

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 19, 2021**

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the combined in-person/virtual meeting with the following members present: Judith Yahraus, John F. Betts, Richard Hupe, and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending in person were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura I. Rode. Attending via teleconference were: City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Police Chief Christopher Chapa, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Wheeler, and Videographer Kristopher Bryce.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2021, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16, 2021, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 16, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 16, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18, 2021, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$25,000.00 DONATION FROM PROJECT 2020, AN INITIATIVE OF BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION, TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR IMAGINATION STATION RESTROOM UPGRADES.**

was presented and read by title only. Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Wheeler requested Council approve a donation of \$25,000 made by Project 2020 via the Bryan Area Foundation to upgrade the restrooms close to Imagination Station and the new amphitheater.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 18, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 18, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19, 2021, titled,

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER BANK (FKA: FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF THE MIDWEST), DESIGNATING PREMIER BANK, AS THE DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BRYAN FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, FROM MAY 5, 2021 TO MAY 4, 2026.**

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council approve an agreement with Premier Bank (formerly known as First Federal Bank of the Midwest) to be the depository for the active, inactive and interim funds for the City of Bryan. The agreement would be a renewal for a five (5) year period beginning May 5, 2021, and ending May 4, 2026, if approved. She noted the terms and conditions are the same as previously approved. In addition, Clerk-Treasurer Rode thanked the Premier Bank staff for their quick response on the renewal. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 19, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested Council's permission to give Civil Service tests for the positions of Police Officer and Police/Fire Dispatcher for the City of Bryan.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to allow Civil Service tests to be given for the position of Police Officer and Police/Fire Dispatcher for the City of Bryan. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Clerk-Treasurer Rode regretfully shared with Council that Assistant Office Manager/ Payroll employee Sandra Bostater had submitted a letter of retirement with an effective date of January 31, 2022. She expounded on the invaluable service Assistant Office Manager/Payroll employee Bostater has provided to the City over the years. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to accept with regret the planned retirement of Assistant Office Manager/Payroll employee Bostater effective January 31, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Rode then requested permission from Council to post for the Assistant Office Manager/Payroll position.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to give permission to post for the Assistant Office Manager/Payroll position. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Wheeler requested Council approve hiring Thomas Dominique and Julie Masten as pool managers for the summer of 2021 at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour and \$9.70 per hour, respectively. Further discussion was held as it was noted that Pool Manager Dominique is planning to step away from his role after 25 years of service and yet help out as needed.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to hire Thomas Dominique and Julie Masten as pool managers for the summer of 2021 at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour and \$9.70 per hour, respectively. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit application for Schlachter Investments located at 525 Winzeler Drive, Unit 1, Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve a building permit application for Schlachter Investments located at 525 Winzeler Drive, Unit 1, Bryan, Ohio. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council members and Mayor Schlade expressed their collective gratitude for the donation from the Bryan Area Foundation Project 2020 and especially to Assistant Office Manager/Payroll Clerk Bostater and Pool Manager Dominique for their years of dedicated service to the City.

Councilman Hupe added that he appreciates the feedback from local business owners with regard to the now tabled vacant building enforcement program for the City of Bryan. Councilman Betts thanked the leadership team of the High Five to Thrive initiative.

Mayor Schlade shared that the vacant building enforcement program as originally presented was applicable to all commercial buildings in the City – not just the downtown area. She also reminded that park restrooms were now open from dawn to dusk.

A brief recess was taken.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property at 5:54 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Wastewater Superintendent Wygant entered the Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik 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