

City of Bynum
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
March 13, 2024

The governing body for the City of Bynum held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 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: Mickey Runion.

Guest Present: None.

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Lori Youngblood called the meeting to order at 6:08 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. February 15, 2024 – Regular Meeting.
- b. February 28, 2024 – Called Meeting

7. Approve the Financial Report Submitted.

8. Approve Accounts Payable.

9. Approve Water Reports.

- a. February 2024

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

Regular Agenda

- 10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of applicants to the council.** Mayor Youngblood stated that she had talked to Rosie Salinas about continuing her council seat by appointment. Rosie stated she would consider it and then Mayor Youngblood received an email from Rosie Salinas stating that she has decided that she wants a “sabbatical” from the council and that perhaps when her granddaughter starts school she would consider coming back on the council.

The mayor discussed that we currently have 1 position open on the council and has been open for some time. Rosie stepping down or letting her position expire in May would open a second seat on the council. Billie Jean Freely has submitted an application for appointment to the council. Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Weldon Whalen to appoint Billie Jean Freely to the council. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

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11. Update on CLFRF Grant (Generator Project Award) (ARP). Mayor Youngblood turned the reporting over to Crystal Pustejovsky, who stated that she had had a call with All-Tex Utilities, Buster Russell and Langford. All-Tex Utilities have ordered the Generator with an expectation to receive it within 4-6 months. Then once received they expect 2-3 weeks to install. Once the generator is received, we will receive invoices to pay to All-Tex by the Friday before the Council meeting for us to pay out of the grant funds. Crystal stated that she would get with Buster to get quotes gathered up for the propane and tanks needed for the project. The Council will have to review the quotes and make a decision for the additional expense not included in the bid. **Information Only. No Action Required.**

12. Mayor's Report. Mayor Youngblood reported that the account to set up the ability to accept credit card payments had been set up and should hopefully be live within the next week.

Mickey Runion had provided the mayor with information on the owner of the property where the tree had fallen across the street leaving it impassable and the city paid for the tree to be removed from the street and pushed back into the owner's property. The mayor stated that she would compose a letter to send to the owner requesting reimbursement for the expense.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the proposal in the interlocal agreement between the city and Hill County Precinct 3 had been approved and signed. We are waiting on a final signed copy. She explained that Mickey Runion had contacted Scotty Hawkins about getting us in a schedule. He stated the precinct was in the middle of a job and had another lined up immediately following and that he would get us added in after that. Mayor Youngblood stated that it would likely be summer time before anything would be done.

13. New Business for Next Meeting.

a. Oath of Office

14. Adjourn Meeting. Weldon Whalen made the motion, which was seconded by Crystal Pustejovsky, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

Lori Youngblood, Mayor

Council Member