

City of Bynum
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 15, 2024

The governing body for the City of Bynum held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Lori Youngblood, Crystal Pustejovsky, Rick Reed, Weldon Whalen.

Members absent: Rosie Salinas.

Staff Present: None.

Guest Present: None.

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Lori Youngblood called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Mayor Youngblood led the pledge and Rick Reed the invocation.

3. Determination of Quorum.

Mayor Lori Youngblood determined a quorum was present.

4. Verification of Posting.

Mayor Lori Youngblood verified with City Secretary Mickey Runion that the posting of the agenda met the 72-hour rule.

5. Hear Statements from Persons Wishing to Address the Council. None.

Consent Agenda

6. Approve Minutes.

a. January 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting.

7. Approve the Financial Report Submitted.

8. Approve Accounts Payable.

9. Approve Water Reports.

a. January 2024

Rick Reed made the motion, which was seconded by Weldon Whalen to approve items 6,7,8 & 9 of the consent agenda. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

Regular Agenda

10. Information presentation by DeWayne Stone of Texas Elite Custom Printing.

Presenter was a no show.

11. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Setting a Public Hearing and Posting Notice of Hearing to Consider the Abandonment of City Right of Way on Hamlet Street. Between Alex McCommas Block 4, Lot 9-16 & 25-33. Between White Avenue and Tolivar Ave also known as State Hwy 171. Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Weldon Whalen to set a public hearing for the closing of this section of roadway on February 28, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. and a called meeting following at 5:30 p.m. for the council to decide on the action of this agenda item. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

12. Information Only

a. **Building Use Requested by Bynum ISD for May 4, 2024, Election.** Mayor Youngblood explained that Superintendent Larry Mynarcik contacted her to see if one we could have a joint election and secondly if we were not going to have an

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election could they use our facility for early voting April 22 – 30, 2024 as well as the election day of May 4, 2024 to hold their election for a bond.

- b. **Council Positions Open and follow-up regarding candidate signups.** Mayor Youngblood stated that Mayor Pro-tem Rosie Salinas had discussed with her the need for her to step down as her husband had been placed on hospice. Mayor Youngblood stated that she had requested an official notice in writing. At the time of meeting that had not been received.

- 13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the ability to accept credit card payments for utility services.** Mayor Youngblood presented some options for the city to be able to accept credit card payments. She stated that Mickey Runion had collected information from via RVS on PayStar, and NexBillPay and they say that they are great to work with, however both are out of our price range. Mickey also contacted First National Bank of Central Texas and Wells Fargo Bank but was unable to obtain information as contact individuals were unavailable. Mayor Youngblood stated that she herself had contacted a few places and had found 2 that stated they had not integrated with RVS, but have numerous other platforms and did not no of a reason that they would not be able to. 1 company is called Leaders Merchant Services and i3 Bill & Pay. She explained that i3 had quite a few bells and whistles, but that the main objective was to give customers an additional method of payment so she recommends trying the Leaders Merchant Services at this time. It carries a \$10.00 per month service fee and setup is free. For \$35.00 per month a see bill and pay option was available if we would rather offer that option.

Weldon Whalen made the motion, which was seconded by Crystal Pustejovsky to get the Leaders Merchant Service of 10.00 per month set up. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

- 14. Update on CLFRF Grant (Generator Project Award) (ARP).**
- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Award of Contract for the Purchase and Installation of a Generator at the Water Dept.** Mayor Youngblood stated that the contract with All-Tex Utilities had been sent to our attorney for review as well as resubmitted to All-Tex they sent over a revised contract to our revised contract. Mayor Youngblood reviewed and the only difference that was found was an added clause for Federal Contract Provisions and them added attachments that are required. Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Weldon Whalen to sign the contract and move forward with the installation process. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

15. New Business for Next Meeting.

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- 16. Adjourn Meeting.** Weldon Whalen made the motion, which was seconded by Crystal Pustejovsky, to adjourn the meeting at 7:240 p.m. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**