD Cory Allen, and City Secretary Cheryl Adams.

- III. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including all bills as presented and minutes for the February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting by Ald. Shelly Tinney; seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.
- IV. A motion was made to cancel the May 3, 2025 Uniform Election due to no candidates applying to be on the ballot for the positions of Mayor Lutitia Ford and two aldermen – Jesse Laine and Travis Rhoten by Ald. Shelly Tinney, seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.
- V. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-03-10 proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 5-0.
- VI. After discussion a motion was made to accept the rate change proposed by the Public Utility Commission for right-of-way access by Ald. Shelly Tinney, seconded by Ald. JR Stearns. Vote 5-0.
- VII. After discussion a motion was made to approve the Texas Gas Service GRIP rate increase by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 5-0.
- VIII. A discussion was held on the annual Waste Connections rate increase of 2.76%.
- IX. After discussion on Ordinance O-2025-01 a motion was made to postpone the item to the April Council meeting to allow for further investigation by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 5-0.
- X. After discussion a motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2025-02 after amending the deposit increase for renters to \$400 by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 5-0.
- XI. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2025-03 (Fees for Trash Collection) after amending to show an increase of 2.76% in line with Waste Connections rate increase by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. JR Stearns. Vote 5-0.
- XII. After discussion on Ordinance O-2025-04 (Uniform Administrative Code Fees...) a motion was made to postpone the item until the April City Council meeting to allow for further investigation of other area municipalities inspection procedures by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Shelly Tinney. Vote 5-0.
- XIII. A discussion was held on plans for the annual Spring Clean-Up. Dates were set for 8am-5pm Friday, April 4 and 8am-2pm Saturday, April 5, 2025. Jack County STOMP has indicated they wish to participate in the efforts.

- XIV. A discussion was held on alternative wastewater processing. Public Works Director Brian Rushin stated that he invited TDA to tonight's meeting to discuss options, but our previous contact is no longer with TDA. They indicated that someone else would be able to attend the April Council meeting. PWD Brian Rushin will continue to get loan information, Mayor Lutitia Ford will contact the County Judge about imminent domain and an extension on the Clayton agreement that expires this month.
- XV. Report from Public Works Director – Public Works Director Brian Rushin updated the Council on the leak on Clayton Street and informed that the cost of repair was around \$20,000. He said poor design was the eventual cause of the leak. He also notified the Council that TCEQ was penalizing the City for failing to submit an Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP). He said he is trying to get help to file the EPP again after it was rejected when he first submitted it and that it will likely involve getting a generator for the water well. He also updated the Council on the amended permit for selling lake water and that he was waiting for the diver to return from Colorado to fix the intake pipe.
- XVI. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams informed the Council that she had completed the steps to become a Notary Public. She also discussed the ongoing problem with several water customers who were not paying their water bills. The Council suggests the customers' water will be cut off until the full amount is paid.
- XVII. A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 5-0.
- XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made to approve a 3% pay raise for the Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director and a 4% pay raise for City Secretary Cheryl Adams to be effective immediately and that going forward there would be employee evaluations to take place in February of every year before raises are decided.
- XIX. A motion was made to move out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. by Ald. Shelly Tinney, seconded by Ald. Jesse Laine. Vote 5-0.
- XX. Ald. Shelly Tinney announced her resignation from the Council. As of April 1 she will no longer be a resident of Bryson and will not be eligible to serve.
- XXI. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm by Ald. Jesse Laine; seconded by Ald. JR Stearns. Vote 5-0.

Lutitia Ford, Mayor
City of Bryson

Attest _____
Cheryl Adams, City Secretary
City of Bryson