

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting with the following members present in the Bryan City Council Chambers: 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, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Videographer Kristopher Bryce.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Ms. Yahraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council President Betts made a statement noting that the 2021 budgets will need additional scrutiny in light of the current economic condition. Further discussion with Mayor Schlade advising that department heads had been watching budgets closely and will continue to do so.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2020, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Brittany Wheeler addressed Council requesting that a blue line be painted down the middle of Beech Street in an effort to support law enforcement. Further discussion was held with Mayor Schlade requesting direction from Council. Council members appeared to support the idea while reminding that the painting could not be permitted on any federal or state roads.

Ordinance No. 30, 2020, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR
REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) FOR DOWNTOWN BRYAN,
ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE DORA.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade gave a brief recap on the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for Bryan noting that if approved, it would begin on January 1, 2021. She added that a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) committee would need to be formed, signage developed, and that she intended to speak with the County Commissioners on the subject.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 30, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Councilman Kozumplik informed the public of the upcoming Fall Fest in downtown Bryan.

Mayor Schlade reminded that garbage bag distribution was currently underway and that Trick or Treat was scheduled for October 31, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Schlade then shared that the October 5, 2020, Council Meeting was rescheduled to October 6, 2020, due to Ready Set Relax. There is a tentative plan to hold the Board of Public Affairs meeting at 4:45 p.m. with a Joint Executive Meeting with the Board of Public Affairs and Council to begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Executive Meeting would then be followed by the regular Council meeting.

A brief recess was taken.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to go into Executive Session for pending litigation at 5:51 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer