

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lutitia Ford called the regular meeting of the Bryson City Council to order at 7:00 pm, February 9, 2026, in City Hall.

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

- 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. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 4-0.
- V. A discussion was held on Spring Clean-Up. Date was set for April 10-11. Jack County STOMP has expressed an interest in being involved and getting volunteers to help.
- VI. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2026-02 Establishing a Residential Speed Limit of 15 mph by Ald. Justin Hand, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten.
- VII. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2026-03 Establishing a School Zone Speed Limit of 10 mph by Ald. Justin Hand, seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 4-0.
- VIII. A motion was made to approve Ordinance O-2026-04 Establishing a Policy and Procedure for the Installation of Speed Humps on Residential Streets by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 4-0.
- IX. A motion was made to approve American Legal Publishing creating a digital Code of Ordinance for the City of Bryson website at a setup cost of \$595 and annual cost of \$595 by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 4.0.
- X. A discussion was held on the Wastewater Irrigation Agreement with landowner Henry Birdwell, Jr. A motion was made to present the written agreement offering \$500 month to irrigate wastewater effluent on the landowner’s property by Ald. Heather Neer, seconded by Ald. Justin Hand. Vote 4-0. Ald. Jesse Laine was selected to present the agreement and speak with the landowner.
- XI. A discussion was held on the RCP grant. The City received a notice of eligibility for \$250,000 and a breakdown of what that could be used to pay for.
- XII. Report by Public Works Director – Cory Allen informed the Council that he had talked to Engineer Kyler Norman and they got all the samples he needed for the wastewater plant and Kyler is getting the plans going on that and figuring prices. He also talked to him about TxDOT and moving the water lines on 380 and he said he could assist. He will also help with the well situation. He explained Erwin’s video capture of the well. He has not been able to get Erwin to return calls or emails. The Council suggested calling another company for a second opinion. Cory Allen also informed the Council that a TCEQ water inspection would be taking place next Wednesday. Discussed the web meeting with

Kyler and TCEQ employees about redoing water rights to sell surface water for industrial use. Reported that the snowstorm only resulted in a couple of minor service line leaks. Mayor Tissie Ford asked about working on ditches/drainage. Cory Allen replied that he doesn't have time right now. He showed the Council pictures of the sewage ponds that are nearing capacity.

- XIII. Report by City Secretary – City Secretary Cheryl Adams informed the Council that she had spoken to Larry Nantz about the Senior Citizen Center and he confirmed that Billy Rhone was in charge of it and that they had tried to get the City Council to take it over years ago but they voted against it. She asked the Council if they would be interested in doing that at this time. The Council discussed for a short time and decided to think more about it. The Secretary expressed interest in buying more shelving for the storage room because we are running out of room for file storage. The Council approved. She also informed them that a Records Management Ordinance may need to be redone and adopting local retention schedules. She updated them on the audit and problems with getting in contact with someone at MWH. Explained how it was very important to get the audits done by the end of March for various grant and state qualifications. She told the Council that a new business owner Mallory Armstrong had called asking about the empty lot next to City Hall and if the City would be willing to sell or lease it to her to use for parking for several businesses on 380/E. Dempsey. The Council said they were not willing to sell but would allow parking on the lot. Any rock or gravel applied would be at their own expense and any changes would have to be approved by the City. The Secretary brought up that Alderman Travis Rhoten had brought to her attention that the Bryson Centennial would be coming up in three years and we should begin planning something to celebrate it. She informed the Council of a special meeting invite from Nichole Rose from Jack County Appraisal District on February 17th. No council members volunteered to attend the meeting. She also asked about the safety deposit box at Ciera Bank and if anyone knew what was in it. No one on the Council knew of the contents. The Secretary said she would ask the bank and try to find out how to access it. She informed the Council that the City money is covered by pledge securities and we would not need to move money into other accounts.
- XIV. A motion was made by Ald. Travis Rhoten to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters/raises at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Ald. Heather Neer. Vote 4-0.
- XV. A motion was made to reconvene in open session by Ald. Justin Hand at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 4-0
- XVI. A motion to approve cost of living raises of 2.8% to all employees and consider merit raises in August after employees evaluate each other was made by Ald. \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Ald. \_\_\_\_\_, Vote .
- XVII. Adjournment – There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm by Ald. Justin Hand; seconded by Ald. Travis Rhoten. Vote 4-0.

**City of Bryson Council Meeting**

Monday, February 9, 2026

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Lutitia Ford, Mayor  
City of Bryson

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Adams, City Secretary  
City of Bryson