

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**March 2, 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, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, City Attorney Marc Fishel, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 10, 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. Fire Chief Pool explained the added funding is for unanticipated maintenance expense to the Fire Department's aerial ladder truck and would be required to maintain the safe operation of the ladder.

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

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

Ordinance No. 11, 2026, titled,

### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2026**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that the series of transfers accomplishes the closeout of the Refuse & Recycling Fund, the Communications Fund, and the Communication Capital Fund, as each is no longer needed for city operations. The closeouts were a part of 2026 budget discussions and included in the annual budget.

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

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 11, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE WILLIAMS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained this is the latest version of the plan that gets updated every five years, and that it primarily addresses natural disasters – severe storms, tornadoes, winter storms, flooding, droughts, and earthquakes.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 19, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey presented the 2025 Police Department Annual Report which highlighted operational statistics, staffing, training activities, dispatch operations, K-9 use, and fleet status, among others. In the following discussion, Mayor Schlade provided a review of ongoing discussions with Williams County regarding Next Gen 911 and how the interactions between the two dispatch entities may be affected.

Wastewater Superintendent Wygant presented the 2025 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report which highlighted operational statistics, significant plant maintenance projects, and an in-depth update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Improvement Project, noting that it is running ahead of schedule and may be completed before the end of 2026.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property of any sort – real, personal, tangible, or intangible, the sale of real or personal property by competitive bid, or the sale or disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit property under R.C. 505.10, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest at 6:05 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fishel, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh 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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Clerk-Treasurer