

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

February 17, 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, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2025 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$5,430.00 DONATION FROM VARIOUS SPONSORS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade asked the Council to accept donations made from multiple donors for use toward the 2025 Fountain City Amphitheater summer schedule.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 13, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 13, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 5, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the need to authorize expenditure of the donated funds for the Amphitheater just discussed and an insurance reimbursement for damage to a city vehicle.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 5, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 5, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 14, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - EAST MULBERRY STREET 700-900 BLOCKS.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the current estimate for the project, which will be bid and managed by Bryan Municipal Utilities, is \$600,000, including up to \$275,000 in grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 14, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 14, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 15, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR GRANTS THRU THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AS NECESSARY.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this is a new funding opportunity that would be used to install new waterlines and asphalt paving on South Portland Street. The grant, if awarded, could fund 80-90 percent of the project, currently estimated at about \$1.0 million.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 15, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 15, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland presented the 2024 Engineering Department Annual Report which highlighted current staff, completed capital projects, operational statistics and grant awards received. He also gave a quick review of pending projects in 2025. Further discussion was held.

Fire Chief Pool presented the 2024 Fire Department Annual Report which highlighted operational statistics – including a rapidly trending increase in first responder calls -- fire prevention, staffing and training activities, and a status report on vehicles and heavy equipment. Further discussion was held regarding vehicle status and on the potential impact on staffing if plans to house a Williams County Emergency Medical Service vehicle in the Bryan Fire Station go forward. Mayor Schlade offered an update on those plans.

Mayor Schlade presented her 2024 State of the City report which offered insight to the City’s finances, grant dollars received, economic development activity and significant capital projects completed in 2024. She also noted plans to move forward with a community strategic plan and a non-bargaining employee compensation study in 2025. She closed by thanking the Bryan City Council and city staff for their support and good work in 2024.

Streets Commissioner Engstrom provided an update on the successful snow plowing effort over the previous weekend and thanked two Bryan Municipal Utilities employees--Rockie Beres and Brett Hulbert -- for helping with the 2:00 a.m. call out, as three Streets Department employees were unavailable.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer