

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

September 18, 2023

Council President Richard Hupe opened the meeting with the following members present: F. John Betts, Judith Yahraus, Mary Leatherman, and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting and from the September 5, 2023 Special Joint Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2023 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 38, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.031 OF THE CITY OF BRYAN CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN OHIO LAW CONCERNING BID REQUIREMENTS

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that the State of Ohio is raising its bid threshold from \$50,000 to \$75,000, effective October 3, 2023, largely in response to inflationary factors. To address the issue on an ongoing basis, the State has also built in a 3% annual adjustment to the \$75,000 threshold beginning in 2025. Mayor Schlade requested that Council adopt the State guidelines, as it has in the past.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 38, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 38, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 47, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$314,711.31 GRANT FROM BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION, TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE LINCOLN PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested that Council accept this funding from the Bryan Area Foundation – part grant

from the Foundation, and part donation received through the Foundation from dozens of corporate and individual donors – to be used toward the purchase and installation of the Inclusive Playground at Lincoln Park.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 47, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 47, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 39, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that requested appropriations totaling \$322,323.87 were reflective of the donation received from the Bryan Area Foundation for the Inclusive Playground at Lincoln Park, a donation from the Bryan Eagles for the same, and a number of smaller donations for concerts at the Fountain City Amphitheater, including those given through the Eventbrite ticketing website.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 39, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 39, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 40, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE LINCOLN PARK GAME TIME PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, SITE ACCESSORIES, SURFACING, AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES USING OMNIA PARTNERS, A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council authorize the purchase and installation of the Inclusive Playground Equipment at Lincoln Park from GameTime for the discounted price of \$582,159.81, including site preparation and surface materials. Further discussion was held on the location of the playground (approximate center of park) and security cameras (yes).

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 40, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 40, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 48, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF BRYAN TO APPLY FOR AND MANAGE GRANTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OHIO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN AS NEEDED.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey requested Council authorize him to seek additional grant funding through the State of Ohio for body worn cameras. His previous request resulted in a \$42,000 grant, and a second round would help to fully equip the Police Department.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 48, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 48, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded everyone that the next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday October 2, 2023 rather than Monday due to observance of “Ready, Set, Relax” on Monday.

Street Commissioner Engstrom addressed Council on upcoming changes to the Republic Services recycling schedule from twice per month to every other week to simplify the pick-up calendar for customers. Customer notification is being provided through city utility bills, the City of Bryan and Republic Services websites, and local news media. Further discussion was held.

Street Commissioner Engstrom also provided the dates for the fall bulk drop off days: October 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., October 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and October 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique invited all to attend the Inclusive Playground groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for September 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Council members thanked the Bryan Area Foundation for its donation and efforts toward the Inclusive Playground project. Council Member Leatherman reminded all of the upcoming Fall Fest/Farm Fest. Council President Hupe and Council Member Betts each

praised the Bryan community for its tremendous generosity, especially in light of having multiple fundraising efforts running simultaneously. Further discussion was held.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer