

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 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, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to amend the May 4, 2026 agenda to add discussion of a pending building permit. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Bryan resident Steve Cox inquired about recent street marking activity in Eastland Estates, and was told that it was preliminary planning work on the upcoming resurfacing project. Further discussion was held.

Ordinance No. 20, 2026, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF RUPP, HAGANS & BOHMER, LLP.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained this represents a twelve-month renewal of the existing contract for prosecutorial services in the City Attorney's office, and that the quoted price of \$11,000 per month is unchanged from the current agreement.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 20, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21, 2026, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EBONY CONSTRUCTION CO FOR THE CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PID 122827) KNOWN AS "WIL-US127-3.9 BRYAN RECON"

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained two bids were received and Ebony Construction had the low bid of \$500,278.65.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 21, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 29, 2026, titled,

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE *COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT*
AREA TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY JUSTIN
DOWNING**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the request is for residential improvements at 515 East High Street, and the terms of the project make it eligible for the full 100% exemption for seven years.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 29, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 29, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade advised Council on the receipt of a legislative notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a partial transfer of the liquor permit held by HEERAHARJI LLC, BURGER DAIRY STORE to add a name to the permit, and if no objections, requested Council waive its right to request a hearing on the matter.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to waive hearings on the ownership change of a liquor permit issued to HEERAHARJI LLC, BURGER DAIRY STORE. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council approve a building permit for a 50-unit housing development on Fountain Grove Drive. This is the long-discussed housing project of Williams County Housing Partners, LLC, partially funded through the Ohio Housing Finance Authority.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve a building permit for a 50-unit housing development project at 300 W. Fountain Grove Drive. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade offered a reminder that tomorrow is Election Day and noted that planning for annual summer events in Bryan has begun.

Council Member Alspaugh offered a reminder that the high school prom is next weekend and to be aware that students will be out and about.

Council President Betts also offered a reminder of the upcoming Election Day and emphasized the importance of each voter exercising his or her privilege to participate.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer