

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 20, 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, and Councilor Bryan Burks. Clerk Administrator Vernon Abeita, Assistant Clerk Mary Langley, Treasurer Yvonne Maes, and Attorney Mark Jarmie.

Councilor Michael Cheromiah arrived during executive session at 6:01 p.m.

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

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

Councilor Baughman made a motion to reconvene at 6:06 p.m. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. All in favor, with the exception of Councilor Cheromiah, against. **Motion carried.**

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

**4. SILENT INVOCATION**

Mayor Walkup asked for everyone to keep in our thoughts all first responders and families of those that have passed away. There have been some unexpected deaths and people with financial struggles.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The library kids dance class led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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## **7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Walkup recommended tabling the item until the next regular meeting due to some question on Item 13B on how the motion was recorded.

Councilor Burks made a motion to table the minutes from the June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting until the next regular meeting. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Chief Owen presented the Police Department report for June 2023.

## **9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORT**

**Councilor Baughman** notified there was recently a homeless man that had "set up camp" within the Village and there was a local pastor that helped get the man shelter assistance in Alb. and helped move the man to the shelter. Reported he has received many calls in regards to the work being done on the property near McDonalds. Councilor Baughman reported he has had more inquires on the progress on the sewer services for Green/Cole.

**Councilor Cheromiah** nothing to report.

**Councilor Burks** the BFFD is working on acquiring the new brush truck, estimating Jan. of 2024. The BFFD is also working with the State on ISO rating, hoping it will move up to a 2. The BFFD will have a hot dog stand at the fair where all proceeds will go towards new AEDs in all the FD apparatus.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wood** reported that the library summer program was a great success and had a door count of 2587 in attendance from April 2023-June 2023. Reminded everyone there is a little library on the West Loop for anyone that wants to pick up or drop off books. The Fair Board is still taking donations for this year's silent auction at the Fair.

**Mayor Walkup** introduced our new Clerk Administrator Vernon Abeita. Informed everyone that the newsletter is going to go out soon, the changes to the Election Code are on the front page. This year's election has the following positions coming up, Judge, Mayor and 2 Councilors. Notified everyone that there is construction by McDonalds going on and asked Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya to come up and give everyone an explanation.

Planning and Zoning Officer gave a brief description of what was going to be developing on the land.

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#### **10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

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

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

Lorraine Cordova, a resident, had questions and concerns about her utility bill. Mayor Walkup recommended she get in contact with Asst. Clerk Langley.

Lee Whorton, a resident, requested the Village enter a contract with Prairie Dog Pals to have the prairie dogs next door re-located.

Johnathan Ash, a resident, is requesting to be put on the agenda for the August Regular Meeting to present a proposal to develop a sports complex.

#### **12. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consideration of Hiring a Utility Worker**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the hiring of Edward Romero as a Utility Worker. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **13. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consideration of Resolution 1023-23 Amending the FY 22-23 Budget (Line Item Adjustments)**

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23 amending the FY 22-23 budget (line item adjustments). 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 Resolution 1024-23 Amending the FY 22-23 Budget (Increases)**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 amending the FY 22-23 budget (increases). 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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**C. Consideration of Fourth Quarter Budget Report for FY 22-23 and Resolution 1025-23**

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the fourth quarter budget report for FY 22-23 and Resolution 1025-23. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion.

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

**D. Consideration of Salary Increases for FY 23-24**

Mayor Walkup gave explanation.

Councilor Cheremiah made a motion to approve the salary increases for FY 23-24. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. Consideration of Resolution 1026-23 Approving FY 23-24 Final Budget**

There was discussion.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve Resolution 1026-23 approving the FY 22-23 Final Budget. Councilor Cheremiah seconded the motion.

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

**F. Consideration of Laptop Sales to Police Officers and Village Personnel**

Chief Owen gave explanation. Attorney Jarmie gave recommendations to have all security information removed prior to the sale and as long as they are sold at fair market value.

Councilor Burks made a motion approving the sales of the laptops to Village employees. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**G. Consideration of Request for Land Split (10-2-15) Located on the West Loop, Subd: Land of Nona C. Church Tract: 44B 4.02 Acres 1996 REV**

Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya gave explanation. There was discussion. Officer Montoya reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the Council approve the land split.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the request for land split located on the West Loop, Subd: Land of Nona C. Church Tract: 44B 4.02 Acres 1996 REV. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**H. Consideration of Request for Variance (10-1-11-I) Located at 2195 Bosque Farms Blvd.**

Officer Montoya recommended denial of the item due to the owner nor a representative is not present. Officer Montoya also reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the variance.

Councilor Burks made a motion to deny the request for variance. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**I. Consideration of Request for Regulated Business (10-1-11-G) Located at 2195 Bosque Farms Blvd.**

Officer Montoya recommended denial of the item due to the owner or representative is not present. Officer Montoya also reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the regulated business.

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to deny the request for regulated business. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**14. Adjournment**

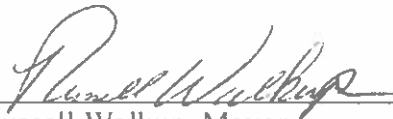
Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Councilor Cheromiah, against adjourning. Mayor Walkup requested a motion.

Councilor Burks made a motion to Adjourn. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. All in favor, three. All opposed, one. **Motion carried.**

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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2023.**

  
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Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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Vernon Abeita, Clerk/Administrator