

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 20, 2021**

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: Judith Yahraus, F. John Betts, and Jim Kozumplik. Richard Hupe was absent. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Interim Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Pool, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura I. Rode.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending November 30, 2021, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Ordinance No. 56, 2021, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 56, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 56, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Ordinance No. 57, 2021, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE HIRING A CITY ATTORNEY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested that Council approve hiring Rhonda Fisher as City Attorney for the City of Bryan for 2022.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 57, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 57, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Ordinance No. 58, 2021, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 302 OF THE CITY HANDBOOK REGARDING HOLIDAYS, TO ADD JUNETEENTH AS A PAID HOLIDAY.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council approve adding Juneteenth as a holiday as recognized by the federal government in an effort to be consistent. She noted that in 2022 Juneteenth falls on a Sunday; therefore, it will be observed the following Monday.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 58, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 58, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 37, 2021, titled,

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

was presented and read by title only. City Attorney Fisher alerted Council that with regard to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding concerning the opioid settlement agreement, Janssen/Johnson&Johnson is now being included as a pharmaceutical company. As a result, the City of Bryan could potentially receive an additional \$19,000.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 37, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 37, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 38, 2021, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE REVOLVING LOAN**

**FUND WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND DECLARING IT AN  
EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council approve entering into an agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Development Services for administration of the revolving loan fund for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 38, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 38, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade requested Council set a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. to conduct any pertinent year end business. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to hold a Special Meeting of the Bryan City Council on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. to conduct any pertinent year end business. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the promotion of Assistant Fire Chief Douglas Pool to the position of Fire Chief effective January 1, 2022, at a salary of \$71,400 per year.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to promote Assistant Fire Chief Douglas Pool to the position of Fire Chief effective January 1, 2022, at a salary of \$71,400 per year. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the promotion of Interim Chief of Police Gregory Ruskey to Chief of Police effective December 21, 2021, at a salary of \$73,000 per year.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to promote Interim Chief of Police Gregory Ruskey to Chief of Police effective December 21, 2021, at a salary of \$73,000 per year. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade recommended to Council the reappointment of Larry Sanders and David Perkins to the Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term ending December 31, 2027.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to reappoint Larry Sanders and David Perkins to the Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term ending December 31, 2027. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit application for Elisa Harmon located at 102 West Bryan Street, Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve a building permit application for Elisa Harmon located at 102 West Bryan Street, Bryan, Ohio. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade and Council members congratulated Assistant Fire Chief Pool, Police Chief Ruskey and City Attorney Fisher on their appointments and wished all a Merry Christmas. Mayor Schlade also reminded the public of the City holiday schedule.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Koumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the compensation of personnel at 5:48 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

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

Mayor Schlade exited the Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. and returned to Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Council President Leatherman exited the Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. and returned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

A brief discussion was held concerning the 2022 budget which will be included in the upcoming Special Meeting.

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

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President of Council

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Clerk-Treasurer

