

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2025

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: 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, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to excuse Mr. Hupe from the meeting due to a personal conflict. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to amend the agenda by correcting the caption of the ordinance addressing the Planning Commission's recommendation on an alley vacation. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Bryan Resident Steve Cox inquired as to the status of the planned resurfacing of Eastland Estates. Mayor Schlade explained that the vendor is waiting on the repair of a piece of equipment needed for the job.

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

Ordinance No. 40, 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 and Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained that the ordinance appropriates \$3,215 of donated funds for the East Side Pathway project and a planned memorial for Patrick Wilde.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 40, 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. 40, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Ordinance No. 41, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RETAIN ROBERT BOHMER TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO THE CITY IN THE EVENT THE CITY ATTORNEY HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that in the past the City has designated a “backup” attorney in the event the City Attorney has a conflict of interest with a pending issue involving the city. Mr. Bohmer has agreed to fulfill the role at a rate of \$145 per hour, if and as needed.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 41, 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. 41, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Ordinance No. 42, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY OF BRYAN VACATE THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY FROM EAST EDGERTON STREET TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS BETWEEN NORTH MAIN STREET AND NORTH WALNUT STREET

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained that the alley is effectively mapped only, as it runs through an existing building. There are no utilities located in the alley, and the vacation is necessary to proceed with a planned development on the property.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 42, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 42, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 36, 2025, titled,

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING

**THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE
COUNTY AUDITOR**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that each year the Williams County Auditor's Office requests Council accept the proposed amounts and property tax rates to be levied for the coming calendar year. The 2026 rates are unchanged from the current year, but the anticipated revenue increases by nearly \$100,000.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 36, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 36, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 37, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC
WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S)
AND TO EXECUTIVE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this will be a request for grant funding to help with a sanitary sewer improvement project in the area of East Butler and South Walnut Streets.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 37, 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. 37, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Resolution No. 38, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC
WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
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was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this will be a request for grant funding to help with a waterline project on East Mulberry Street.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 38, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 38, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit for a \$100,000 building renovation at 101 E. Edgerton Street. The planned use is as a distillery/bar/restaurant.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve a building permit for a \$100,000 building renovation at 101 E. Edgerton Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade advised Council on the receipt of a legislative notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the issuance of a liquor permits to Saunders Theater Operations 3 LLC, and if no objections, requested Council waive its right to request a hearing on the matter. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to waive hearings on the issuance of a liquor permit to Saunders Theater Operations 3 LLC. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested that Council approve the recommended date and times for the Community Hollerween Party and Community Trick or Treat, as follows:

Saturday, November 1, 2025
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Hollerween Party
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Community Trick or Treat

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the date and times for Hollerween and Trick or Treat as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Hupe absent.

Mayor Schlade reminded all that the next Bryan City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer