BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 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, Human Resources Director Tricia Lyons, Bryan Board of Public Affairs Member Debra Beevers, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox noted that the Eastland Estates pavement work was completed, and that he appreciated the good work, only noting that more notice to the residents would have been nice. Mayor Schlade disagreed offering that notices were provided on Friday for work to be done on Monday, and that the weekend was more notice than is provided for most normal street work. Council Member Hupe and others commented on seeing the completed work and commended the job done by all city and county employees involved. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2026, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 32, 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 that the several items are all funded by unanticipated revenues: grants, insurance reimbursements, or donations.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 32, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 32, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 33, 2026, titled,

> **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLIAMS COUNTY BOARD OF**

COMMISSIONERS FOR A PROGRAM TO OFFER COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE WILLIAMS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained that this replaces the temporary agreement signed in 2025. He noted that operations have gone well and most changes to the agreement are a matter of working out minor "kinks". The agreement updates the reimbursement terms to the City by changing the 10 percent reimbursement rate to a flat fee of $35 per paid transport and provides for annual review of all terms. Council President Betts requested clarification on several items, including the sufficiency of reimbursement fees, the equipment and supplies carried on the squad vehicle stationed at the Bryan Fire Department, and the level of service – basic life support or advance life support – city staff is authorized to provide. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 33, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 33, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 34, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "2026 SOUTH WALNUT AREA SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS."

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this project will replace sanitary sewers on South Walnut Street between High Street and Maple Street at an estimated cost of $350,000 and will be funded up to $175,000 by Ohio Public Works Commission funding.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 34, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 34, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve a building permit for construction of a $160,000 storage building at 1060 South Union Street owned by Nihart Enterprises. Council Member Hupe asked if this is near the location of other storage units in that area (yes).

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve a building permit for construction of a $160,000 storage building at 1060 South Union Street. 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 the transfer of a liquor permit between the old and new owners of Jackie Blu's restaurant, and without objection, requested Council waive its right to request a hearing on the matter. Further discussion was held.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to waive hearings on the transfer of a liquor permit to Donato Trattoria LLC, dba Jackie Blu's. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded all of the Flair on the Square fine arts festival happening this weekend and commended the Bryan City Parks Department for its efforts on the many community events that took place over the last three weeks.

City Engineer Wieland notified Council that the Bryan Planning Commission approved the preliminary plat for The Ridge at Greenfield Second Addition at its July 6, 2026 meeting.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the compensation and employment of a public employee at 6:02 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Police Chief Ruskey, Fire Chief Pool, Human Resources Director Lyons, Clerk-Treasure Lehner

Fire Chief Pool exited the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Police Chief Ruskey exited the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

City Attorney Marc Fishel joined the meeting via cell phone at 7:40 p.m., and exited the call at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

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President of Council Clerk-Treasurer