

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the virtual meeting with the following members present participating via teleconference: Judith Yahraus, John F. Betts, Richard Hupe, and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending via teleconference were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Police Chief Christopher Chapa, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Videographer Kristopher Bryce, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Yahraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2021, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 7, 2021, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TWENTY YEAR GROUND LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION, FOR THE BRYAN AMTRAK STATION.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council's approval to move forward with a twenty year ground lease renewal agreement with National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the Bryan AMTRAK station commencing March 1, 2021. Further discussion was held regarding the terms of the agreement and the desire to continue with Bryan having an AMTRAK station.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 7, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8, 2021, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR GREYSTONE SUBDIVISION FIRST ADDITION & REPLAT OF LOT 24 OF GREYSTONE SUBDIVISION.

was presented and read by title only. Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council accept the preliminary plat for Greystone Subdivision first addition and replat of lot 24 of Greystone Subdivision as recommended by the Bryan Planning and Zoning Commission on February 1, 2021. Further discussion was held regarding the size of the cul-de-sac to which Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston noted that the cul-de-sac was a larger size for fire truck purposes.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 8, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Betts abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 8, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Betts abstained. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 9, 2021, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GERKEN PAVING, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2021 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve the Mayor entering into a contract with Gerken Paving, Inc. for the 2021 Asphalt Program. He added that Gerken Paving, Inc. was the lone bidder on the project in the amount of \$478,894.05. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 9, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 9, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 7, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF AN INTER-FUND CASH ADVANCE

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council’s approval on the repayment of the advance from the 418 Industrial Park North Project as the Transportation Improvement District funds had been disbursed.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 7, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 7, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 8, 2021, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND
ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND
DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council adopt the Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Development for the period beginning February 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2023. She added that this agreement was for the Community Block Development Grant funds for the City of Bryan.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 8, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 8, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve a building work permit application for Greg Glaser, Harrod DOHP, LLC, located at 1420 West High Street, Bryan, Ohio. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve a building work permit application for Greg Glaser, Harrod DOHP, LLC, located at 1420 West High Street, Bryan, Ohio. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland requested to move CUB Technician Clifford A. Weigel from probationary status to regular employment status effective February 19, 2021, taking him from a rate of \$13.00 per hour to a rate of \$13.33 per hour. City Engineer Wieland noted that CUB Technician Weigel is doing a good job for the City.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to move CUB Technician Clifford A. Weigel from probationary status to regular employment status effective February 19, 2021, taking him from a rate of \$13.00 per hour to a rate of \$13.33 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested Council transfer part-time Dispatcher Ross Butler to Patrol Officer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour at a date to be determined and upon successfully completing any and all pre-employment medical examinations. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to transfer part-time Dispatcher Ross Butler to Patrol Officer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour at a date to be determined and upon

successfully completing any and all pre-employment medical examinations. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders requested Council accept the resignation of Probationary Firefighter Nicholas Cooper effective February 12, 2021.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Probationary Firefighter Nicholas Cooper effective February 12, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Annual reports were provided by the Police and Wastewater departments, respectively. Questions were asked at various intervals of the presentations.

Council members and Mayor Schlade thanked Police Chief Chapa and Wastewater Superintendent Wygant for the annual reports and for their respective staffs. In addition, Council extended congratulations to CUB Technician Weigel and Patrol Officer Butler.

Councilman Betts informed the public of a local business providing N-95 masks for sale. In addition, Council member Yahraus thanked the Parks Department for the clear sidewalks.

Mayor Schlade requested Council to consider the Bryan Jubilee with regard to the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) being in place during that timeframe. Much discussion was held with Council member Yahraus proposing to try it for this year and see how it goes. Councilman Hupe reminded that the Jubilee is a family event, and that it would be challenging to carve out the City center as the courthouse is not included in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Councilman Kozumplik proposed allowing the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for one (1) evening. Council President Leatherman expressed concerns regarding the cost of providing security. Councilman Betts suggested suspending the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) during the Jubilee. Further discussion was held with Mayor Schlade planning to bring a proposal back for Council's review in the near future.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee and the acquisition of property at 6:26 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, Police Chief Chapa, and Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Police Chief Chapa exited the Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

Council Betts exited the Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. and reentered at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer