

City of Bynum
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 2024

The governing body for the City of Bynum held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Lori Youngblood, Crystal Pustejovsky, Rick Reed, Billie Jean Friedley

Members absent: Weldon Whalen

Staff Present: Mickey Runion.

Guest Present: Buster Russell

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Lori Youngblood called the meeting to order at 6:07 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.

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7. Approve the Financial Report Submitted.

8. Approve Accounts Payable.

9. Approve Water Reports.

- a. May 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- Nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. After discussion, 2 nominations were made for Crystal Pustejovsky and Weldon Whalen. Rick Reed made the motion, which was seconded by Crystal Pustejovsky to hold a vote for the two candidates. By a unanimous vote Crystal Pustejovsky to be named Mayor Pro-Tem.

11. Resolution No. 2024-03, Appointing Mayor Pro-Tem. Rick Reed made the motion, which was seconded by Billie Jean Friedley to sign Resolution No. 2024, -03 appointing Crystal Pustejovsky as Mayor Pro-Tem. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Mayor Expense Approvals. Mayor Youngblood requested that the council set a limit on expense for the mayor to approve work to be done in case of emergency or other urgent instances without getting prior

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council approval. After much discussion, Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Reed to establish a limit of \$5000.00 max for the mayor to approve expenses without council approval. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Water & Sewer Tap Fees. Mayor Youngblood explained that it had come to the attention of the city secretary, Mickey Runion, that the fees that were set in 2023 for water and sewer taps were incorrect, per Buster Russell. Buster Russell explained that his fees had been changed in 2021 and that our published rates were not in alignment. Upon clarification, it was determined that indeed the city did need to make an adjustment. Billie Jean Friedley made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Reed to approve the following rates:

- ***Basic water & Sewer service on the same side of street as water and sewer mains is \$900.00 + \$500.00 administration fee totaling \$1400.00. This includes the 1st 5 ft of pipe to connect to the main.***
- ***Basic water service requiring digging into or across the street to the water main is \$2800.00 + 500.00 administration fee totaling \$3300.00. This includes the 1st 5 ft of pipe to connect to the main.***
- ***Basic sewer service requiring digging into or across the street to the sewer main is \$3500.00 + 500.00 administration fee.***
- ***Additional footage over 5 ft. is billed at \$150.00 per ft that is required to connect to the main.***

Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.

14. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Pursuing the Establishment of Ordinances. Mayor Youngblood discussed with council that she had contacted the cities attorney Justin Lewis to discuss the possibility of council doing additional work to establish the ordinances based on samples for other cities. Mr. Lewis stated that it would end up being the same amount of work and his costs would remain the same because each city has their own ordinances and any changes made would then need to be reviewed to make certain they met the requirements by the law. He stated that it was his opinion that we would be better off establishing our own and not combining or confusing ordinance from other cities. After additional discussion, the council requested that the city secretary contact Mt. Calm and request a list of their ordinances just for review. Mayor Youngblood also stated that Mr. Lewis said that he was willing to work with the city and payment of the 7500.00 could be spread out possibly over a couple of budget years. Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Reed to authorize the city attorney, Justin Lewis, to review and begin working on our ordinance book. **Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

15. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Quotes for Tree(s) Removal in Alleyway. Due to the recent storms, the city has experienced trees in an alleyway that is a danger to falling on several structures and could take out powerlines as well. Mayor Youngblood stated that between she and Mickey Runion they had obtained several quotes.

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- Texas Roots initial quote came in at \$12,000.00 and after Mickey spoke to them, they revised their quote to \$4000.00 as they really want our business.
- Monkey's Tree Service - \$3500.00
- Superior Lawn Service quote removal of 1 tree at \$1200.00.

Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Reed to select either Texas Roots or Monkey Tree Service contingent on speed of getting to the job and completing. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

16. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Summer Community Involvement Events. Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Reed to table. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

17. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Drainage Issues and Culvert Cleanout. Spoke with Buster Russell and he gave me the name Vincint Sinkule to contact. He stated he has done Malone and some other small cities. I called Mr. Sinkule and he explained that he has a tremendous amount of work to do right now thanks to a tornado that touched down at his property in Birome and that he was afraid to take on much more until he had this stuff fixed. He said that he works with Derrick Whitten with Janek & Whitten Construction. They came out and looked and said that there are 3 culverts that need to be cleaned out. Estimates it could cost \$3600 or more to clean out all 3. He also stated that Derrick is supposed to be getting back with us about the ditches to give us an estimate on those. Crystal Pustejovsky made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Reed to authorize the work to be done to clean out the 3 culverts. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

18. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Street Repairs. Mayor Youngblood stated that on May 17th the county graded some of the roads and that by Monday the 24th, the first rain we received the road was then in worse shape than prior to their work. Mayor Youngblood stated she spoke with Martin Anderson about filling some of the major potholes. He said that he could get some rock at about 60.00 a load that would have larger rocks that would not get pushed out of the existing holes so easily and then \$60.00 or 65.00 per hour. Mayor Youngblood also stated that after reviewing the budget we had allotted \$10,000.00 for street repairs and we had only spent about 1800.00 of that. Rick Reed made the motion, which was seconded by Billie Jean Friedley to authorize up to \$4000.00 for labor and material to Martin Anderson to begin work on the roads. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

19. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding TCEQ & EPA Form 20943 Requirements. Mayor Youngblood stated that there is software that RVS sells for \$750.00 that will assist with the required reporting to TCEQ and the EPA. This is something that we will need to do prior to October 2024 due date. Buster is compiling some of the information and will submit for a rough approval. There will be additional reporting that will increase the magnitude of the reports each year going forward. approve the purchase of the software. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

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20. Update on CLFRF Grant (Generator Project Award) (ARP). Crystal Pustejovsky reported that the generator should be here by mid-July. All-Tex Utilities is getting ready to pour the pad in preparation for the generator and in addition Poor Boys Gas is ready to install the propane tank as soon as they are notified that we are ready. **No Action Required.**

21. Review Current Budget to Actual Financial Status. Mayor Youngblood stated that going thru the budget and preparing the report she believes that we are in pretty good shape regarding our current expenditures. The additional expenses approved during this meeting will have some impact but overall should still be good. Due to the time Mayor Youngblood encouraged council to take the time on their own to review the budget to actual data submitted and if anyone had questions to please contact her.

22. New Business for Next Meeting.

- Discussion Regarding Possible Upcoming Community Involvement Activities.

23. Adjourn Meeting. Rick Reed made the motion, which was seconded by Crystal Pustejovsky, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. **Vote: Unanimous. Motioned Carried.**

Lori Youngblood, Mayor

Council Member