

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

February 16, 2026

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, City Engineer Brian Wieland, 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. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 15, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$84,558.27 DONATION FROM BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION, TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE WILL-027 NATURE WORKS LINCOLN PARK.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique expressed his appreciation to the Bryan Area Foundation for the donation toward the Lincoln Park pavilion, and requested Council accept the funding.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 15, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 15, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$5,600.00 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 expressed his appreciation for numerous gifts, including from the Bryan Area Foundation, donated to support programming at the Fountain City Amphitheater.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 16, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 16, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 9, 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. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the need for the various items requested.

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

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

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. As this was a third reading, Mayor Schlade explained the effective dates of the proposed sewer rate increases, and noted that she had heard no objections to the measure. Other Council members noted the same. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 4, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CARRIE SCHLADE AS DELEGATE AND DEBRA BEEVERS AS ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY

OF BRYAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OHIO MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION IN 2026.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained these appointments are made annually, and that the Bryan Board of Public Affairs supports the appointment of Board Member Beavers.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 17, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 17, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18, 2026, titled,

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

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the request is for 113-115 South Main Street, that the improvements include five upstairs apartments, and the terms of the project make it eligible for the full 100% exemption for seven years.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 18, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 18, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland presented the 2025 Engineering Department Annual Report which highlighted current staff, completed capital projects, operational statistics and grant awards received. He also gave a quick review of pending projects in 2026. Further discussion was held, including the need for an upcoming sewer capacity study.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique presented the 2025 Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report which highlighted department staff--including Park Board and Tree Commission membership--operational and facility use statistics, and donations for the Fountain City Amphitheater and other park facilities. He noted that user/visitor numbers were based on estimates.

Mayor Schlade presented her 2025 State of the City report which offered insight to the City's finances, grant dollars received, economic development activity and significant capital projects completed in 2025. She noted progress on the Arts & Education Building, Amtrak Station, Lincoln Park Pavilion, Fountain Creek Senior Villas, new fire truck

(just delivered), and the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. She also mentioned the uncertainty surrounding property taxes in the State and the impact that changes could have, not only on the City's budget, but on many other community services, and of course, local schools. She closed by thanking the Bryan City Council and city staff for being a great team and for their support in 2025. Further discussion was held.

In other discussion, Mayor Schlade advised Council that the topic of reinstating video recordings of Bryan City Council and Bryan Board of Public Affairs meetings would be discussed during tomorrow evening's Board of Public Affairs meeting.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer