

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 7, 2022

Council President Jim Kozumplik opened the meeting with the following members present: F. John Betts, Judith Yahraus, Richard Hupe, and Mary Leatherman. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Fire Chief Douglas Pool, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Scott Bard approached the Council with regard to the proposed food truck ordinance noting his son, Austin, operates a food truck. He questioned why the City wanted regulations specific to food truck vendors as it hadn't been an issue in the past. In addition, he requested the current legislation be stopped pertaining to the subject.

Resolution No. 17, 2022, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey requested permission to apply for the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program grant in 2022. The program is set up to be a reimbursement grant for bulletproof vests.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 17, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 17, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18, 2022, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "2022 NOBLE DRIVE AND PLEASANTWOOD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS."

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council's permission to advertise for bids for the Noble Drive and Pleasantwood Avenue Improvements project for 2022. He noted the Engineer's estimate for the project is \$250,000.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 18, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 18, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 10, 2022, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BRYAN MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 773, OF THE CITY OF BRYAN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY STORES AND TRANSIENT DEALERS AND ADDING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FOOD TRUCKS, AND RESCINDING ANY SECTION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

was presented and read by title only. Councilman Hupe asked Mr. Bard what his specific issue is with regard to the food truck ordinance to which Mr. Bard indicated that the City hadn't previously felt the need to regulate food trucks and that this ordinance seemed to penalize food trucks. Mayor Schalde stated that safety concerns prompted the legislation as it was determined that food trucks on Main Street and High Street would not be a good idea. In addition, the language providing background checks added consistency.

Further discussion was held on possible lots for food trucks, background checks, and the proposed fees. Council member Leatherman shared that she was not in favor of requiring background checks for food truck vendors. Councilman Betts added that he wanted a fair, balanced policy which would not put the City into legal jeopardy. Mr. Bard again requested the Council wait to make a good decision on this policy.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Betts, aye; Hupe, aye; Leatherman, nay; Yahraus, aye; Kozumplik, aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey gave the 2021 annual Police Department report. He was followed by Mayor Schlade presenting the State of the City address to Council.

Council members thanked Mayor Schlade and Chief Ruskey for their reports.

Councilman Betts reminded everyone that should they have concerns regarding the possible refuse collection changes, discussion would likely be held on April 4, 2022, as the bids will be in. In addition, he requested Council consider moving the Council meeting time to 7:00 p.m. on those dates where the Board of Public Affairs meeting and the City Council meeting coincide so the public can view and/or participate in both. This will again be addressed at a future meeting.

Mayor Schlade informed the Council that the refuse bid specifications were previously finalized and the bids will directly correspond to those specifications. She added that a bid would need approved on or before the April 18, 2022, meeting.

A brief recess was taken.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property at 6:17 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, Street Commissioner Engstrom, Fire Chief Pool, City Engineer Wieland, Ms. Amy Miller of the Bryan Area Foundation, and Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Ms. Miller exited the Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer