

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 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, Planning & Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox repeated his request that the stones in the grass right-of-way along Huntington Drive be vacuumed up by the City, to which he was told that is not feasible with the leaf vacuum and will be the property owners' responsibility, if they wish to remove them.

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 (second reading). Council Member Betts initiated the conversation noting that the State of Ohio General Assembly had very recently passed new language restricting the use of E-scooters that will take effect on June 30, 2025, and suggested that the City of Bryan needs to be in compliance with the new law. Mayor Schlade noted that the pending revisions to the Ohio Revised Code will differ in significant ways from this ordinance. Further discussion was held on whether to wait for the new law to take effect and propose a modified local ordinance to ensure compliance. Council Member Kozumplik added that most of the feedback he had received on the initial ordinance was to allow use on streets with a 35 mile per hour (MPH) speed limit, rather than restrict use to those at 25 MPH or less.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to table Ordinance No. 19, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 20, 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 this change was to appropriate the unused balance of a training grant the Bryan Police Department received in 2024.

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

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

Ordinance No. 21, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR
THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2025**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the transfer is at the request of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs and is consistent with budgeted allocations to fund planned capital projects for the Bryan Municipal Utilities Electric and Water Departments.

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

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

Ordinance No. 22, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF
RUPP, HAGANS & BOHMER, LLP.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the contract covering dates from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. She further explained that after paying the initially agreed upon rate for two years, this agreement provides for a ten percent (10%) increase over the current agreement, which expires on May 31, 2025.

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

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

Ordinance No. 23, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 733 OF THE BRYAN
CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING MECHANICAL
AMUSEMENT DEVICES.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that enforcement of the Chapter is not cost efficient and yields very little revenue to the City. She asked that Council considering repealing it in total.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: Hupe aye, Kozumplik aye, Alspaugh aye, Betts abstain, Leatherman aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 23, 2025. Roll call vote: Alspaugh aye, Kozumplik aye, Hupe aye, Betts abstain, Leatherman aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 957.07 OF THE CITY OF
BRYAN CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM
AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT THE CITY OF BRYAN WILL PAY
FOR INDIGENT BURIAL EXPENSE**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that this ordinance increases the current reimbursement rate for indigent burial expenses from \$750 to a maximum of \$1,500. It had been at least since 2003 that the rate was last reviewed, and that the new rate will be consistent with many surrounding communities. Further discussion was held.

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

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

Resolution No. 27, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “DON
NORTH MUNICIPAL BUILDING RE-ROOF”.**

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained the roof is in significant need of repair and that plans and a cost estimate were currently being prepared. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 27, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 27, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded all of the upcoming election day and to support State Issue 2, regarding infrastructure funding. She also noted that the Bryan High School Prom is this weekend and asked all to have fun and act responsibly.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer