

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 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, 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 Members Annette Schreiner, Bob Eyre, Jim Salisbury and Karen Ford, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

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

Bryan resident Steve Cox had a procedural question on the second reading of Ordinance No. 43, 2025.

Bryan Board of Public Affairs Chairman Schreiner addressed Council to ask that members consider the value, legacy, and expertise the Board of Public Affairs has provided over the years as stewards of the utility operations of the City. She emphasized the Board's transparency and non-political nature in asking Council to not approve Ordinance No. 43, 2025.

Bryan Board of Public Affairs Member Ford addressed Council to note that Bryan Municipal Utilities is not just another city department, that the Board of Public Affairs plays an important role, and that Council should vote no on Ordinance No. 43, 2025.

Bryan Board of Public Affairs Member Eyre addressed Council to urge them to defeat Ordinance No. 43, 2025 rather than place a Charter amendment on the ballot for a Spring, 2026 election day that risks low voter turnout.

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

Ordinance No. 43, 2025, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR ELECTORAL CONSIDERATION, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TO DISSOLVE THE ELECTED BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND TO BRING THE BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE BRYAN MAYOR AND BRYAN CITY COUNCIL.

was presented and read by title only.

Ordinance No. 43, 2025 was let lie after its second reading as amended.

Ordinance No. 44, 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 that the Board of Public Affairs has authorized and requested Council's consideration in reappropriating funds recently received as reimbursement for mutual aid the Electric Department has provided to Montpelier, Ohio; Lansing, Michigan; and the JV4 transmission line totaling almost \$57,000 in the current year.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 44, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 44, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 41, 2025, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY
OF BRYAN TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey requested Council authorize him to participate in the upcoming round of body-worn camera grants to be offered by the State of Ohio. The funds, if awarded, will be used to offset the cost of annual licensing and software warranties.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 41, 2025, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 41, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer