

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**June 16, 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, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox commented on Huntington Drive street repairs. City Engineer Wieland noted that residents would be given 1-2 days' notice prior to commencement of upcoming pavement repairs.

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

Ordinance No. 29, 2025, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STRUCTURE FOR COMMITTEES OF THE BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

was presented and read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the third reading of Ordinance No. 29, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 29, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council Member Betts suggested a possible slate of Committee Chairs to fulfill the remainder of 2025 committee assignments. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the following committee chair assignments for 2025:

Budget – Mary Leatherman  
Finance and Audit – Jim Kozumplik  
Wage – John Betts  
Tax Incentive Review – Stephen Alspaugh  
Negotiations Team – Richard Hupe

Revolving Loan Fund – Mary Leatherman  
BIPAC – Mary Leatherman

Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 33, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$35,000.00 DONATION FROM THE  
BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT FOR EAST END PATHWAY**

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique expressed his appreciation to the Bryan Area Foundation for the donation, and informed Council that that work on the pathway project will begin in early fall, after school starts.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 33, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 33, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 32, 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 original 2025 budget included \$250,000 to replace the roof shingles on the Don North Municipal Building to be funded by the ½% Income Tax Fund and paid from the Capital Improvements Fund. The ordinance changes the source of funding to the 1% Income Tax Fund and to be paid from the General Fund. It also appropriates the \$35,000 donation from the Bryan Area Foundation noted in the previous resolution.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 32, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 32, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 33, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR  
THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the ordinance reflects second quarter operating transfers that were included in the 2025 budget, and the \$250,000 transfer noted in the previous ordinance for the Don North Municipal Building roof.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 33, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 33, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 34, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RICHLAND CO. & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOW AS “DON NORTH MUNICIPAL BUILDING RE-ROOF.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that the “lowest and best” bid received for the roof replacement project was for \$248,607. He also noted that the existing asphalt shingles will be replaced with a standing seam metal panels.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 34, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 34, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 35, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE SALE OF THE HFC SYSTEM.**

was presented and read by title only. Communications Superintendent Ferrell explained that bids received for the network of buried conduit were far below what was anticipated, and that there may be either a potential re-use of the infrastructure by the City for another purpose, or that it may bring higher bids at a future date.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 35, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 35, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded all of the upcoming schedule of events for the 2025 Jubilee and Day in the Park.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance at 5:52 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts 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