

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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 Tim Baughman, Councilor Michael Cheromiah, and Councilor Bryan Burks. Assistant Clerk Mary Langley, Treasurer Yvonne Maes, Attorney Mark Jarmie, and Police Chief Andrew Owen.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) NMSA, 1978, REGARDING HIRING A POLICE OFFICER

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

Councilor Burks made a motion to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem, for. Councilor Cheromiah, against. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Jarmie stated that discussion during executive session was limited to 10-15-1(H) (2) regarding hiring a police officer and nothing further was discussed.

4. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Walkup requested everyone keep all first responders and families that have lost loved ones in their thoughts.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Burks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the agenda, striking item 14C. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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7. PRESENTATIONS

Status Zero presentation given by Medical Director Dr. Barrett and VRECC Director Sanchez.

Yucca Little League announced they won the last season's District Championship and advised the 2023 season opening day is April 1st, 2023.

8. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting

Councilor Cheromiah requested Line 53; the word "Grand" be changed to "Grande".

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Regular Meeting January 19, 2023, would stand as corrected.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Chief Owen presented the Police Department report for January 2023.

Interim EMS Director Thomas gave EMS report for January 2023.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Councilor Baughman spoke with Attorney Jarmie and they had worked on a letter to the residents of Cole Road to be distributed after the Mayor's approval.

Councilor Cheromiah has spoken with several residents that have concerns about the current survey that has been distributed, it does not include Esperanza not having a walkway.

Councilor Burks nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood had a meeting with Bixby Electric along with multiple residents regarding the lighting on Bosque Farms Blvd. There will be another meeting on Thursday Feb. 23rd, 2023, in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. PNM will be present, and residents are encouraged to attend.

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Mayor Walkup announced there will be a Budget Meeting scheduled tentatively for March 3rd, 2023, in the Council Chambers at 8:00 a.m. and is open to the public. Mayor Walkup requested any residents that have not returned their survey, that they do so soon. Mayor Walkup congratulated the Village of Bosque Farms for the purchase of the property located to the north of the Village Office and advised, possession of the property will be on April 1st, 2023. Mayor Walkup thanked the past Council and Mayor that put the funding together years ago that was used for the purchase of the property.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Yvonne Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of January 2023.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for January 2023. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

None

13. OLD BUSINESS

A. VRECC Update

VRECC Director Sanchez expressed support for Senate Bill 312 that would recognize dispatchers as first responders. Director Sanchez advised there will be a new Oversight Board as of July 1st, 2023, that will be standardizing dispatching county wide over the next 3 years. Director Sanchez gave an update on the status of the Village of Bosque Farms becoming their Fiscal Agent.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of VCFD/VCSO Repeater Site Project

VCFD Deputy Fire Chief Casey Davis gave explanation of utilizing the Village of Bosque Farm's tower as a repeater site and how it will benefit Valencia County. Deputy Chief Davis advised the money has already been allocated for the project. There was discussion.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the VCFD/VCSO request to use Bosque Farms tower as a repeater site. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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B. Consideration of Approval of Yucca Little League Lease Agreement

Yucca Little League President Joey Timmons gave an update on the Yucca Little League past season accomplishments and upcoming season goals.

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the Yucca Little League Lease Agreement. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Hiring of a Police Officer

Item was stricken.

D. Discussion and Consideration of publication of Ordinance to Opt-In the Regular Local Election

There was discussion. Requests for added verbiage in the Ordinance regarding: The Village of Bosque Farms chooses to hold an “at large” system for the election of its council seats. Village of Bosque Farms will maintain a polling location within the Village for all elections, including early voting and absentee ballot box.

Mayor Walkup called the meeting to recess at 7:38 p.m. to allow time for Attorney Jarmie to give recommendations of the appropriate wording to meet the requests.

Mayor Walkup called the meeting back to order at 8:06 p.m.

Attorney Jarmie gave explanation of the recommended wording to the Ordinance that was added and the need to adjust the order of the sections.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the publication of the Ordinance to Opt-In the Regular Local Election as amended within this Council Meeting session. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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15. Adjournment

Councilor Baughman made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Burks seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Melissa Velasquez, Clerk/Administrator