

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm January 12, 2026, in City Hall.

Roll Call: The following people were present: Mayor Lutitia Ford, Ald. Jesse Laine, Ald. JR Stearns, Ald. Justin Hand, PWD Cory Allen, City Secretary Cheryl Adams, APWD Kevin Sharp and Ashley Anderson with Jacksboro Herald-Gazette. Ald. Heather Neer was absent. Ald. Travis Rhoten arrived late.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
- III. Guest/Visitors Comments to Council – no comments
- IV. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Ald. JR Stearns, seconded by Ald. Jessie Laine. Vote 3-0.

- V. A discussion was held on the wastewater irrigation issue with landowner Henry Birdwell, Jr. Ald. Jesse Laine said he has been unable to have a conversation with the landowner about an agreement to irrigate. The Council suggests an agreement is created to present to the landowner as a starting point for possible negotiations. The monthly contract price would be suggested at \$500 month. City Secretary Cheryl Adams brought up the Texas 2nd Special Session Senate Bill 14 during this discussion to see if it could apply to this situation. Council asked for more research to be done.

- VI. A discussion was held on the TxDOT requirements to bury water lines deeper on Hwy 380 in preparation for highway construction. Public Works Director Cory Allen described the area that needs work and explained that TxDOT requires water lines to be 6’ from the surface of the ground.

- VII. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2026-01 Prohibiting Hunting and the Discharge of Weapons within the city limits of the City of Bryson by Ald. Jesse Laine, seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 4-0.

- VIII. Quarterly Budget Report – A discussion was held on Quarter 1 Budget Report. City Secretary Cheryl Adams pointed out the increase in water/sewer revenue and also the increase in cost of water purchased from Graham since the well has been unoperational.

- IX. A discussion was held on the city website. City Secretary Cheryl Adams asked the Council to check it often and note any changes that need to be made. Also discussed putting the Code of Ordinances on the site.

- X. Report from Public Works Director – Public Works Director Cory Allen updated the Council on the status of the well. He also talked about participating in an upcoming video conference with Engineer Kyler Norman and representatives from TCEQ about the water rights to sell untreated lake water. He noted that the soil samples from the sewer plant area came back good from Kyler and we were waiting on results on our samples.

- XI. Report from City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams informed the Council that we had received an invitation to the TML Quarterly Meeting that would be held in Jacksboro. She asked if anyone would like to attend. Ald. Travis Rhoten and Assistant

Public Works Director Kevin Sharp volunteered and will attend with City Secretary Cheryl Adams on Thursday, January 22. She also directed them to the 22-23 Audit Report that could be found on their iPads to look over. She drew their attention to two Budget Calendars to reference before discussions begin on the next fiscal year budget.

- XII. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 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