

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting with the following members present: Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, and Richard Hupe. Judith Yahraus was absent. Also present were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Police Chief Christopher Chapa, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Board of Public Affairs members Tom Sprow, Richard Long, Karen Ford, Annette Schreiner, and Jim Salisbury, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Bryan citizen and longtime Spangler Candy Co. employee Paul Gackel addressed Council speaking well of the Board of Public Affairs/Bryan Municipal Utilities noting that he appreciated the focus on utilities from the group and that they seem more forward thinking than another area municipality.

Ordinance No. 6, 2020, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF LAND CONSISTING OF .509 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN SECTION 19 OF PULASKI TOWNSHIP, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AND CLASSIFYING THE SAME.**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve the requesting annexation of land of approximately .509 acres in section 19 of Pulaski Township, Williams County, into the City of Bryan.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 6, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 6, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 7, 2020, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF LAND CONSISTING OF 10.33 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN SECTION 22 OF PULASKI TOWNSHIP, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AND CLASSIFYING THE SAME.**

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve the requesting annexation of land of approximately 10.33 acres in section 22 of Pulaski Township, Williams County, into the City of Bryan noting that it is adjacent to the airport runway.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 7, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested a pay increase for Pre-School Aide Brooke Miller effective January 22, 2020, in accordance with Ordinance. No. 5, 2020.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to allow a pay increase for Pre-School Aide Brooke Miller effective January 22, 2020, in accordance with Ordinance. No. 5, 2020, taking her from \$9.10 per hour to \$9.20 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested that Cory Nichols and Clifford Weigel be appointed to the Police Reserve effective February 4, 2020.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to appoint Cory Nichols and Clifford Weigel to the Police Reserve effective February 4, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa then requested that Patrol Officer Jesse Barrera be given a contractual pay increase effective February 7, 2020.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to give a contractual pay increase to Patrol Officer Jesse Barrera effective February 7, 2020, taking him from \$21.61 per hour to an amount to be determined. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus absent. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland and Fire Chief Siders gave annual reports for the Engineering Department and Fire Department, respectively. Discussion was held at various intervals of the presentations.

Council President Betts led a discussion regarding the alternative Charter review proposal presented at the January 21, 2020, Council Meeting. In addressing the issue regarding what is the best form of governance for the City, Councilman Betts acknowledged that the expertise of the Board of Public Affairs members needs consideration as well as being fair with regard to the elected office they hold. He asked the Council members if they concurred with the objectives of being effective and efficient in governing the City to which Councilman Kozumplik stated: "It was a good start." However, Council member

Leatherman added that she would like to keep the governing bodies as they are. Councilman Hupe shared that he does see an extra layer in the City's government; but, he wasn't sure what structure was best. Further discussion was held regarding past attempts to change the Charter over this issue, a possible Charter review committee, and fear of the issue becoming personal in nature.

Council President Betts requested that Council give it more thought and allow Council member Yahraus to add her thoughts as well. He then proposed that following a period of review by both the Council and the Board of Public Affairs, a joint meeting should be held to discuss the issue.

The Council members thanked City Engineer Wieland and Fire Chief Siders for their presentations. Councilman Hupe added that he welcomed the public's input regarding the Charter issue.

Mayor Schlade expressed her appreciation for those who were present for the HGTV photo.

Council President Betts thanked the Bryan Area Chamber of Commerce for their recent banquet. He then added that regarding the Charter governance issue, enterprise funds could not be co-mingled nor should rates be negatively impacted. He restated that the new proposal respects each elected person's term of office. He further invited the public to approach Council with questions or concerns and asked that persons respectfully debate the issue without attacking one another as the sole purpose is to determine what government structure is best for the City of Bryan.

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

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President of Council

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Clerk-Treasurer