

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Russell Walkup called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Russell Walkup, Mayor Pro Tem Ronita Wood, Councilor Bryan Burks, Councilor Michael Cheromiah, Councilor Tim Baughman, Clerk Administrator Vernon Abeita, Assistant Clerk Julie Gabaldon, Treasurer Yvonne Maes and Police Chief Andrew Owen. Attorney Mark Jarmie arrived during executive session.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) NMSA, 1978, PURSUANT TO PERSONNEL MATTERS TO HIRE A LIBRARY AIDE I

Councilor Baughman made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:45 p.m. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to reconvene at 6:08 p.m. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Mark Jarmie stated that discussion during the executive session was limited to 10-15-1H (2) regarding personnel matters and nothing further was discussed.

4. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Walkup stated several individuals passed away in the village, please keep those families in your thoughts. Mayor Walkup informed there has been an increase of people who have fallen deathly ill, and to always keep in mind your neighbors. He also stated if anybody needed help with food or other things, to let the village know and we will try to help find resources to help those individuals.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walkup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Cheromiah moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 16, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

November 27, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Chief Owen presented the police department report for November 2023. He also gave an update on the Toys for Tots drive. He included a November 2023 report for Animal Control and pet food drive.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Baughman attended lunch on Friday with the village. It was fun. He added Mayor Walkup and Councilor Burks terms are ending. He is very grateful to Mayor Walkup for his service to this bench over the years. He knows Councilor Burks will continue with the fire department. Councilor Baughman thanked Vince for the food drive for animal control.

Councilor Cheromiah expressed appreciation for Mayor Walkup. He thanked Mayor Walkup for his service and time. Councilor Cheromiah thanked Councilor Burks, stating it's been great having a brother on the council, and he would like to see what Councilor Burks continues to do.

Councilor Burks reported the Fire Department Brush Truck is being produced and should be delivered sometime in the first quarter. He also stated at the Fire Department Christmas Party six (6) probationary fire fighters were taken off probation and given badges. He gave an update on the ISO inspection. Councilor Burks thanked the other councilors for an enjoyable experience. He stated this council has been professional and respectful even through disagreements. He thanked Mayor Walkup for twenty (20) years of service. He thanked the department heads, especially Chief Owen and Mr. Montoya. Finally, he thanked the citizens of the Village of Bosque Farms. It was a very humbling and enjoyable four (4) years.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood expressed her appreciation to Mayor Walkup, stating she worked with him for several years. She expressed her appreciation to Councilor Burks. She knows he will continue with boy scouts and the fire department. She reported she sat in with Yvonne on the audit and we did good. These guys are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

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Mayor Walkup thanked the residents and all the employees of this village. He stated it's been a great run. It's been twenty plus (20+) years, he started in P&Z and made his way up. He greatly appreciates all the support he has received over the years. He stated there is a great mayor coming in and a great council for next year. He stated the staff is exceptional here as well. He expressed how he greatly appreciates the 20+ years that he has had the opportunity to work with everyone. He thanked everyone.

Clerk Administrator Abeita gave an update on the fire hydrants. He also gave an update on Well #1.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of November 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for November 2023. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. NON-AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION LIMITED TO 1 ½ MINUTES

Andrew Garcia brought up concerns about the Beehive Retirement home Christmas light show. They have issues with excessive traffic on their residential road. He brought up accidents that occurred because of the Christmas lights. Concerns were brought before the previous administration; he feels issues were not addressed. He would like to see these concerns addressed to prevent possible fatal accidents.

Emily Garcia wanted to reiterate the severity of the issue with the retirement home. She does not want to stop the light show. She is asking for these serious safety concerns to be addressed. She explained that one of the accidents was someone who frequents the location and said the lights were too bright. She would like to see something to the effect of a security guard or an officer standing out directing traffic. She would like the time they display the Christmas lights shortened. She requested there be signs directing traffic. She would also like to see something done before it is a person getting hit in the roadway.

Lillie McNabb responded to the Beehive Christmas lights. She states it is a beautiful place, you drive right into their driveway you listen to music. She thinks that it is one of the most awesome things for the residents of the Beehive, and the residents of Bosque Farms. She also expressed her concern about the lights on Highway 47. Ms. McNabb expressed her appreciation for Mayor Walkup. She explained how he had done so much for the village. She thanked Councilor Burks for taking on some of her issues. She expressed how much she appreciates them.

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12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Adoption Amendments to Article 10, 10.5 Overtime

There was a discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve Adoption of Amendments to Article 10, 10.5 Overtime. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Hiring a Library Aide I

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to hire Karen Bonanno as a Library Aide I. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

B. Consideration of Annexation to 950 McNew Lane Owner David B South and Diana M South

Mr. Montoya to present a request for Mr. and Mrs. Smith, owners of 950 McNew Lane, for annexation. There was a discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to postpone. Councilor Cheromiah requested a date be set. Councilor Baughman made a motion to amend motion to defer to next council meeting. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Consideration of Approval of Holiday Resolution 1036-23

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve Holiday Resolution 1036-23 amending it to read Resolution Approving 2024 Holiday Schedule. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. There was discussion. Councilor Burks amended the motion to read approving resolution 1036-23 amending the name to Resolution Approving 2024 Holiday Schedule, adding Juneteenth as an approved holiday observed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, and changing Labor Day to Monday, September 2, 2024 as amended, Councilor Baughman seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Councilor Baughman, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for; Councilor Burks, for and Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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D. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Increase for Valencia Reginal Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) Resolution 1037-23

There was discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve of a budget increase for Valencia Reginal Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) Resolution 1037-23. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Councilor Baughman, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for; Councilor Burks, for and Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

14. Adjournment

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

Wayne Ake, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Vernon Abeita, Clerk/Administrator