

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 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 Michael Cheromiah, Councilor Tim Baughman, Clerk Administrator Vernon Abeita, Assistant Clerk Julie Gabaldon, Treasurer Yvonne Maes and Police Chief Andrew Owen. Councilor Bryan Burks attended telephonically and 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 POLICE OFFICER AND A COURT CLERK

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 Cheromiah made a motion to reconvene at 6:30 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 along with a very notable individual Mayor Carl Allen. Lillie McNabb read "Success," a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, in honor of departed Mayor Carl Allen as part of closure.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eastman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Baughman moved to approve the agenda striking 13 B. 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.**

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7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

October 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 October 2023. Special Events Trick or Treating on Green Acres was a good turnout. Toys for Tots has started. November 17, 2023, is Dukan Day.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Councilor Baughman gave an update on the Cole/Green sewer project. They have been there less than two weeks with a majority of it done within the first four days. Everything was cleaned up. They did an outstanding job.

Councilor Cheromiah expressed appreciation for Bosque Farms Police Department on Halloween. Their continued presence helps make our Halloween event the best it can be. The residents feel safe. Nonresidents come here because they feel it is a safe family event.

Councilor Burks nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood nothing to report.

Mayor Walkup thanked the fire department and police department for the Halloween event. He congratulated everyone on the election and thanked everyone for running. He also stated he was very pleased to see how many residents voted in the local election compared to other bigger municipalities. Mayor Walkup thanked everyone that came out and voted. He also introduced Councilor Elect De Smet, Mayor Elect Ake, Judge Elect Eldridge and Councilor Wood. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Clerk Administrator Abeita reported Cole/Green project was completed ahead of schedule. He gave an update on Cottonwood and the Otero Lateral culvert. He also gave an update on Well #1 and update on the Esperanza project. He also reminded everyone of Native American History Month.

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10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of October 2023. She is now a Procurement Officer. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for October 2023. 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.**

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

Mayor Eastman stated minutes need to be posted on the website. She stated they haven't been posted since July.

Ms. McNabb was thankful for the maintenance of the bushes and trees on the North Loop. She thanked the eleven (11) people who attended Mayor Carl Allen's service and reception. He worked hard for our village. Thank you to the six (6) police officers for being there. She asked to go on record to say the people that did not go lost and missed out on the honor to be there for our dear Carl. Councilor Baughman thanked Ms. McNabb for her dedication to Carl Allen.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Adoption of Burn Ordinance Section 11-3

There was a discussion. Councilor Burks made a motion to approve Adoption of Burn Ordinance Section 11-3. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Councilor Baughman, against; Councilor Cheromiah, for; Councilor Burks, for and Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for. **Motion carried.**

B. Consideration of Approval for Resolution 1034-23 Fee Schedule of Animal Control Fees and Fines Amending Resolution 939-19

There was a discussion. Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve Resolution 1034-23 Fee Schedule of Animal Control Fees and Fines Amending Resolution 939-19. 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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13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to hire Estavan Correa as a police officer. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Councilor Baughman, for; Councilor Cheromiah, against; Councilor Burks, for and Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for. **Motion carried.**

B. Consideration of Hiring a Court Clerk

Item struck

C. Consideration of Removal of Appendix Section A2 Job Descriptions from Code

There was discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to postpone the Removal of Appendix Section A2 Job Descriptions from Code. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Councilor Baughman, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for; Councilor Burks, for and Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for. Mayor **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Consideration of Publication of Amendments to Article 10, 10.5 Overtime

There was discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve Publication of Amendments to Article 10, 10.5 Overtime as amended. 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.**

14. Adjournment

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Vernon Abeita, Clerk/Administrator