

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**January 6, 2025**

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

Mayor Schlade initiated the conversation on appointing the Council President and Vice President for 2025. Mr. Kozumplik nominated Mary Leatherman for President. Further discussion was held on procedural matters. Mr. Kozumplik then nominated Richard Hupe for Vice President. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to appoint Mary Leatherman as Bryan City Council President and Richard Hupe as Bryan City Council Vice President for 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox asked that Huntington Drive residents be given ample time to arrange to attend the yet to be scheduled Council meeting where options for Huntington Drive pavement improvement will be examined. There was also discussion about whether the Bryan Street Department's streetsweeper could still be operated to clean up remaining loose gravel on the road; Street Commissioner Engstrom indicated that the cold weather and salty conditions would prohibit its further use until spring.

Mayor Schlade kicked off the discussion on committee assignments for 2025. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the following committees for 2025:

Budget – Mary Leatherman and Stephen Alspaugh

Finance and Audit – Jim Kozumplik and Stephen Alspaugh

Wage – John Betts and Richard Hupe

Tax Incentive Review – Jim Kozumplik and Stephen Alspaugh, and Mayor Schlade

Negotiations Team – Jim Kozumplik and Richard Hupe

Revolving Loan Fund – Mary Leatherman

BIPAC – Mary Leatherman

Prevailing Wage Coordinators – Brian Wieland & Tiana Traxler

Americans with Disabilities Act – Patrick Thorp

Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHLACHTER INVESTMENTS LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE BRYAN INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained this arrangement will be similar to that recently offered to Allied Moulded Products on another property in the Bryan Industrial Park and encouraged Council to approve it.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 1, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 1, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “WIL-CR502-0.37 W SOUTH SIDEWALK.”**

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained this is another stretch of new sidewalk funded at up to 90 percent by the Safe Routes to Schools grant, and will extend along the south side of West South Street to South Main Street. The winning bid was for \$252,214.50.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 2, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 2, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$2,160.00) FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FIRE MARSHAL FOR MARCS RADIO USE FEES.**

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool indicated that the grant will be used to cover the full cost of annual use fees on the department's MARCS radios.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 1, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 1, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Pool requested Council approve and appoint the following list of people to the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Dependents Fund Board for 2025:

Council Member Rick Hupe  
Council Member Mary Leatherman  
Fire Chief Douglas Pool  
Firefighter Gregory Grisier  
City Resident Russ Davies

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve and appoint members of the Volunteer Firefighter's Dependents Fund Board for 2025, as requested. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council approve and reappoint Paula Kline to the Bryan Park Board for her second three-year term, 2025-2027:

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to reappoint Paula Kline to the Bryan Park Board for the next three-year term, 2025-2027. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to appoint Mayor Schlade to the Maumee Valley Planning Organization Executive Committee for the next one-year term, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade offered thanks to the Council and City employees for their support and good work throughout 2024. She requested that Council provide her with suggestions via email for three members of the public to serve on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) committee. And she presented a draft letter prepared for Eastland Estates residents regarding a date for the Huntington Drive pavement discussion. The proposed date is January 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and the letter can be sent in time to give residents nearly two weeks' notice. Further discussion was held, and the Mayor was directed to proceed with mailing the letter.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe 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