

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

At 5:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Conference Room, Council member Mary Leatherman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property. Council member Richard Hupe seconded with following members present: Judith Yahraus and Jim Kozumplik. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Council member F. John Betts was absent.

Asked to attend the Executive Session: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Parks and Recreation Director Ben Dominique, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Buda.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:18 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Betts absent.

A brief recess was taken while the council moved into the Council Chambers.

Council President Jim Kozumplik opened the Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following members present: F. John Betts, Judith Yahraus, Richard Hupe, and Mary Leatherman. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Bryan Municipal Clerk of Courts Trisha Russell, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Douglas Pool, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Board of Public Affairs member Tom Sprow, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Buda.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade introduced Bryan High School senior Tristan Durdel. She is an intern with the Bryan Adult Probation Department and is in attendance to observe government in action as a requirement for a scholarship application.

Bryan resident Steven Cox approached Council asking for clarification on two (2) questions in regard to uptown parking lot paving versus Huntington Drive chip and seal that had been addressed in previous Council meetings. He questioned why a parking lot which is non tax generating took precedence over a residential street where local tax is generated? Council member Betts replied that the answer is the same that was given at the last meeting which is: both the parking lot and street were maintained as before. Council member Yahraus replied that the parking lot is used by customers at uptown businesses that generate taxable income. His other question was: where are the past maintenance records for Huntington Drive to which Council member Yahraus replied

that the street was given to the City. Mr. Cox also asked about the leaf pickup schedule. Further discussion was held.

Ordinance No. 53, 2022, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GOVERNMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUDIO, IMAGE AND DATA RECORDING FOR AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE DETECTION.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Greg Ruskey approached Council for questions on the Flock Safety system. Hearing none, he then informed Council that Captain Jamie Mendez was hired today with 24 years of law enforcement experience.

Police Chief Ruskey also noted that the Police Department is implementing “No Shave November” as a local cause to help with medical expenses for a Montpelier patrol officer who has a six (6) year old daughter with cancer.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 53, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 53, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 54, 2022, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE BRYAN MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE FOR THE COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING, DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, COURT COST PAYMENTS, RESTITUTION AND ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTION FEES

was presented and read by title only. Bryan Municipal Clerk of Courts Russell was introduced by Mayor Schlade and explained to Council that the Municipal Court’s last contract for collections was in 2012 with a company from Columbus. They are now wanting to change to the Attorney General’s Office process that will have access to more revenues and avenues for collections, if approved. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of 54, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded to pass Resolution No. 54, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 50, 2022, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF LAND FROM THE BARD-STEEL FAMILY FOUNDATION, LOCATED AT CENTER STREET, BRYAN, OHIO CONTAINING 3.630 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique noted that the donation of land is from the Bard-Steel Family Foundation and is grateful for their continued support of the Parks and Recreation programs and development. He asked that the Council accept this land donation for park development in the near future.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 50, 2022, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Betts abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 50, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Betts abstained. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique then thanked all the volunteers that helped make the Halloween party a success. He specifically thanked the National Honor Society (NHS) students and gave a special thank you to Parks and Recreation Secretary II Cindy Rau for all she does organizing and arranging for the party.

Mayor Schlade reminded that City offices will be closed Friday in observation of Veterans Day. She also thanked department heads for all they do and especially City Engineer Wieland with his help with the Williams County Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) in regard to the vacant director position.

Various Council members thanked the Bard-Steele Family Foundation for their generosity to the City and to the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Council members also thanked the Park Department volunteers, welcomed new Police Captain Jamie Mendez, and reminded the public to vote.

Council member Betts added that he has received hundreds of comments on the fantastic painting of the water tower and is pleased with the project. Mayor Schlade added that the Spangler Candy Company painter is on the last Dum Dum and is scheduled to finish on time.

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

President of Council

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer