

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 4, 2021

Council President F. John Betts opened the virtual meeting with the following members present participating via teleconference: Judith Yahraus, Mary Leatherman, Richard Hupe, and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending via teleconference were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Police Chief Christopher Chapa, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Videographer Kristopher Bryce, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to elect Mary Leatherman as Council President of Bryan City Council for 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to elect Jim Kozumplik as Council Vice President of Bryan City Council for 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council President Leatherman presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution No. 1, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2021 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2021 Asphalt Program noting that Townline Road and central parts of the City were to be addressed. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 1, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 1, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2021 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2021 Pavement Marking Program.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 2, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 2, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2021 PARKVIEW AVE. & BELMONT AVE. IMPROVEMENTS”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2021 Parkview Avenue and Belmont Avenue Improvements project. He added that this project would be a full depth removal. Further discussion was held regarding the anticipated timeline of the project.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 3, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 3, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS: OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND SMALL CITIES THRU THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHERS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AS NECESSARY”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to apply for various grants for the City of Bryan including, but not limited to, Ohio Public Works Commission, Community Development Block Grant, and Small Cities thru the Ohio Department of Transportation. He expanded by sharing the plans for Brunicardi Way utilizing Ohio Public Works funds.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 4, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 4, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the following committees for 2021:

Budget – Jim Kozumplik and Rick Hupe

Finance and Audit – Judith Yahraus and Mary Leatherman

Wage – Richard Hupe and F. John Betts

Tax Incentive Review – Rick Hupe, Judith Yahraus, and Mayor Carrie Schlade

Negotiations Team – F. John Betts and Jim Kozumplik

Revolving Loan Fund – Mary Leatherman

BIPAC – Mary Leatherman

Prevailing Wage Coordinators – Brian Wieland & Melanie Kaiser

Americans with Disabilities Act – Patrick Thorp

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

Council President Leatherman reviewed the proposed schedule for the 2021 Council meetings. Mayor Schlade also added that the Christmas holidays would be observed on December 23rd and 24th for 2021.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to set the 2021 Council meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month with the exception of moving the second meeting in January to Tuesday, January 19, 2021, due to the Martin Luther King holiday, the first meeting of July to Tuesday, July 6, 2021, due to the Fourth of July holiday, the first meeting in September to Tuesday, September 7, 2021, due to the Labor Day holiday, and the first meeting in October to Tuesday, October 5, 2021, due to Ready, Set, Relax. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested that Executive Secretary Kristi Moor be moved from probationary status to regular employment status effective January 7, 2021. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to move Executive Secretary Kristi Moor from probationary status to regular employment status effective January 7, 2021, taking her from \$21.01 per hour to \$21.51 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested to hire Ross Butler as a part-time Dispatcher Trainee at a rate of \$14.50 per hour effective January 5, 2021.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to hire Ross Butler as a part-time Dispatcher Trainee at a rate of \$14.50 per hour effective January 5, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested to hire Gary Mohre as Assistant Police Chief at a date to be determined and upon the successful completion of his physical testing at a rate of \$63,500 per year.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to hire Gary Mohre as Assistant Police Chief at a date to be determined and upon the successful completion of his physical testing at a rate of \$63,500 per year. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested to hire Gregory Ruskey as Police Captain at a date to be determined and upon the successful completion of his physical testing at a rate of \$62,500 per year.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to hire Gregory Ruskey as Police Captain at a date to be determined and upon the successful completion of his physical testing at a rate of \$62,500 per year. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders requested a minimum wage adjustment for Volunteer Firefighters Nicholas Cooper and Christopher Roberts making their rate of pay \$8.80 per hour effective January 1, 2021.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to make a minimum wage adjustment for Volunteer Firefighters Nicholas Cooper and Christopher Roberts making their rate of pay \$8.80 per hour effective January 1, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested that Emily Ebaugh fill a Park Board position vacated by Paula Kline and that Dave Batt be reappointed to serve his second three (3) year term on the Park Board.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to appoint Emily Ebaugh to fill a Park Board position vacated by Paula Kline and to reappoint Dave Batt to serve his second three (3) year term on the Park Board. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested that Council appoint Mari Ivan and Mayor Schlade to the Williams County Economic Development Corporation Board as representatives of the City.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to appoint Mari Ivan and Mayor Schlade to the Williams County Economic Development Corporation Board as representatives of the City. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Several Council members expressed their congratulations to Council President Leatherman and Council Vice President Kozumplik. In addition, several offered their thanks to Councilman Betts for serving as Council President in 2020.

Mayor Schlade, too, wished the best to Council President Leatherman for 2021 and shared her hope for a return to normalcy for 2021.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer