

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**June 17, 2024**

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: Jim Kozumplik, F. John Betts, Richard Hupe, and Stephen Alspaugh. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Planning & Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2024 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 20, 2024, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the requested transfers between funds are all part of what was planned in the 2024 budget.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 20, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21, 2024, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the single amendment to the annual appropriation budget was to authorize expenditure of the \$6,000 donation to the Police Department for E-Bikes that Council discussed at its last regular meeting.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 21, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 22, 2024, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GERKEN PAVING, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT OF EAST VILLAGE ADDITION.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained there was a single bid in the amount of \$636,447.15 from Gerken Paving, Inc. which fell within the bidding threshold, and recommended Council authorize the contract. This project was included in the 2024 budget.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 22, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE *COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA* TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY VERHOFF PROPERTIES LLC.**

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterson explained that the tax exemption is being requested at 100 percent for ten years on an addition at 401 N. Union Street, and he requested Council approve the application. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 26, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 27, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 25 ELECTRONIC HEARING PROTECTION DEVICES FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES THROUGH THE HEARING PROTECTION PILOT TO THE CITY OF BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey explained that when he applied for electronic hearing protection devices from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, he did not know value of what the City would receive. The equipment, that was provided at no cost to the City, was more elaborate than expected and valued at approximately \$9,975. He requested Council accept the equipment for which the Police Department's only obligation is to use, evaluate, and provide a review.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 27, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 27, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 28, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that this agreement is renewed annually and allows the City to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Program, which the City has offered for many years.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 28, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 28, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade advised Council on the receipt of a legislative notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a change of LLC membership interests on the liquor permit held by Lotto Masters LLC, dba Get-N-Go Mart, and if no objections, requested Council waive its right to request a hearing on the matter.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to waive hearings on a change of LLC membership interests on the liquor permit held by Lotto Masters LLC, dba Get-N-Go. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit for the City of Bryan's \$157,000 restroom addition at Lincoln Park, 301 E. Butler Street.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve a building permit for the City of Bryan's \$157,000 restroom addition at Lincoln Park, 301 E. Butler Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council re-appoint Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston to the Williams County Metropolitan Housing Authority for another five-year term, ending July 7, 2029; he has served as an asset to the group for many years.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to appoint Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston to the Williams County Metropolitan Housing Authority for a five-year term, ending July 7, 2029. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade recommended Sandra Bostater to the City of Bryan Records Commission for an indefinite term per Ohio Revised Code Section 149.39, which requires a citizen member be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Bostater is retired from the Bryan Clerk-Treasurer's Office and is well-versed in public records retention requirements.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the appointment of Sandra Bostater to the City of Bryan Records Commission for an indefinite term. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade suggested that considering pending Council member vacations and no pressing agenda items, Council consider cancelling the July 1, 2024 regular meeting.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to cancel the July 1 regular meeting of the Bryan City Council due to lack of a quorum. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade remarked on the great week of events the City of Bryan just completed, including the Lincoln Park Playground ribbon cutting, Jubilee, and the new Amtrak Station groundbreaking ceremony. Several Council members offered congratulations and thanks to all involved in those events.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property at 5:47 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Director of Utilities Schultz, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner, City Engineer Wieland.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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President of Council

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Clerk-Treasurer