

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ABLE TO ATTEND AND LISTEN TO THE
MEETING VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://www.facebook.com/bosque.farms>

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 Bill Kennedy, Councilors Bryan Burks, Ronita Wood and Rick Goshorn, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, Assistant Clerk Fable Cheney-Hoesch, Treasurer Yvonne Maes, Chief Andrew Owen, Lieutenant Sterba, and Planning and Zoning Officer Mike Montoya. Attorney Mark Jarmie arrived during Executive Session.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1 H (2) NMSA, 1978 REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS INCLUDING HIRING A UTILITY DIRECTOR, A UTILITY WORKER, EMS DIRECTOR, LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND CREATING PART-TIME PARAMEDIC POSITION (S) AND /OR EMT INTERMEDIATE POSITION

Councilor Burks moved to adjourn to executive session at 5:45p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to reconvene at 6:08 p.m. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Jarmie stated the discussion held during executive session was limited to personnel matters.

4. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Walkup asked everyone to remember all front-line workers, first responders, and the volunteers that are assisting with the vaccines. Mayor Walkup also asked everyone to remember resident Dorothy Vaughn who is not doing well.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Wood moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

December 30, 2020 Special Meeting

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Chief Andrew Owen presented a plaque to Bosque Animal Clinic for services provided to K-9 Dukan.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

David Chavez gave a report on the Utility Department.

Chief Owen gave the Police Department report for the month of December 2020. Lieutenant Sterba gave an annual Police Department report for 2020.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Goshorn reported UNMVC will be breaking ground on the Workforce Training Facility in about 3 weeks. He also reported the Wi-Fi installation in under way for the Wi-Fi hotspots.

Councilor Burks reported the Fire Department continued to have a low volume of calls. He asked everyone to keep their weeds down around their property to keep the fire danger down. He stated the fire season will probably start early. He also stated they are finishing up specs on the new Fire Department service truck and the new EMT unit.

Councilor Wood had no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy reported the Game and Fish is still holding Hunter Safety Classes online. He also thanked everyone that is helping with the vaccines.

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Mayor Walkup announced the Village will be getting 2 new vehicles, one for fire and one for EMS. He also stated the great volunteers in the Village donated many hours of service.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Yvonne Maes gave the Treasurer's Report for December 2020. Mayor Walkup explained why the Sewer percentages look so low. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

There were no non-agenda items.

13. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Adoption of Amendments to Ordinance 2017-01

Councilor Burks moved to approve the Adoption of Amendments to Ordinance 2017-01. Councilor Wood seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of the Repeal of Section 2-7 the Campaign Finance Code

Councilor Burks moved to approve the Repeal of Section 2-7 the Campaign Finance Code. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Hiring a Utility Director

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve hiring David Chavez as Utility Director. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of Hiring a Utility Worker

Councilor Goshorn moved to approve hiring Steve Hutchinson as a Utility Worker. Councilor Wood seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Consideration of Hiring a Library Director

Councilor Wood moved to approve hiring Toni Lynn Hart as Library Director. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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D. Consideration of Hiring an EMS Director

Councilor Burks moved to approve hiring Jeremy Fiedler as EMS Director. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Consideration of Award of Bid for Police Vehicles and Equipment

There was a bid for \$100.00 for the generator and light tower. There was a bid for \$661.03 for a 2009 Charger and \$761.13 for a 2010 Charger. There was discussion. Councilor Goshorn moved to reject both bids and wait for the auction. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. Consideration of a Minor Subdivision at 1700 West Bosque Loop for Matthew Lee and Doreen Shoemaker

Planning and Zoning Officer Mike Montoya recommended approval of the Minor Subdivision at 1700 West Bosque Loop. Councilor Burks moved to approve a Minor Subdivision at 1700 West Bosque Loop. Councilor Wood seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Consideration of Application to Open Southwest Organics Producers at 1600 Bosque Farms Blvd

Planning and Zoning Officer Mike Montoya recommended denial for the application of Southwest Organics Producers. There was discussion. Councilor Burks moved to deny the application for Southwest Organics Producers based on Ordinance 10-1-11. Councilor Wood seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

H. Discussion of Additional Grant/Loan Through NMED for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Mayor Walkup reviewed the offer from NMED. He proposed an additional loan of \$3,650,000 at 0.5% plus a subsidy of \$50,000. There was discussion. Councilor Burks moved to accept the additional grant/loan through NMED for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Councilor Goshorn seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

I. Consideration of Creation of Part-Time Paramedic Position (s) and/or EMT Intermediate Position

Mayor Walkup explained the need to create the positions. There was discussion. Councilor Burks moved to create a part-time Paramedic position and an EMT position and advertise both positions to fill as soon as possible. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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J. Consideration of Tough Book Trade-In

Chief Owen explained the Police Department has 21 outdated Tough Books. Chief Owen is requesting sending 10 outdated newer models and 1 outdated older model to California for an estimate for trade-in value. Councilor Wood moved to send 10 newer models and 1 older model of the Tough Books to California for an estimate for trade-in value. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

K. Consideration of Sale of Water/Wastewater Equipment

Mayor Walkup read the list of Water/Wastewater equipment that is being considered for sale. Mayor Walkup asked the council if they wanted sealed bids or wait for the auction. Councilor Burks moved to approve the sale of Water/ Wastewater equipment by sealed bid. Councilor Goshorn seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

L. Consideration of Open Meetings Act Resolution 961-21

Councilor Wood moved to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution 961-21. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

M. Consideration of Resolution 962-21 Amending the 2020-2021 Budget (Line Item Adjustments)

Clerk Jones gave an explanation of the need for amending the 2020-2021 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve Resolution 962-21 amending the 2020-2021 Budget (Line Item Adjustments). Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

N. Consideration of Moving Money from the Utility Checking Account into the Money Market Account

Mayor Walkup explained the account analysis. Councilor Burks moved to approve moving \$400,000 from the Utility checking account into the Money Market Account. Councilor Goshorn seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

O. Discussion of Water Rights Lease

Clerk Jones and Mayor Walkup explained what the Village of Bosque Farms had done in the past and there had been an inquiry if the Village was willing to lease water rights to an individual. Council agreed to explore leasing the Village water rights.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator