

Minutes of the November 7, 2024, Bearcreek Council Meeting

Mayor Surwill called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7, 2024. All council members were present, including Rob Surwill, animal control officer; Loni Hanson, zoning administrator; and Dean Webb, public works director.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Harold moved to accept the minutes, the financial report, and the budget vs. actual report. Betty seconded said motion which passed unanimously.

Claims were presented for payment and approved with a motion by Danell, seconded by Harold, which passed 4-0.

There was no correspondence.

There were no public comments.

Dept. Head Reports – Dean reported that they were working on the water leak in Bearcreek Alley. He advised that they were ready to backfill and found another leak about 10' from the original leak. Carolyn Niccum and John Coutu were going to be out of water for the evening as they needed parts to hook both of their services back to the new line. They would try to get it all completed by Friday evening. He reported that he had taken Interstate engineers and the hydrologist up to the springs that morning as well so another source of water could be found as backup to the springs. Loni reported that she had issued a zoning permit to Paul Hogan for a sign. Zoning requests had slowed down. Rob advised he still had one delinquent animal owner, who had been issued a ticket to report to court on November 13th with Judge Nichols. All else had been quiet.

There were no council concerns.

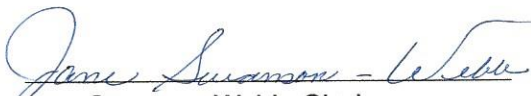
Under unfinished business (1) the clerk had passed out a revised Hall rental agreement for the council for review. The council members chose to table approval so that they may review the contract further. The clerk reported that she had taken the damaged blind into the Blind Guy to see if it could be repaired. It couldn't be repaired, and that kind of blind is not allowable any longer due to the string closing. The representative from Blind Guy is going to come to Bearcreek on Nov. 12th to go over different samples and do her own measuring for a new blind. The clerk had visited Budget Blinds on the phone and their schedule didn't allow them to visit Bearcreek for up to 6 weeks. (2) There wasn't an update on the water system.

Under new business Debbie requested permission to leave the state for several days over Thanksgiving. Harold moved to allow Debbie permission. Betty seconded said motion which passed 4-0.

Clerk's items: A discussion was held concerning the Town's need for a full-time attorney or one that could be on call to handle any legal matters that may come up paying an hourly fee.

With no further business Harold moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.


Debbie Surwill, Mayor


Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk