

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 4, 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, Board of Public Affairs member Tom Sprow, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

A presentation was made by Street Commissioner Engstrom so the public could be informed of the refuse bid specifications including: two (2) 96 gallon totes (one (1) for refuse, one (1) for recycling) once per week refuse pickup, every other week recycling pickup, one large item picked up per month, twice per year all trash drop off to the Street Department, etc. It was noted that the bids were for a five (5) year term with an additional two (2) year option and that Republic Services was the best bid received. The base bid was \$21.10 per household per month for the first two (2) years with a possible 2.5% increase per year for the remaining three (3) years. The alternative bid was for \$19.04 for the first year with a 3.5% increase per year for the remaining four (4) years.

The reasons to consider outsourcing were enumerated several times. It was clear that increased costs, excessive all trash volumes, and difficulty in hiring personnel were among the most obvious reasons as the department cannot sustain itself without a major increase. Street Commissioner Engstrom added that time spent by Street Department staff assisting on the trash collection each week would be spent on other necessary projects and/or tasks. He clearly stated that sticks and leaves would still be picked up by the Street Department and grass containers would continue to be available at the Buffalo Road location. In addition, Street Commissioner Engstrom shared that no final decision has been made regarding the recycling staff at this point.

Questions were asked of Street Commissioner Engstrom at various points. It was determined that residents currently having “porch pickup” would be allowed to extend that courtesy. In addition, should any customer requiring “porch pickup” would be allowed that opportunity. The twice per year large trash were also reviewed in detail. Mr. Craig Lutz with Republic also answered questions for the public including where residents should place their trash containers if cars were parked on both sides of the street and the weight requirements of “large trash” items. The trash containers which will be utilized should the City choose to outsource refuse were also on display. It was noted that another trash container could be included in the household pick up at a reduced rate each month and that billing would be direct from Republic should the bid be accepted.

Bryan citizen Jim Paule inquired if he needed both containers to which Ms. Ashley Epling with Republic replied that only one (1) was needed if he chose not to recycle. Citizen Sandy Cramer added that change was difficult to which Mayor Schlade concurred. Further discussion was held reviewing that the City would no longer bill for refuse collection. In addition, Mayor Schlade noted that if Council should approve of outsourcing refuse collection, the change would likely take place on July 1, 2022.

Mayor Schlade requested Council consider making a motion regarding the refuse collection issue regarding utilizing either the base bid or the alternate bid for a future ordinance. Further discussion was held with Mr. Betts noting that the alternate bid was seemingly the better choice.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to have City Attorney Fisher prepare an ordinance for consideration using the alternate bid pricing for refuse collection from Republic Services for City of Bryan refuse collection. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Specific details pertaining to a possible future ordinance were discussed such as ensuring that residents only use Republic for household refuse services, times trash containers can be placed near curb for pick up and when they need to be removed from the curb, storage of trash containers at individual households, enforcement guidelines of the ordinance, etc. These items were reviewed in an effort to provide City Attorney Fisher with parameters to write an ordinance should Council choose to proceed with outsourcing refuse collection.

Ms. Epling then reviewed the billing policy for Republic Services. Bryan resident Jesse Hageman then inquired about the cost of the refuse containers to which Ms. Epling replied there would be no charge.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending February 28, 2022, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19, 2022, titled,

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD  
SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council's permission to participate in the annual Ohio Department of Transportation road salt contract awards for 2022. Further discussion was held regarding the amount of salt needed for the upcoming winter season.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 19, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20, 2022, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$50,000.00 GRANT FROM THE BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER SIGN & LIGHTING.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council accept a \$50,000 grant from the Bryan Area Foundation to be applied to a sign and lighting for the amphitheater. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 20, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 20, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 19, 2022, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF INVESTMENT INCOME FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, AND REPEALING ORDERINANCE NO. 12, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council approve an updated ordinance providing for the apportionment of investment income for the City of Bryan.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 19, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 20, 2022, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH S&S DIRECTIONAL BORING LTD FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “WESTERN BRYAN SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT – HORTON HEIGHTS.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested that Council authorize a contract with S&S Directional Boring Ltd. for the Western Bryan Sanitary

Sewer Replacement project – Horton Heights. He informed Council that the project is estimated at \$2,182,525 and that \$2,100,000 was to be funded through a grant. Further discussion was held with City Engineer Wieland noting details of the project including the project completion date as November 1, 2022.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 20, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21, 2022, titled,

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FUND**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council approve established Fund 411 as the Horton Heights Sewer Project Fund.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 21, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 21, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21, 2022, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2022**

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

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 21, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 22, 2022, titled,

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTER-FUND CASH ADVANCES**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council approve an inter-fund cash advance from the 401 Capital Improvement Fund to the 411 Fund for the Horton Heights Sewer Project in the amount of the aforementioned grant.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 22, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 22, 2022, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 22, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 23, 2022, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE BRYAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #70, 2006, PASSED OCTOBER 16, 2006**

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool requested Council consider approving a new salary scheduled for the Bryan Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by the Wage Committee. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 23, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding changing Special Meeting times for Bryan City Council on meeting dates that follow holidays or special City events as they may overlap with the Board of Public Affairs meetings which are held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Mr. Betts had suggested moving City Council meetings to 7:00 p.m. on those select Special Meeting

evenings to allow citizens the opportunity to participate in and/or watch both meetings. Further discussion was held with Council members choosing to continue with the 5:30 Special Meeting times.

Mayor Schlade shared that a letter had been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor control regarding permits to sell alcoholic beverages in the City of Bryan. She requested Council approve to allow for all current liquor permits to be renewed in the City of Bryan. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve to allow for all current liquor permits to be renewed in the City of Bryan and that no hearing be required. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve building permit applications for Spangler Candy Company and Daavlin, Inc. located at 700 West Mulberry Street and 205 West Bement Street in Bryan, Ohio, respectively.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve building permit applications for Spangler Candy Company and Daavlin, Inc. located at 700 West Mulberry Street and 205 West Bement Street in Bryan, Ohio, respectively. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested permission to give the Civil Service test for the position of full-time Police/Fire Dispatcher for the City of Bryan.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to grant permission to give the Civil Service test for the position of full-time Police/Fire Dispatcher for the City of Bryan. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey then requested permission to give the Civil Service test through the National Testing Network for the position of Police Officer for the City of Bryan.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to grant permission to give the Civil Service test through the National Testing Network for the position of Police Officer for the City of Bryan. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the appointment of John Drinnon to the Williams County Combined Health Board for a five-year term beginning April 4, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2026.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the appointment of John Drinnon to the Williams County Combined Health Board for a five-year term beginning April 4, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade announced that the City of Bryan was recognized as a 2021 Tree City USA. In addition, the City received the Tree City USA Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Council members thanked Bryan Area Foundation for their generous donation and also thanked the citizens who joined the meeting for the refuse discussion.

Councilman Hupe shared that while he is receiving emails, he is unable to send. Mayor Schlade stated that she would look into the issue for Council members.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts 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