

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

April 21, 2025

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: Richard Hupe, Jim Kozumplik, F. John Betts, and Stephen Alspaugh. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Planning & Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Human Resources Director Tricia Lyons, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox offered suggestions on the road surface in the Eastland Estates neighborhood and asked about the ownership of a flagpole in the cul-de-sac island on Middle Court. He was informed the flag pole is not owned nor maintained by the City of Bryan.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2025 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 22, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$9,380.00 DONATION FROM VARIOUS SPONSORS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade asked the Council to accept donations made from multiple donors for use toward the 2025 Fountain City Amphitheater summer schedule.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 22, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the need for an amended appropriation totaling \$12,783.38, comprised of two law enforcement grants and the previously accepted donations for amphitheater expenses.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 16, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 16, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR *AUTUMN CHASE PHASE IV*.

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained the eleven lot housing project, which has been previously discussed with Council, and which the Bryan Planning Commission has recommended for approval.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 17, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 17, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 18, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL USE IN A M-U ZONING DISTRICT FOR A VEHICLE REPAIR GARAGE.

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained the Bryan Planning Commission met on April 7, 2025 and recommends approval of the conditional use request.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 18, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 19, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 377 OF THE BRYAN CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE USE OF LOW SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained the key provisions of the new language addressing electric bicycles, E-scooters, and powered skateboards, including imposing a 20 mile per hour speed limit on each, and specific to E-scooters, limiting their use to streets with a speed limit of no more than 25 miles per hour. She requested a first reading only to allow time for public input. Further discussion was held.

Ordinance No. 19, 2025 was let lie after its first reading.

Resolution No. 23, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT
ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025.**

was presented and read by title only. Street Commissioner Engstrom requested the Council's approval to purchase 800 tons of road salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the next winter season. This is an annual request.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 23, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 23, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT
OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000.00) FROM THE OHIO
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF
BRINE EQUIPMENT FOR THE BRYAN STREET DEPARTMENT.**

was presented and read by title only. Street Commissioner Engstrom was recently notified of this grant award, which he applied for in January, 2024. It will fund a new brine applicator and tank. Mayor Schlade noted that Street Commissioner Engstrom reached out to the vendor who provided the original quote (nearly a year-and-a half ago) and is able to secure the equipment for the same price. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 24, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 24, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 25, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BRYAN TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey explained this is an annual request which will provide a 70 percent reimbursement from the State of Ohio for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 25, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 25, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “AUTUMN CHASE PHASE IV IMPROVEMENTS.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the project will be to install the street, water and sewer lines, and electric infrastructure for the development of eleven new home sites. Costs will be reimbursed to the City of Bryan by special assessment to be placed on each parcel, as previously discussed with Council.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 26, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Human Resources Director Lyons requested Council approve a request for tuition reimbursement in accordance with the employee handbook for Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Miklovic who is working toward a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration at Bowling Green State University.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve a request for tuition reimbursement for Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Miklovic. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade updated Council on several items including several upcoming event dates.

Street Commissioner Engstrom gave a quick reminder of the upcoming dates and times for the bulk trash drop off open to all Bryan residents at the Bryan Street Department.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation at 6:10 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Fire Chief Pool, Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. City Attorney Marc Fishel joined the meeting via cell phone at 6:11 p.m.

Fire Chief Pool and Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston exited the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer