

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 7, 2021

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the combined in-person/virtual meeting with the following members present: Judith Yahraus, F. John Betts, Richard Hupe, and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending in person were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Board of Public Affairs members Tom Sprow and Jim Salisbury, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura I. Rode. Attending via teleconference were: City Engineer Brian Wieland, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Local Programming and Production Lead Kristopher Bryce.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21, 2021, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE CITY OF BRYAN, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode approached Council regarding contracting with the Regional Council of Governments for the purpose of income tax administration and collection for the City of Bryan. She noted that the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) administers and collects income taxes for 49% of all Ohio municipalities. With the on-going revisions in Ohio municipal income tax legislation, potential cost savings, and increased collections as a result of access to the federal database, allowing Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to collect and administer taxes for the city could be advantageous. If approved, the City would continue to administer and collect City income taxes through July 31, 2021, with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) taking over August 1, 2021. Further discussion was held with regard to the welcome packets and customer service information.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 21, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 22, 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. Councilman Betts added his support with regard to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 22, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 22, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTER-FUND CASH ADVANCES

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council approve the bi-annual request for the probation grants to have inter-fund cash advances as the grant funds will not be received from the State for a month or so.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 22, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$100,000 DONATION FROM THE BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION TO THE CITY OF BRYAN FOR THE BRYAN SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve a \$100,000 donation from the Bryan Area Foundation for the Bryan Senior Center Parking Lot project. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 23, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 23, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique addressed Council requesting to hire the following seasonal, part-time employees for the 2021 summer season noting that 30-day temporary hires may have been given in advance: Katherine Seaman and James Bell at \$8.85 per hour and Emma Shiningr and Alexa Dietsch at \$8.80 per hour.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to hire Katherine Seaman and James Bell at \$8.85 per hour and Emma Shininger and Alexa Dietsch at \$8.80 per hour as seasonal, part-time employees for the 2021 summer season. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders requested to reclassify Volunteer Firefighter Zakaree Merschdorf from pay range 6 to pay range 7 as he has completed his Hazardous Materials Technician certification class taking him from \$9.75 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective June 7, 2021. In addition, he requested to reclassify Volunteer Firefighter Casey Sanders from pay range 8 to pay range 9 as he also has completed his Hazardous Materials Technician certification class taking him from \$10.50 per hour to \$10.75 per hour effective June 7, 2021.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to reclassify Volunteer Firefighter Zakaree Merschdorf from pay range 6 to pay range 7 taking him from \$9.75 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective June 7, 2021, and to reclassify Volunteer Firefighter Casey Sanders from pay range 8 to pay range 9 taking him from \$10.50 per hour to \$10.75 per hour effective June 7, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade informed Council of the resignation of Jerry Stollings from the Williams County Board of Health effective May 12, 2021. She thanked Mr. Stollings for his service.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to accept the resignation of Jerry Stollings from the Williams County Board of Health effective May 12, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade then requested Council appoint Bruce Siders to the Williams County Combined Health Board for the remainder of Mr. Stollings term ending March 31, 2022. Discussion was held to ensure there would be no conflict of interest for Mr. Siders.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to appoint Bruce Siders to the Williams County Combined Health Board for the remainder of Mr. Stollings term ending March 31, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council members shared their thanks for the donation received from the Bryan Area Foundation. In addition, they congratulated Volunteer Firefighters Merschdorf and Sanders on their reclassifications.

Council member Yahraus inquired as to how the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) was working out to which Mayor Schlade reported that things were working out well so far. Mayor Schlade also reminded that the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) would be suspended over the Jubilee. Council President Leatherman reminded the public that the Jubilee parade was scheduled for June 19, 2021.

Mayor Schlade informed Council that she had received an e-mail from Rotarian Mike Jacobs stating that he was grateful for the City's support of CUB Technician Cliff Weigel. She added her gratitude to Council for their support in the program as well.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer