

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**October 3, 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, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 41, 2023, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, STATE OF OHIO, AND CONFORMING TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODE PROVISIONS TO STATE LAW CHANGES.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that each year American Legal Publishing updates the City's Codified Ordinances to reflect Council ordinances passed in the previous year that are of a general and permanent, nature, and to reflect relevant statutory changes enacted by the Ohio General Assembly that pertain to Traffic and General Offenses Codes. These changes to the City's Codified Ordinances require Council approval.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 41, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 41, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 42, 2023, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023.**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner requested Council approve budgeted transfers between the 1% Income Tax Fund and the General and Streets Funds, as well as a transfer of new monies from the Electric Fund to the Electric Capital Reserve Fund. The new funding is from reimbursements Bryan Municipal Utilities received for mutual aid provided earlier this year.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 42, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 42, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 43, 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 the amended appropriations request is to authorize expenditure of newly donated funds received from Bryan Municipal Utilities for the City's annual tree planting program, reimbursements received by Bryan Municipal Utilities for mutual aid provided earlier this year, and additional donations received in support of the Fountain City Amphitheater concert series.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 43, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 43, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 44, 2023, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AND SUBLEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FIFTH THIRD BANK AND COMMUNITY HOSPITALS AND WELLNESS CENTERS CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT, INSTALLATION AND SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION OF THE MAIN CAMPUS OF COMMUNITY HOSPITALS AND WELLNESS CENTERS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THIS LEASE TERMINATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that the City had previously entered into financing agreements with Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers whereby the facility obtained tax-favored financing for capital improvements, at no risk or obligation to the City. As a part of the hospital merger with Parkview Health, these agreements are no longer necessary, and their termination requires Council approval.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 44, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 44, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 45, 2023, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND APPROVING THE CITY OF BRYAN EMPLOYEE 2019 HANDBOOK, SPECIFICALLY AT SECTION 610 PERTAINING TO MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that the handbook section on allowable hours of military leave required clarification to be consistent with related language in the Ohio Revised Code, and more specifically related to public safety employees (police and fire).

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 45, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 45, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 49, 2023, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2023 LINCOLN PARK RESTROOM FACILITY.”**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that construction of restrooms is the next phase of the Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground improvement. The restrooms will be fully accessible to the disabled, and funding for the project is available from the Bryan Area Foundation.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 49, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 49, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 50, 2023, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$2,500.00 DONATION FROM BRYAN FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES TO THE CITY OF BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

was presented and read by title only. Chief Ruskey requested Council accept this donation to be used for equipment purchases.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 50, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 50, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested permission to give a Civil Service test for a full-time Police/Fire Dispatcher, as the current list has been exhausted, and there will be a full-time opening soon. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to authorize a Civil Service test for the position of Police/Fire Dispatcher. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston asked Council to approve a building permit for a \$270,000 addition to the ITW Tomco building at 730 E. South Street.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve a building permit for a \$270,000 addition to the ITW Tomco building at 730 E. South Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade informed Council she will be on the Williams County 200-Year Anniversary Committee. Celebration is set to kick off on April 19, 2024 with an opening ceremony in Bryan. She also noted that voting for the Tnemec Tank of Year is open and encouraged all to “vote” for the Dum Dum Water Tower.

Fire Chief Pool reminded all that city-wide leaf pickup will begin soon, and that leaf burning is prohibited in the City of Bryan.

With election season in full-swing, Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston reminded all of the proper placement of campaign yard signs.

Street Commissioner Engstrom noted that city-wide leaf pickup had, in fact, begun, and that weather and other conditions permitting, the schedule would follow the trash pickup schedule as closely as possible.

Council members in turn thanked the Bryan Eagles for its donation to the Police Department, ITW Tomco for its continued investment in the City of Bryan, and reminded all to vote in the Tank of the Year contest.

Council Member Betts expressed condolences on the passing of Butch Isaac and thanked the Isacc Family for its many years of generous contributions to the City of Bryan.

Council Member Yahraus complimented the groundbreaking ceremony at Lincon Park and the opening of the South Portland Street extension.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman 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