

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox suggested that with a break in the weather, the City of Bryan Streets Department ought to be able to now sweep up the remainder of loose stone in the Huntington Drive area from the chip/seal work that was done last fall. He was told it would likely be done in April or May.

Ordinance No. 6, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the requested transfers between funds were included in the 2025 budget and represented amounts necessary in the first quarter of the year.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 6, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 6, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 7, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIEBENALER CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “ALTERATION TO: BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT” AND APPROPRIATING \$137,000 TO FUND SAID CONTRACT

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained the improvement would include four bunk rooms and accommodate the 24-hour firefighter shifts now in place. The winning bid for the project was \$159,950. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that \$100,000 of the requested funding had been budgeted for the same purpose in 2024, but

was unspent. The additional \$37,000 is necessary to cover higher than originally anticipated costs. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 7, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2 RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6, 2025 STATEWIDE BALLOT.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the State of Ohio seeks voter approval to issue bonds in support of statewide infrastructure improvement projects about every ten years, and that a request for renewal of the program will be on the May 6, 2025 ballot. The City of Bryan has been the recipient of approximately \$4.4 million of project support since the program's inception. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 16, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 16, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN THROUGH THE BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained the grant request would be for \$45,000 and be used to offset the estimated \$74,000 cost of a new pedestrian pathway fronting East End Park.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 17, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 17, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the following individuals for appointment to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027:

TJ Zimmerman
AJ Nowaczyk
Joyce Walker
Dan Yahraus
Douglas Johnson
Michael Lirot
Dawne Kline

The Council meets once per year, and will include three new members. Mayor Schlade also thanked Dick Reed, who is leaving the Council, for his many years of service.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the recommended slate of members for the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Pool requested permission to give a Civil Service test for a full-time Firefighter, as the current list is down to one and will not be retained, and there will be a full-time opening soon. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to authorize a Civil Service test for the position of Firefighter. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade provided an update on her recent trip to Washington, D.C. for American Public Power Association's annual legislative rally. She also told of recently speaking with Amtrak representatives who indicated an update on funding for the new train station should be coming within the next few months. Further discussion was held.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Purchase or Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding at 5:52 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Director of Utilities Schultz, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer