



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Members of Yucca Little League led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Executive Session Pursuant to 10-15-(2) NMSA, 1078 Hiring of An Uncertified Police Officer, Evidence Technician, Personnel Matter Related to the Clerk's Office**

Council entered executive session at 6:00. At 6:20 Councilor Cheromiah moved to resume public session and Councilor Baughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Mark Jarmie certified that nothing was discussed during executive session except the items listed on the agenda, and that no action was taken.

4. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

RW	✓	MC	✓	ED	✓	TB	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

Mayor Gillespie was not in attendance.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Councilor DeSmet moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: to move item 17 to item 13 and strike item 11 so that Mr. Jarmie could work on it, and correct a spelling error on item 19. Councilor Baughman seconded.

A C T	Motion	Approval of Agenda as amended	
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes

I O N	Second by:	Cheromiah		Councilor Cheromiah-Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman-Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

6. **Public Comment**

C.J. Kettle discussed road conditions, street lights and arsenic removal. Clerk Limon responded with updates on those subjects.

7. **Presentation**

The Wastewater Treatment plant was awarded “Most Improved Facility” at a recent conference. Representatives of Prodigy and members of the Bosque Farms utility staff were recognized for their efforts.

Emilio was recognized for his 20 years of service as an employee of the Village.

8. **Departmental Reports**

- a. Police Chief- Chief Owen summarized Police and Animal Control Activity for the Month of December.
- b. Deputy Clerk Lopez presented the Municipal Court report.
- c. Chief Brogdon presented a Fire Department report, and summarized some yearly stats. He discussed the growing number of calls and emphasized the need for EMS service.
- d. Clerk- Clerk Limon shared updates on the Clerk’s office activities as well as Planning and Zoning. Near the end of his report, Councilor DeSmet asked for the fire department to be included in the EMS Director hiring process.

9. **Mayor & Council Reports**

Council

- i. Councilor Baughman thanked JW and Yvonne for their hard work. He mentioned that he’d saved the Village money by cancelling unused Century Link accounts. He stated that he’d been discussing the potential annexation with a Peralta Councilor.
- ii. Councilor Cheromiah mentioned that Councilor Baughman was featured in State Police recruitment ads.
- iii. Councilor DeSmet discussed participating in Valencia County Day on February 6th and stated that Los Lunas applied to be the new site for the State Fair.
- iv. Councilor Wood thanked Councilor Baughman for his efforts.

10. **Council to Review and Take Action on Treasurer’s Report.**

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Treasurer’s Report.		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

11. Council to Review and Take Action on Previous Minutes.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Minutes 1-16-25 Regular Meeting and 1-29-25 Workshop Summary.		
	Made by:	DeSmet	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED		

12. ~~Council to Review and Take Action on Approval of Proposed On-Call Engineer Contract With Molzen & Corbin~~

13. Council to Review and Take Action on Approval of Expenditure of ARPA Funding.

Clerk Administrator Limon suggested tabling this issue.

Councilor Baughman stated that at least part should be used for infrastructure, and mentioned Cole Green.

Councilor DeSmet stated that while she wants to see employees benefit, she also has to think of everyone in Bosque Farms. The Councilor described several other needs, including infrastructure, roads, fire, EMS and others. She recommended using \$88,000 as employee premium pay and using the remainder for infrastructure.

Clerk Administrator Limon suggested postponing until April to give everyone time to research.

A C T I O N	Motion	Postpone till the month of April		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman-Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED		

14. **Council to Review and Take Action on the Appointment of New Volunteer Fire Chief**

Chief Brogdon spoke for a moment on his time serving as Chief and stated that Jason Schneider had been elected by the volunteers as the new Chief. He stated that he will serve as an Assistant Chief to help the transition. Following the motion, second and vote, the new Chief was pinned by his wife, Leslee.

A C T I O N	Motion	Appoint Jason Schneider as new Fire Chief		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

15. **Council to Review and Take Action on Hiring an Uncertified Officer**

Chief Owen presented Jesse Perez for hire.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval to Hire Jesse Perez as an Uncertified Officer		
	Made by:	Cheromiah	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	DeSmet		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

16. **Council to Review and Take Action on Hiring an Evidence Technician**

Chief Owen presented Jody Chapman for hire.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval to Hire Jody Chapman as an Evidence Technician		
	Made by:	Cheromiah	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	DeSmet		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

17. **Council to Review and Take Action on Lease Renewal for Yucca League**

League President Joey Timmons gave an update on the status of the league and expressed his appreciation.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval to Renew Yucca League Lease		
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

18. **Council to Review and Take Action on Sale of Two Police Department Vehicles**

Chief Owen presented the issue and asked that the proceeds of sale be returned to the Police Department.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval to sell two police vehicles and return funds to PD.		
	Made by:	Cheromiah	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Baughman		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

19. **Council to Open a Public Hearing Regarding Variance Request for 2300 Bruno Lane**

A C T I O N	Motion	Open Public Hearing regarding Variance Request for 2300 Bruno Lane		
	Made by:	DeSmet	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

Clerk/Administrator Limon swore in resident Kris Haney and Chairwoman Eastman. Haney discussed what she wanted to do with the property in terms of planting and gardening, and stated that her neighbors are okay with her plans. She stated that observing the standard setback would make a large portion of her land unusable for planting. Chairwoman Eastman read a passage from ordinance and stated that the lot is large and not oddly shaped. There is plenty of room to observe the setback and also garden. She stated that variance approvals should be rare. Former Mayor Walkup was sworn in. He reminded council that the purpose of the setback is access for emergency equipment.

20. **Council to Close Public Hearing Regarding Variance Request for 2300 Bruno Lane and Take Action.**

A C T	Motion	Close Public Hearing regarding Variance Request for 2300 Bruno Lane		
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I O N	Made by:	Cheromiah		Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	Baughman		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

A C T I O N	Motion	Approve Variance Request for 2300 Bruno Lane		
	Made by:	Cheromiah	No vote, motion failed for lack of second.	
	Second by:	none		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

21. **Council to Review and Take Action on Wastewater Budget Adjustment Resolution.**

Deputy Clerk presented the resolution to move funds from the Utility Reserve Fund to the Wastewater Fund for use. A roll call vote was taken.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Resolution 1063-25		
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	DeSmet		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

22. **Council to Review and Take Action on Requested Annexation by the Town of Peralta**

The Clerk/Administrator presented the discussion item, stating that no formal Resolution has been presented to us at this time. He recommending not approving. Councilor Baughman stated that any property tax gained would be small. He also discussed case law and suggested that Peralta should provide us with an AG's opinion. Former Mayor Walkup stated that we should not give away the property, but try to trade for some portions of Highway 47. Clerk/Administrator Limon suggests asking clarifying statements of what their intentions are for the property. Chairwoman Eastman stated that this does not involve the planning and zoning commission. Chief Owen stated that the Village should not give away a possible source of income.

A C T I O N	Motion	Postpone Indefinitely.		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

ADJOURNMENT **8:14 PM**

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The proceeding minutes were transmitted to Village Council for the Hearing on March 27, 2025. The Village Council requested changes be made to the minutes and the Village Council voted to approve them as amended. The requested changes are reflected in the proceeding minutes.

The amendments are:

1. Item 6, Public Comment change title from Counciler Limon to Clerk Limon.