

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**February 2, 2026**

**Special Time: 6:30 p.m.**

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting with the following members present: Richard Hupe, Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, and Stephen Alspaugh. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Buda.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to remove item #5, an ordinance to correct an easement agreement, from the February 2, 2026 meeting agenda. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox addressed Council and thanked them for providing the requested information. He then asked about trash pickup and delays because of weather issues. Council informed him that he should contact Republic for the latest information.

Ordinance No. 4, 2026, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRYAN CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 929.03 (A) (B) AND (F) PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SEWER RATES WITHIN THE CITY OF BRYAN, AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 929.03 (A), (B) AND (F). FURTHER, AMENDING SECTION 929.05 (A), (B) AND (C) PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SEWER RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY, AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 929.05 (A), (B) AND (C), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**SECOND READING AS AMENDED****

was presented and read by title only for the second reading with no action taken. Mayor Schlade detailed sewer rates in surrounding communities of Edgerton, Montpelier, Archbold and Napoleon with the new Bryan rates being the lowest.

Ordinance No. 6, 2026, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026.**

was presented and read by title only. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Buda explained the fund transfers to council with the transfer amount totaling \$4,575,000.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 6, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 6, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 7, 2026, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SELKING INTERNATIONAL, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 HV507 SFA CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE BRYAN STREET DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ORC 5513.01(B).**

was presented and read by title only. Street Commissioner Engstrom explained that the 2027 dump truck is to replace a mid-1990 dump truck and is a budgeted item. Various questions were answered in regard to the time frame and that the truck would also have a new dump bed and snow plow.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 7, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8, 2026, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GOVCONNECTION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SERVER SYSTEM FOR THE BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ORC 5513.01(B).**

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey explained that this is a request to purchase a new server for the Police Department.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 8, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 8, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13, 2026, 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 Chief Ruskey explained that a Norfolk Southern Grant for safety first equipment was available and he would like to apply for the 2026 grant.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 13, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 13, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 14, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECTS (PID 122827) KNOWN AS “WIL-US127-3.9 BRYAN RECON”.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that the project is to replace the concrete/pavement on North Main Street from Foster Street to Brunicardi Way. The cost would be funded by 80/20 grant monies with a total cost of \$535,781 with the city's share being \$108,000. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 14, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 14, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Pool presented the 2025 Fire Department Annual Report highlighting operational statistics, staffing and training activities at the Burn Building. He reported on the status of fire vehicles, including the purchase of a new 2025 fire truck/pumper and the sale of a 1984 fire truck/pumper. Further discussion was held.

Street Commissioner Engstrom presented the 2025 Street Department Annual Report highlighting staff, maintenance activities, street and sewer maintenance, compost facility with plenty of compost that can be given away, and Fountain Grove Cemetery activity. Council President Betts thanked the Street Department for their effort in keeping the city streets maintained especially during snow storms.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman 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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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer