

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 2019

Council President Judith Yahraus opened the meeting with the following members present: F. John Betts, Mary Leatherman, Richard Hupe, and Lynn Wieland. Also present were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Police Captain Christopher Chapa, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Wheeler, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Director of Utilities Kevin Maynard, Board of Public Affairs members Tom Sprow and Jim Salsbury, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Wieland moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2018, Special Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council members then took a brief recess to move into the Mayor's conference room for an Executive Session to discuss the appointment of personnel.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of personnel at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council members then returned to the Council Chambers for the remainder of the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to elect Lynn Wieland as Council President of Bryan City Council for 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Wieland abstained. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to elect F. John Betts as Council Vice President of Bryan City Council for 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Betts abstained. Motion carried.

Council President Wieland presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Suggested 2019 committee assignments were presented as follows:

Budget – F. John Betts and Lynn Wieland

Finance and Audit – Judith Yahraus and Mary Leatherman

Wage – Richard Hupe and Judith Yahraus

Tax Incentive Review – Judith Yahraus, F. John Betts, and Mayor Carrie Schlade
Economic Development – Richard Hupe and Mary Leatherman
Negotiations Team – F. John Betts and Lynn Wieland
Revolving Loan Fund – Mary Leatherman
BIPAC – Mary Leatherman
Prevailing Wage Coordinators – Brian Wieland & Melanie Kaiser
Americans with Disabilities Act – Patrick Thorp

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the following committees for 2019:

Budget – F. John Betts and Lynn Wieland
Finance and Audit – Judith Yahraus and Mary Leatherman
Wage – Richard Hupe and Judith Yahraus
Tax Incentive Review – Judith Yahraus, F. John Betts, and Mayor Carrie Schlade
Economic Development – Richard Hupe and Mary Leatherman
Negotiations Team – F. John Betts and Lynn Wieland
Revolving Loan Fund – Mary Leatherman
BIPAC – Mary Leatherman
Prevailing Wage Coordinators – Brian Wieland & Melanie Kaiser
Americans with Disabilities Act – Patrick Thorp

Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reviewed the proposed schedule for the 2019 Council meetings.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to set the 2019 Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month with the exception of moving the second meeting in January to Tuesday, January 22, 2019, for the Martin Luther King holiday, the first meeting in September to Tuesday, September 3, 2019, due to the Labor Day holiday, and the first meeting in October to Tuesday, October 8, 2018, due to Ready, Set, Relax. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade recommended Council's consideration for the following appointments and/or reappointments: John Drinnon to the Williams County Port Authority for an eight (8) year term ending December 31, 2026; Mari Ivan and Carrie Schlade, Mayor, to the Williams County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors; TJ Zimmerman to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2021; Richard Hallett to the City of Bryan Board of Zoning Appeals for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2023; Stan Tipton to the Park Board.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to approve Mayor Schlade's recommendations for appointments and/or reappointments as follows: John Drinnon to the Williams County Port Authority for an eight (8) year term ending December 31, 2026; Mari Ivan and Carrie Schlade, Mayor, to the Williams County Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors; TJ Zimmerman to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2021; Richard Hallett to the City of Bryan Board of Zoning Appeals for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2023; Stan Tipton to the Park Board. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1, 2019, titled,

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN INTER-FUND CASH ADVANCE

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Rode detailed the inter-fund cash advance request for Council as it relates to the Main Street Project.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 1, 2019, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 1, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1, 2019, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Rode detailed the appropriation request for Council.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 1, 2019, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 1, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2, 2019, titled,

AN ORDINANCE FOR A “THEN AND NOW” PURCHASE CERTIFYING ADEQUATE FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE.

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Rode explained that a “Then and Now” resolution was necessary for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project as leaving the 2018 purchase order open would have left a negative fund balance for 2018. Thus, the 2018 purchase order was closed and a new one opened in 2019 for the remaining balance on the project.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 2, 2019, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 2, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders requested Council's permission to move Firefighter Michael P. Ruby from probationary status to regular status effective January 3, 2019.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to move Firefighter Michael P. Ruby from probationary status to regular status effective January 3, 2019, with no change in pay. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders requested to reclassify Jared T. McCann as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Bryan Fire Department effective January 7, 2019.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to reclassify Jared T. McCann as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Bryan Fire Department effective January 7, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Captain Chapa read a letter of resignation to Council from Dispatcher Abigail Weller which is to be effective January 11, 2019.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Dispatcher Abigail Weller effective January 11, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Several Council members expressed their congratulations to Council President Wieland and Council Vice President Betts.

Mayor Schlade thanked Emily Ebaugh for her past service on the Park Board and Mrs. Yahraus for serving as the 2018 Council President. She also reminded Council of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held January 24, 2019.

Council President Wieland noted that he is fortunate to work with a great City team and his appreciation for his fellow Council members' vote of confidence.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer