

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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 and Councilor Tim Baughman. Clerk Administrator Melissa Velasquez, Assistant Clerk Mary Langley, Attorney Mark Jarmie, and Police Chief Andrew Owen.

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

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

Councilor Bryan Burks and Councilor Michael Cheromiah were present telephonically.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to reconvene at 6:06 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor Burks, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **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 reported there were four deaths within the Village, three being within one week. Asked everyone to keep all first responders in their thoughts.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Wood withdrew her motion.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to strike items 13A and 14E, approving the remaining the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Wood 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.**

7. PRESENTATIONS

Danielle Wilson with Site Southwest, which is contracted with the Village gave an update regarding the comprehensive plan. Four-hundred and twelve (412) responses were received from the community-wide survey that was issued. She shared that a community meeting on March 30th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. located at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

8. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 16, 2023, Regular Meeting

Councilor Cheromiah recommended that line 76 be revised to state “Councilor Baughman spoke with Attorney Jarmie”.

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Regular Meeting February 16, 2022, would stand as corrected.

March 3, 2023, Budget Workshop

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Budget Workshop March 3, 2023, would stand as presented.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Chief Owen presented the Police Department report for February 2023.

EMS Director Thomas gave report for the EMS Department for the month of February 2023.

Resident Bob Courtney announced nine (9) families were assisted during Christmas time with gift cards of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each.

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10. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Wood thanked the FD for all their hard work checking fire hydrants for the ISO rating. She also shared that the fair is coming up and if anyone is interested in advertising or donating to contact her.

Councilor Baughman stated that he had a pie on "Pie Day" at the Community Center and reminded everyone to attend next year.

Councilor Cheromiah stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Councilor Burks reported that the FD is almost done with all the fire hydrant testing and that there is a new training class with BFFD and Peralta Fire Dept.

Mayor Walkup proposed that the agreement with the resident living on the property to the north be extended for another month, due to her inability to find another home right now. Also requesting that the Village move some equipment to the property. An inspection needs to be done at the property to verify there are no leaks.

Attorney Jarmie spoke in regards to the extension of the contract to the caretaker residing there, in exchange that the insurance be kept current on the property.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk/ Administrator Velasquez presented the treasurer's report for the month of February 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for February 2023. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion.

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

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

Resident Lilly McNabb stated that she was with the organization Blue Star Mothers that supports the Armed Forces by sending boxes to the military all year long, she further requested if the Village could post the list of needs in our newsletter and on our website. Ms. McNabb concluded by thanking BFPD for all they continue to do.

Danielle Wilson of Site Southwest invited everyone to attend the next meeting. Resident Michelle Creech asked if the Village had a tree service they could recommend to help the community with the clean up of trees down due to the wind.

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13. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Amendment to Personnel Policy 10.5

Item was stricken.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of liquor license for winegrower with on premises consumption and package sales located at 1110 Lillie Dr., Bosque Farms, NM 87068, Bosque Farms Vineyard & Winery, LLC

Business owner Julius Harrington addressed the Governing Body and answered questions. Mayor Pro Tem asked about parking accommodations and more detail on the packaged liquor side of the license. Councilor Baughman asked about how many drinks can be consumed on the premises in one visit. Councilor Cheromiah asked about safeguarding the location of the alcohol consumption in relation to the baseball fields. Councilor Burks requested what hours of operation the business will have. A few residents also advocated for the Winery.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the liquor license for winegrowing with on premises consumption and package sales located at 1110 Lillie Dr., Bosque Farms, NM 87068, Bosque Farms Vineyard and Winery, LLC. 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.**

B. Consideration of Yucca Little League Batting Cages addition

Yucca Little League President Joey Timmons gave explanation.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the Yucca Little League batting cage addition. 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.**

Mr. Timmons announced that Yucca Little League was donated a scoreboard that will be put up.

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C. Consideration of Joint Powers Agreement for VRECC

Clerk/Administrator Velasquez presented on behalf of VRECC Director Tommy Sanchez.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for VRECC. 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.**

D. Consideration of Appointments of Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Walkup recommended the appointments of Mr. Schaus, Mayor Eastman and Mr. Garrison and to the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a two (2) year term.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve Mr. Schaus, Mayor Eastman and Mr. Garrison to the Planning and Zoning Commission. 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.**

E. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer

Item was stricken.

F. Consideration of IPRA Fee Schedule

Clerk/ Administrator Velasquez gave explanation.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the IPRA Fee Schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Wood 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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15. Adjournment

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL 2023.

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Melissa Velasquez, Clerk/Administrator