

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2024 TOWN OF BEARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING

The clerk swore in Debbie Surwill as Mayor and Harold Jenkins, council member.

Mayor Surwill called the Bearcreek council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4, 2024, in the Town Hall. Council members Cristan, Hogan, and Jenkins were present. Rob Surwill, Animal Control Officer; Loni Hanson, Zoning Director; and Dean Webb, Public Works Director were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council member Jenkins moved to accept the minutes, financial reports, and budget vs actual reports as presented. Council member Hogan seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Council member Hogan moved to approve the claims as presented. Council member Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk read the thank you note from Lowell, Christian and Anders Cutshaw.

There were no public comments.

There were no council concerns, but Council member Cristan questioned if the kennel license had been removed from the ordinances. The Mayor and Clerk advised that had been done some time ago.

Dean started dept. head reports. He advised that all was going well. Loni had nothing to report for zoning. Rob reported that the animal letters had gone out and he was waiting for townspeople to send in their renewal applications, some of which he has received.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business Harold moved to appoint Danell Boos as the council chair. Betty seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Under clerk's items (1) the clerk requested permission for Danell to leave the state January 13<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Harold moved to allow her permission with Betty seconding said motion. The motion passed 3-0. (2) The clerk advised she had been proof reading the ordinance draft and should be done by the Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. (3) The clerk asked the council what time they wanted to hold the public hearing for the HB355 grant funding, which will be used for the town hall furnace replacement and maintenance to the trap door allowing access to the furnace. It was decided to hold it at the beginning of the February council meeting.

With no further business, council member Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion seconded by council member Hogan passed 4-0.



Debbie Surwill, Mayor



Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk