

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

June 2, 2025

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: Jim Kozumplik, F. John Betts, and Stephen Alspaugh. Rick Hupe was absent. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Police Captain Jamie Mendez, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Bryan resident Bill Metz addressed Council speaking against any effort to regulate low-speed mobility devices (E-scooters) beyond what the Ohio Revised Code regulates. He noted the importance of the devices as a primary means of transportation for children and teens to school, sports activities, and jobs. He suggested certification training to educate kids and teens on proper and safe use of the devices, but does not want to see any local effort to regulate age restrictions or helmet requirements.

Bryan resident Dustin Schlachter also opposes any local effort to further restrict the use of E-scooters, noting they are an ingrained part of youth culture and serve a legitimate need. He questioned whether the City of Bryan wants to be a progressive or regressive community.

Ordinance No. 28, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “ALTERATION TO: BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.”

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained the additional cost is to accommodate the moving of some wiring in the walls that had not been identified in the original plan.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 28, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 28, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

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. Bryan City Council President Leatherman suggested letting the ordinance lie, noting Council Member Hupe's absence and her wish to have all present for the discussion.

Ordinance No. 29, 2025 was let lie after its first reading.

Ordinance No. 30, 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. City Engineer Wieland explained that Bryan Excavating LLC submitted the winning bid for the Autumn Chase residential infrastructure development project with a price of \$459,953.05, and that this ordinance will authorize the expenditure of those funds, pending approval of the next ordinance.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 30, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Betts moved Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 30, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Ordinance No. 31, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH BRYAN EXCAVATING LLC. FOR THE PROJECT
KNOWN AS "AUTUMN CHASE PHASE IV IMPROVEMENTS."**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland noted there were two bids on the project, and that the project should be completed in October, 2025.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 31, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 31, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Amended Ordinance No. 19, 2025, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 377 OF THE BRYAN
CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE USE OF LOW SPEED
MICROMOBILITY DEVICES (AS AMENDED) (THIRD READING)**

was presented and read by title only. Police Captain Mendez explained that the Bryan Police Department's initial concern over E-scooters stemmed from complaints received about multiple riders to a scooter and darting in front of traffic. Internal conversations were about addressing those safety concerns rather than more broadly restricting use. He said that the ensuing conversations, including age and helmet restrictions and distinguishing between the various classes of scooters, would result in confusion and difficulties in enforcement. He and Mayor Schlade noted that certification training, as previously suggested, would not be feasible for the Bryan Police Department to carry out.

Much discussion followed on the varying weight and speed of available scooters, with Council Member Betts making the point that the bigger and faster scooters are more dangerous and ought to be addressed. Others noted that dangers exist with bicycles and skateboards; Council Member Kozumplik stated that E-scooters are the new bicycle for many.

Discussion turned to the adequacy of Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.514 and possibly foregoing the enactment of a more restrictive local policy. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 19, 2025. Roll call vote: Alspaugh nay, Kozumplik nay, Betts aye, Leatherman nay. Motion failed. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 31, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY
ENGINEER BRIAN WIELAND TO THE WILLIAMS COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that the Commission had recently restructured its membership and seeks reappointment of the City's representative. The term is from June 3, 2025 to June 2, 2028. The resolution includes the appointment of Mayor Schlade as alternate for the same term.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 31, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 31, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 32, 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 Captain Mendez asked Council to authorize a grant application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for a new computer/server and other equipment.

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

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 32, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

With summer and July 4th celebrations on the way, Fire Chief Pool reminded all that the discharge of consumer grade fireworks within the Bryan city limits is prohibited.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer