

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 15, 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, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Interim Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Pool, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura I. Rode.

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

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

Ordinance No. 47, 2021, titled,

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

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade reviewed with Council that the proposed ordinance, if approved, would replace the temporary ordinance implementing the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for the City of Bryan making it permanent. As she had received no complaints, she advised Council that they could either suspend and pass the ordinance or proceed to a third reading if they chose to do so.

Councilman Betts noted that while he was glad there were no issues with regard to sanitation and safety, he had two (2) concerns. He would like consideration be given to suspending the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) during the Jubilee. Mayor Schalde stated that she believed that with 30-days notice, they could suspend the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for that timeframe. Councilman Betts stated that he would bring up the issue for 2022. Further discussion was held regarding potentially the same issue for the Santa parade for next year; however, it was noted that it was too late to make a change for the 2021 Santa parade.

The second concern Councilman Betts raised was with regard to the rules for Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) as it appears there is some inconsistency. He suggested a review by the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Committee by March 1, 2022, to address the inconsistencies. Suggestions included posting the rules, retraining of staff and participants, etc. Mayor Schlade reminded that when the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) began, she personally provided rules to

the establishments participating and noted there was also a booklet available. Councilman Betts noted that he had “tested” the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) protocol at an establishment, and the response he was given was inaccurate. Further discussion was held regarding the need to reinforce and reeducate participants of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) rules particularly if there has been a turnover in personnel.

It was also noted that the Williams County Commissioners agreed to 12 months with the current boundaries; however, they want the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) suspended during the Jubilee and may make boundary adjustments if it is not suspended during that time.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass the second reading and suspend the third reading of Ordinance No. 47, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 47, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council’s permission to post for the Police Chief position.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to grant permission to post for the Police Chief position. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade and the Council members wished City Arborist Cort Goshia well in his retirement and the citizens of Bryan a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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President of Council

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Clerk-Treasurer