

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**January 20, 2026**

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting with the following members present: Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, Richard Hupe and Stephen Alspaugh. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Buda.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox addressed Council and requested that a letter be provided with details for the 2026 Huntington Drive / Eastland Estates street project. City Engineer Wieland responded that Williams County Engineering Department will be handling the street improvements in 2026 and will provide the information.

Bryan resident Mike Kelly addressed Council in regard to his work in the Bryan community and the ongoing issue with Dad's Place.

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

Resolution No. 2, 2026, titled,

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A NATURE WORKS GRANT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained that a Nature Works Grant has been awarded for a total \$23,128 to install a Lincoln Park pavilion.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 2, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 2, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$10,320.00 DONATION FROM  
VARIOUS SPONSORS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER.**

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained the donations received from various sponsors are for the 2026 Fountain City Amphitheater concert series.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 3, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 3, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$2500.00 DONATION FROM MARY  
JANE AND TERRY FITZCHARLES TO THE CITY OF BRYAN FIRE  
DEPARTMENT FIRE DONATIONS.**

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained that the donation received from Mr. & Mrs. Fitzcharles to the Bryan Fire Department is for fire prevention.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 4, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 4, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 3, 2026, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER  
31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

was presented and read by title only. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Buda detailed the list of additional appropriations for Council totaling \$19,072.26.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 3, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 3, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 5, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED  
PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION THROUGH  
GOVDEALS**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that this is an annual request to use the internet auction site GovDeals for the sale of used city-owned property.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 5, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 5, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 6, 2026, titled,

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

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool requested Council's permission to apply for various 2026 grants for the Fire Department.

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

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

Resolution No. 7, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY  
OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR THE  
FOLLOWING GRANTS: OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
(OPWC), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND  
SMALL CITIES THRU THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHERS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN,  
WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AS NECESSARY.**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council's permission to apply for various 2026 grants for the City of Bryan.

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

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

Resolution No. 8, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2026  
PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that this is for the annual program for city streets that have pavement markings with a budgeted cost of \$150,000.

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

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

Resolution No. 9, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2026  
STREET IMPROVEMENT OF ROLLAND STREET AND BAKER  
STREET FROM WEST HIGH STREET TO WEST BRYAN STREET.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that this is to advertise for bids for street improvement of the 100 blocks of Rolland and Baker Streets with new drive approaches, curbs and gutters for a budgeted cost of \$540,000.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 9, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 9, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2026  
STREET IMPROVEMENT OF WEST TREVITT STREET AND PART OF  
THE 100 BLOCK OF EAST BEMENT STREET.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained to Council that this is to advertise for bids for street improvement for two blocks of West Trevitt Street and part of the 100 block of East Bement Street.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No 10, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 10, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2026  
ASPHALT PROGRAM.”**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for bids for the project know as 2026 Asphalt Program and combining the paving project in East Village with various other streets for a budgeted amount of \$920,000.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No 11, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 11, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE *COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT*  
AREA TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY  
CROSSED RIFLES, LLC.**

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston explained the Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption is for Crossed Rifles, LLC for indoor renovation to install a gun range.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No 12, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 12, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit for a \$550,000 building renovation at 127 South Walnut Street for Crossed Rifles LLC.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building permit for Max Nihart for a new \$5,000,000 building construction project at 701 Brunicardi Way.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded to approve building permits for a \$550,000 building renovation at 127 South Walnut Street and for a new \$5,000,000 building construction project at 701 Brunicardi Way. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade introduced John Courtney and Scott Wiegand of Courtney & Associates. Mr. Courtney will be presenting the Wastewater Rate study.

Per Mayor Schlade's request Wastewater Superintendent Wygant summarized to Council the ongoing construction project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and reviewed the history of the project. He stated that the project consists of replacing three sets of old tankages and two buildings which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Mr. Courtney presented to Council a recently-completed rate and cost of service study which recommends increasing revenue by 10% for the next four (4) years starting with this year. He mentioned that the Bryan's sewer rates have not been increased since 2022 and the increase would cover a projected shortfall beginning in 2027.

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.**

was presented and read by title only for the first reading with no action taken.

City Clerk-Treasurer John entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Ordinance No. 5, 2026, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FORM OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EIRTI FOUNDRY, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY OF SPECIFIED CITY PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY THE OUTPUT OF WHICH WILL BE SOLD TO BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES UNDER A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that this is an easement for use of city property, around 15 acres located east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, for construction of a solar generating facility. Further discussion was held in regard to review of the contract by the appropriate legal parties.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 5, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 5, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to reschedule the February 2nd Council Meeting to start at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded Council that annual reports will start being presented at the next meeting. She then thanked Mr. Courtney for the rate study presentation and Solar Field review along with Wastewater Superintendent Wygant and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner for the preparation and review of the required data.

Council President Betts thanked Mr. Courtney for the rate study presentation and then expressed the need to communicate the rate increase to the citizens.

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