

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 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, Acting City Attorney Marc Fishel, Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner, Fire Chief Doug Pool, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Buda, Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long, Board of Public Affairs Member James Salsbury, and Director of Utilities Derek Schultz.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox, Huntington Drive, addressed Council with the results of a survey he conducted regarding street resurfacing, sidewalks, and curbs in the Huntington Drive neighborhood. He also provided a copy of the written results to Council President Hupe.

Ordinance No. 23, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF RUPP, HAGANS & BOHMER, LLP

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade requested Council approve the contract covering dates from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. She further explained that the law firm has been providing prosecutorial services in the Bryan Municipal Court for nearly six months, and that the contract would formalize an ongoing arrangement to continue those services at an agreed upon rate for the next twelve months. Mayor Schlade further noted that the firm has ample staff to provide reliable coverage to the Court. Acting City Attorney Fishel offered support for the contract and commended the arrangement as working well.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 23, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24, 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. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that the requested appropriations were reflective of donations received to help fund concerts scheduled at the Fountain City Amphitheater.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 24, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 25, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner detailed the transfers requested to Council.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 25, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 25, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ruskey requested Council authorize a Civil Service test for the position of Police Officer. The last test was offered on February 10, 2023, and that list has been exhausted of qualified applicants.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to authorize a Civil Service test for the position of Police Officer. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council appoint Megan Hall to fulfill the unexpired term of Amy Welling as the City's representative on the Williams County Combined Board of Health. Mayor Schlade commended Ms. Welling for her service.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to appoint Megan Hall as the City's representative on the Williams County Combined Board of Health until January 1, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council again offered thanks to Bard Manufacturing and Spangler Candy for their continued support of City events, thanked Amy Welling and Megan Hall for their service to the City, and offered birthday wishes to Fire Chief Pool.

Mayor Schlade reported that the interactive fountain has been turned on and will operate between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. each day except for when the Fountain City Amphitheater is being used for concerts, and reminded Council of the ribbon cutting and scheduled tours at Spangler Candy on June 9 for the opening of the new Bit-O-Honey production line.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property and to confer with the City's Attorney concerning imminent or pending litigation at 5:45 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Acting City Attorney Fishel, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner, Wastewater Superintendent Wygant, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Buda, Board of Public Affairs Chairman Long, Board of Public Affairs Member Salsbury, and Director of Utilities Schultz.

At 6:27 p.m., Wastewater Superintendent Wygant exited the meeting.

At 6:53 p.m., Acting City Attorney Fishel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Buda, Board of Public Affairs Chairman Long, Board of Public Affairs Member Salsbury, and Director of Utilities Schultz exited the meeting.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. 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

Clerk-Treasurer