

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 18, 2020

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting via teleconference with the following members present via teleconference: Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, Judith Yahraus, and Richard Hupe. Also present in the Council Chambers were: Mayor Carrie Schlade and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode. Other City employees participating via teleconference include: City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Police Chief Christopher Chapa, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Local Programming and Production Lead Eric Herman.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending April 30, 2020, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

During the hearing of public concerns, Interim Williams County Sheriff Gary Mohre thanked the City of Bryan for the support he has received as Interim Williams County Sheriff. Further discussion was held with mutual appreciation given to him for serving.

Ordinance No. 19, 2020, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND PAYMENT OF REFUSE AND
WASTEWATER MONTHLY BILLS RENDERED FROM MARCH 16,
2020, THROUGH JUNE 20, 2020 FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council approve a measure to coincide with Bryan Municipal Utilities to allow customers facing financial hardship an extended time to pay refuse and wastewater bills rendered from March 16, 2020, through June 20, 2020. She continued by noting that customers are still responsible for the bills and should seek assistance from organizations to assist them if needed. The ordinance also waives the late payment penalty for bills rendered on or after April 20, 2020, through July 19, 2020. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 19, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 20, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GERKEN PAVING, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2020 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve Gerken Paving, Inc. as the contractor for the 2020 Asphalt Program at a cost of \$592,954.70. He added that only one (1) bid was received. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 20, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZIMMERMAN PAINT CONTRACTORS CO., INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2020 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve Zimmerman Paint Contractors Co., Inc. as the contractor for the 2020 Pavement Marking Program at a cost of \$100,452.50. He added that only two (2) bids were received. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 21, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21, 2020, titled,

A RESOLUTION THAT THE COUNTY OF WILLIAMS AND THE CITY OF BRYAN ENTER INTO THE 2020 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT OF THE MAUMEE VALLEY NORTH CHIP CONSORTIUM

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested the Council approve the City of Bryan entering into the 2020 Partnership Agreement of the Maumee Valley North CHIP Consortium and that if approved the City would be eligible for up to \$300,000. She also noted that the Williams County Commissioners had already approved it.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 21, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 21, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held on how citizens could contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization.

Wastewater Superintendent Wygant requested Council reclassify Class 1 Operator Geoff Warner to a Class 2 Operator effective June 6, 2020, taking him from \$19.32 per hour to \$21.16 per hour per the contract as he has passed his State of Ohio Class 2 Certification examination. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to reclassify Class 1 Operator Geoff Warner to a Class 2 Operator effective June 6, 2020, taking him from \$19.32 per hour to \$21.16 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried

Police Chief Chapa requested Council accept the resignation of Police Dispatcher Jordyn Waters effective May 11, 2020. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Police Dispatcher Jordyn Waters effective May 11, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested that Council accept the retirement of Patrol Officer Paul Zawodny effective June 12, 2020, noting his 41 years of service to the City. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to accept with regret the retirement of Patrol Officer Paul Zawodny effective June 12, 2020, noting his 41 years of service to the City. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa then requested that Council approve to promote Patrol Officer John Rathke to Patrol Sergeant effective May 25, 2020, taking him from \$22.56 per hour to \$24.33 per hour.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to promote Patrol Officer John Rathke to Patrol Sergeant effective May 25, 2020, taking him from \$22.56 per hour to \$24.33 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council members wished Police Dispatcher Water and Patrol Officer Zawodny well with the future endeavors and congratulated Patrol Sergeant Rathke and Class 2 Operator Warner on their new positions.

Council member Yahraus inquired as to what was happening with the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) to which Mayor Schlade replied that she had not received the revised document back from Mr. Golding. Concern was also shared regarding how to conduct a meeting to allow public input with the current social distancing guidelines.

Mayor Schlade informed Council that there will be a pre-taped Memorial Day service in light of the social distancing guidelines for gatherings. In addition, she briefly shared the plans for the 2020 Bryan High School graduation parade.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property and appointment of personnel at 5:47 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, Parks and Recreation Director Dominique, Assistant Parks and Recreation Wheeler, and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique, Assistant Parks and Recreation Wheeler exited the Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer