

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

December 2, 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, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Police Captain Jamie Mendez, Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Bryan Board of Public Affairs President Karen Ford, Bryan Board of Public Affairs Members Annette Schreiner, Dick Long, and Bob Eyre, Human Resources Director Tricia Lyons, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox addressed Council with a brief update on Huntington Drive and to again request recently passed pay data on the Council and Mayor. Figures were provided and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner indicated he would send copies of the two pay ordinances to Mr. Cox.

Ordinance No. 48, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE HIRING A CITY ATTORNEY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade offered support for reappointing City Attorney Marc Fishel for 2025, noting all the work he has done for the City in 2024. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to correct a scrivener's error by changing the effective date in the ordinance from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 48, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 48, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 49, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained these were the remainder of budgeted transfers between funds for 2024 and would be the last of the year.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 49, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 49, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 50, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS OF EAST VILLAGE ADDITION.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this project came in \$17,367.30 below budget, and requested approval of the change order.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 50, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 50, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 51, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this project came in \$63,605.55 below budget, and requested approval of the change order.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 51, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 51, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 52, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this project came in \$3,903.30 below budget, and requested approval of the change order.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 52, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 52, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade presented a letter of support for Frontier Community Services' development of the Fountain Creek Senior Villas housing project, for which the Williams County Port Authority and Frontier Community Services will seek Ohio Housing Finance Agency funding. This will be the third attempt at securing the annual grant which is awarded by competitive scoring. The project has scored well in the past, but just below the threshold to receive funding.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve and sign a letter of support for the Fountain Creek Senior Villas housing project. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade asked Council to consider a liquor permit transfer between owners of the Get-N-Go Mart and the store's location relative to Lincoln Park. The location of the store has been the same for years and is not changing.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to waive hearings on the transfer of a liquor permit from Lotto Masters LLC, dba Get N Go Mart to JDS Party Shop LLC and on its proximity to Lincoln Park. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade thanked all involved in preparation for the Santa Parade and Christkindl Market.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer