

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 4, 2022**

Council President Jim Kozumplik opened the meeting with the following members present: F. John Betts, Judith Yahraus, Richard Hupe, and Mary Leatherman. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Steven Cox, a Bryan resident, approached Council with concerns regarding the uncurbed streets at his residence on Huntington Drive including: no notification of street work, the process followed, excessive amounts of stone, and stones winding up in the yards. He questioned why the parking lot across from the old Bryan Times could be done so nicely; yet, the street at his residence was just covered with tar and gravel. In addition, he voiced his displeasure over not being on the agenda to which Mayor Schlade replied that he is speaking to Council during the hearing of public concerns.

Council member Yahraus asked Mr. Cox what he wanted as her street was just done using the same methods as his. His reply was that he wanted it done like the other streets and parking lots in the City. Further discussion was held with Council President Kozumplik adding that a long-term plan for streets is available so they can plan what projects to do. Mr. Cox then invited Council to take a walking tour of the street.

Street Commissioner Engstrom explained the process followed on the street repair which mirrors other county and state practices using the Durapatcher. He explained that this process was used to extend the life of the road as a full-depth project could cost up to \$2,000,000. Mayor Schlade reminded everyone that this neighborhood was annexed into the City and it only has one (1) entrance/exit making a full-depth project very difficult.

Dr. Julia Thompson, also a resident in the neighborhood, expressed concern for those on motorcycles, bicycles, and walking to which Street Commissioner Engstrom added that "Loose Stone" signs could have been displayed. Another resident Mr. Christopher Wood inquired as to why the project was even done to which Street Commissioner Engstrom replied that he had several calls about the condition of the street and they are trying to repair/save it.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston then added that while full-depth with curbs and gutters may not be possible for that street, they may take some core samples to see if the street could be asphalted. The cost to asphalt the street was roughly estimated to be approximately \$200,000 if it was feasible. Councilman Betts inquired as to where

the funding would be derived to which Planning and Zoning Administrator replied the ½% income tax fund.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2022, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 49, 2022, titled,

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE *COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT*  
AREA TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY  
MIDWEST COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION.**

was presented and read by title only. Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston requested Council approve the Community Reinvestment Tax Exemption application submitted by Midwest Community Federal Credit Union.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 49, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 49, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade notified Council that the Ohio Division of Liquor Control had received a notice of ownership change from Bryan Store Inc. DBA Burger Dairy Store to Heerharji LLC DBA Burger Dairy Store located at 314 South Walnut Street, Bryan, Ohio. Council needed to decide if a hearing is necessary or not.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to waive a hearing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the ownership change at Burger Dairy Store. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested Council's permission to give the Civil Service Exam for Police Officers.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to give permission to give the Civil Service Exam for Police Officers. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner Engstrom reminded the public of the trash drop off at the Street Department on October 13-15 for Bryan residents. Further discussion was held noting that a Bryan utilities bill or Republic trash bill would be required for verification of residency. Council member Yahraus then requested for people using the drop off at the Recycling Center to read the signage. Mayor Schlade also asked for consideration when utilizing the WiltonKeck recycling bins and informed all that Republic totes would be picked up in the near future for those residents who haven't paid their first quarter bill.

Council and Mayor Schlade thanked the residents for coming to the meeting regarding the street issues on and near Huntington Drive to which they were again invited by Mr. Cox to take a walking tour of the street.

A brief recess was taken.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property at 6:20 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 46, 2022, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER TO STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE K-9 VEHICLE, FOR THE BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ORC 125.04(C), AT A TOTAL COST OF FORTY THREE THOUOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$43,310.00), HEREBY WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS PRESCRIBED BY OHIO REVISED CODE 127.16.**

was presented and read by title only. Discussion was held with regard to the need to purchase a second K-9 vehicle as the City recently acquired a second K-9.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 46, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 46, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts 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