

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 17, 2023

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

President Kozumplik requested Council consider electing a Council President and Vice President for 2023.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to elect Richard Hupe as Council President for 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Hupe abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to elect Judith Yahraus as Council Vice President for 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade presented Councilman Kozumplik with a plaque expressing her gratitude for his service as Council President for 2022.

Council President Hupe presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2022, Special Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Yahraus seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2022. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade led a discussion regarding possible committee assignments for 2023.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the following committees for 2023:

Budget – F. John Betts and Jim Kozumplik

Finance and Audit – Judith Yahraus and Mary Leatherman

Wage – Richard Hupe and Jim Kozumplik

Tax Incentive Review – Mary Leatherman, Judith Yahraus and Mayor Schlade

Negotiations Team – F. John Betts and Judith Yahraus

Revolving Loan Fund – Mary Leatherman

BIPAC – Richard Hupe

Prevailing Wage Coordinators – Brian Wieland & Tiana Traxler

Americans with Disabilities Act – Patrick Thorp

Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PAY RATE SCALE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, MAKING IT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2023 AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 3, 2022.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council approve the annual ordinance establishing the pay scale for seasonal workers in the Parks and Recreation Department noting the increase in minimum wage for 2023.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 1, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 1, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PASS-THROUGH GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council allow the Mayor to enter into a pass-through grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for an interactive park project on the site previously known as Lincoln School property. He added that \$196,000 in grant funds were to be received upon completion of the project. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 1, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 1, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2023 SOUTH LYNN STREET STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2023 South Lynn Street Storm Sewer Improvements Project noting that he intends the project to be completed by May or June if approved. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 2, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Resolution No. 2, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2023 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2023 Asphalt Program noting that the project is estimated to be approximately \$500,000. A map was displayed for Council to review.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 3, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 3, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2023 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2023 Pavement Marking Program.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 4, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 4, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 5, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2023 SOUTH PORTLAND STREET EXTENSION.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council’s permission to advertise for the 2023 South Portland Street Extension project. He explained that this project has been discussed for many years noting that it would assist with safety services offering another route to exit the south end of the City. He estimated the project to be roughly \$900,000 and assured that additional right of ways were being sought. Further discussion was held with regard to sidewalks, buffering, and the possible timeline.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 5, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 5, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 6, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey requested Council’s permission to apply for the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program grant.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 6, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 6, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 7, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BRYAN TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool requested Council’s permission to apply for the various grants for the Fire Department including, but not limited to: Ohio Fire Marshal Training Grant, Ohio Fire Marshal MARCS Radio Grant, and Ohio Fire Marshal Equipment Grant.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 7, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 7, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Pool requested Council's approval for the following members for the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board for the City of Bryan Fire Department for 2023:

Council Member Richard Hupe
Council Member Judith Yahraus
Fire Chief Douglas Pool
Firefighter Gregory Grisier
Russ Davies

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the above members to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board for the City of Bryan Fire Department for 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus abstained. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested Council's approval for the following members for the Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund Board for 2023:

Council Member Richard Hupe
Council Member Judith Yahraus
Police Chief Gregory Ruskey
Sergeant Jeremy Viers
Jim Livengood

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the above members to the Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund Board for the City of Bryan for 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Yahraus abstained. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested permission to give the Civil Service test for Police Officers for the City of Bryan.

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

Mayor Schlade requested Council designate her as representative to the Executive Council of Maumee Valley Planning Organization for 2023 for the City of Bryan and appoint Bill Martin to the Williams County Port Authority for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2026.

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Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to designate Mayor Carrie M. Schlade as the City of Bryan representative to the Executive Council of Maumee Valley Planning Organization for 2023 and appoint Bill Martin to the Williams County Port Authority for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested that Council set a Special Joint Meeting with the Board of Public Affairs and the Williams County Port Authority on January 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to set a Special Joint Meeting with the Board of Public Affairs and the Williams County Port Authority on January 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Councilman Kozumplik thanked everyone for allowing him to be Council President for 2022. Other Council members then thanked Councilman Kozumplik for his service to the City in that role. Council member Yahraus wished Council President Hupe good luck in his term.

Gratitude was expressed to those volunteers serving on committees as needed by the City as well as to Department Heads for stepping up throughout the year.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer