

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 5, 2021

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: Judith Yahraus, F. John Betts, Richard Hupe, and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Police Captain Greg Ruskey, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura I. Rode.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2021, Special Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Ordinance No. 43, 2021, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2021

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

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 43, 2021, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 43, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council consider moving Police Captain Ruskey from probationary status to regular employment status as he has been covering administrative responsibilities in the absence of Police Chief Chapa. If approved, the change would be effective October 15, 2021, taking him from a salary of \$62,500 per year to a salary of \$64,000 per year. She continued that Captain Ruskey would then be eligible for four (4) weeks of vacation and that he would have four (4) personal days that he would need to utilize by December 31, 2021, in accordance with the City of Bryan Employee Handbook.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve moving Police Captain Ruskey from probationary status to regular employment status effective October 15, 2021, taking him from a salary of \$62,500 per year to a salary of \$64,000 per year. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders approached Council requesting to give a Civil Service test for the position of Firefighter.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to grant permission to give a Civil Service test for the position of Firefighter. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade informed Council that a letter of retirement had been received from Fire Chief Siders effective December 31, 2021.

Further discussion was held with Fire Chief Siders receiving hearty congratulations and sincere appreciation for a job well done.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to accept with regret the retirement of Fire Chief Siders effective December 31, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

A standing ovation and round of applause were given to honor Fire Chief Siders,

Mayor and Council again expressed their gratitude to Fire Chief Siders for his 41 years of dedicated service to the City.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property at 5:48 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, City Engineer Wieland, Parks and Recreation Director Dominique, and Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer

