

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 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, Planning & Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, 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.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 25, 2026, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSENT TO COMPLETE PID 125212 WIL SR 2 7.00 CULVERT.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this is a culvert replacement project that falls partly in and partly out of the Bryan city limits. It will be fully funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 25, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 25, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 31, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THAT THE NEW CITY OF BRYAN ARBORETUM SHALL BE NAMED AS THE PAUL WEBSTER ARBORETUM

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained that Paul Webster started the Bryan Tree Commission and served on it for many years, and that it is the Tree Commission's wish to honor him with the name. Further discussion was held. Members of the Tree Commission and Mr. Webster's family were in attendance.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 31, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 31, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested permission to test for the position of Dispatcher, citing that a current full-time Dispatcher position is vacant, and the current eligibility list has been exhausted.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to authorize the Police Department to conduct a test for the position of Dispatcher. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade offered a reminder for the upcoming Bryan Jubilee June 16-18, 2026.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss with the City Attorney pending or imminent litigation at 5:40 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Fire Chief Pool, Police Chief Ruskey, Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner, and City Attorney Marc Fishel

City Attorney Fishel joined the meeting via cell phone at 5:49 p.m. and exited the call at 6:14 p.m.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer