

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2023

Council President Richard Hupe opened the meeting with the following members present: F. John Betts, Judith Yahraus, Mary Leatherman and Jim Kozumplik. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner, Fire Chief Doug Pool, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Interim Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Buda.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting and the April 18, 2023 Joint Special Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox approached Council thanking them for addressing and removing the loose gravel on Huntington Drive.

Ordinance No. 20, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES OF 1.202 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS SOUTH PORTLAND STREET, EXTENDING SOUTH FROM CARDINAL DRIVE TO FOUNTAIN GROVE DRIVE.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council approve the dedication plat for the east half of the Portland Street roadway. He explained that the west half of the roadway already exists and was platted when the Autumn Chase Subdivision was developed. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 20, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. Interim Clerk-Treasurer Buda detailed the appropriations requested for Council.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 21, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 33, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$2,500.00 DONATION FROM ANN AND HOWARD VREELAND TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR JONAS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council accept the \$2,500 donation from Ann and Howard Vreeland for improvements at Jonas Park Playground. The improvements include the sidewalk, an additional drinking fountain, and a bench.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 33, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 33, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 34, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$2,500.00 GRANT FROM WEST UNITY AREA FOUNDATION, TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE LINCOLN PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council accept the \$2,500 Grant from the West Unity Area Foundation for the Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground. He then explained that his hope is that the park will be used by the larger community. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 34, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 34, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 35, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF CITY OF BRYAN FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

was presented and read by title only. Wastewater Superintendent Wygant requested Council's approval to authorize entering into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) agreement to be administered through Ohio EPA. The purpose of the loan is to fund the design/engineering portion of the Secondary Improvement Project. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 35, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Resolution No. 35, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council members expressed thanks and appreciation to Ann and Howard Vreeland and the West Unity Area foundation for their generous donations to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Mayor and Council also welcomed new Clerk-Treasurer Lehner and thanked Interim Clerk-Treasurer Buda.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation and employment of a public employee at 5:50 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner, City Engineer Wieland and Interim Clerk-Treasurer Buda.

Mayor Schlade exited the Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. and re-entered at 5:55 p.m.

City Engineer Wieland exited the Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Schlade exited the Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. and re-entered at 7:01 p.m.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

A discussion was held in regard to a merit wage increase for City Department Heads. Topics discussed included years as a Department Head, educational degrees, standards for the merit increase, quality of job performance and amount of the increase.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to approve a five percent wage increase retroactive to May 1, 2023, for City employees that have fifteen years of Department Head experience and a degree. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Interim Clerk-Treasurer