

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Council President F. John Betts opened the virtual meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the following members participating via teleconference: Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, Judith Yahraus, and Richard Hupe. Also attending via teleconference were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Videographer Kristopher Bryce, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade read a letter from Williams County Sherriff Kohart extending his appreciation for making a smooth transition for his office and offering cooperation as needed.

Ordinance No. 55, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode detailed the appropriation request for Council. She noted that this should be the final appropriation for the Local Coronavirus Relief funds distributed from the County.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 55, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 55, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 56, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Rode detailed the requested transfers for Council.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 56, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 56, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 57, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DGL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR WIL-SRTS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, PID-113489.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve entering into an agreement with DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC for the engineering design services for the Safe Routes to School project. He noted that this would be a federally funded project which required a qualification ranking from City officials. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 57, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 57, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 58, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE HIRING THE CITY ATTORNEY.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the annual ordinance to hire the City Attorney for 2021.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 58, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 58, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with regard to setting a Special Meeting to conduct any pertinent year end business.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to set a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at noon to conduct any pertinent year end business. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

All Council members expressed their appreciation of City Attorney Fisher as did Clerk-Treasurer Rode and Mayor Schlade.

City Attorney Fisher shared her appreciation to all personnel involved with the November 17, 2020, incident with a gunman at the Don North Municipal Building. Mayor Schlade echoed her comments.

Councilman Leatherman shared that Christmas for Kids was a success this year as Williams County stepped up with donations for this annual event.

Councilman Yahraus reminded the public to wear their masks in light of the ongoing health pandemic.

Council President Betts thanked the Williams County Health Department and Community Hospitals of Williams County for the efforts throughout the health crisis.

A brief recess was taken.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property, compensation of a public employee, and pending litigation at 5:58 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, City Engineer Wieland, and Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

City Engineer Wieland exited the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor Schlade exited the Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Schlade returned to the Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer