

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**April 7, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Bryan Board of Public Affairs Member James Salsbury, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to amend the agenda to correct the caption of the resolution addressing the sale of the HFC system and add a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant award. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston led a Public Hearing on the rezoning of 427 and 433 South Main Street from R-2 (Traditional Residential) to C-3 (Central Business).

Council Members Hupe and Alspaugh each expressed concern over the mixed message of generally advocating for more housing in the City of Bryan, but in this case, eliminating housing in favor of commercial development. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston indicated that the homes are currently occupied and would likely remain so for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox offered commentary on the road surface in the Eastland Estates neighborhood.

Ordinance No. 12, 2025, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRYAN ZONING MAP TO RE-ZONE PARCEL NUMBERS 063-200-07-005 & 063-200-07-006 FROM R-2 TO C-3.**

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained this is the rezoning addressed in the public hearing held at the beginning of this meeting, and it would rezone 427 and 433 South Main Street from R-2 (Traditional Residential) to C-3 (Central Business).

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 12, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 12, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 13, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLIAMS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO OFFER COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE WILLIAMS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool requested Council authorize the execution of the agreement with Williams County Emergency Medical Services, as discussed during the March 17, 2025 Bryan City Council meeting. He reiterated that this is a six-month pilot program, and the terms have not changed since the earlier discussion.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 13, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 13, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 14, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HELMS & SONS EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2025 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve the contract with Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$689,902.70 for the 2025 street paving program.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 14, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 14, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 15, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH M&M ASPHALT LTD FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2025 STREET IMPROVEMENT OF BLAKESLEE AVENUE.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained M&M Asphalt Ltd had the winning bid in the amount of \$484,582, and recommended Council authorize the contract. This project is planned to start in July.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 15, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 15, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO  
SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF THE HFC SYSTEM  
THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY.**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Schultz explained that with the discontinuation of cable and internet services, approximately 67 miles of underground conduit, cable, and related equipment are no longer needed by Bryan Municipal Utilities. The Bryan Board of Public Affairs has passed a resolution requesting the Bryan City Council authorize the sale of the equipment by competitive bid. This resolution will allow the sale to proceed by seeking competitive bids.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 20, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 20, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT  
OF TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS  
(\$12,330.00) FROM THE OHIO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR  
BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE BRYAN  
POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey explained that the City of Bryan had been awarded this grant to help pay for annual licensing and maintenance of existing equipment, previously purchased with the help of similar grants.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 21, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 21, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit for construction of an \$11,758,638 building at 1521 Evansport Road. This will be the new control room at the City of Bryan Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also requested Council approve a \$159,950 interior renovation project at 304 W. High Street, which is the new bunkroom at the Bryan Fire Department.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve building permits for construction of an \$11,758,638 building at 1521 Evansport Road and a \$159,950 interior renovation project at 304 W. High Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded all of the Easter Bunny event planned for Saturday at Bryan High School and thanked Parks and Recreation staff for helping to put it together. She also offered congratulations to the Bryan City School District for the ground breaking of its new Career Tech Center and the \$2.5 million grant it received from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

Fire Chief Pool noted that with spring storms on the way, it would be a good time to sign up for Alert 86 Community Notifications. Street Commissioner Engstrom provided dates and times for the upcoming Bulk Trash Drop Off at the City of Bryan Street Department.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik 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