

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 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 Engineer Brian Wieland, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

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

Ordinance No. 34, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRYAN ZONING MAP TO REZONE PARCEL NUMBER 063-170-70-002 FROM R-2 TO C-3.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade shared a Power Point presentation on behalf of Paul, Sheryl, and Brittney Combs, who will be converting the home at 317 W. Butler Street to an art gallery and studio workspace called Art Gallery 317. They will be making many aesthetic and functional improvements to the buildings and property in support of the local artist community in Bryan. She thanked the previous owners, Russ and Angie Davies, for their commitment to the City of Bryan and making the property available for sale to the Combs family. Council Member Betts inquired as to whether the property is within the City's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) (no) and expressed his belief that the Combs did not wish it to be within the DORA. Further discussion was held, including many thanks to the Combs for undertaking the project.

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

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

Ordinance No. 35, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "2023 ASPHALT PROGRAM."

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that the 2023 Asphalt program had been completed and finished \$6,279.90 under budget, for a contract total of \$634,004.10. He requested that Council authorize the change order.

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

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 35, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 36, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "2023 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM."

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that the 2023 Pavement Marking program had had also been completed and finished \$7,073.10 under budget, for a contract total of \$115,401.90. He requested that Council authorize the change order.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 36, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 36, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 42, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$48,801.00 DONATION FROM BRYAN GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR FIELD #5 PRESS BOX PROJECT.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested that Council accept the donation of \$48,801.00 from the Bryan Girls Softball Association. He noted that the overhaul of this facility started piece by piece in 2013 and that this final phase would complete the project. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 42, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 42, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 37, 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 this appropriation is directly related to the Bryan Girls Softball Association donation just discussed and would allow for the expenditure of those funds.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 37, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 37, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 43, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council authorize the Mayor to apply for these funds to assist with a sanitary sewer replacement on S. Walnut Street between E. South Street and E. Perry Street. The work will replace old lines that currently run through the backyards of the affected properties. The City requests funding from these sources each year.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 43, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 43, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 44, 2023, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland requested Council authorize the Mayor to apply for these funds to assist with a sanitary sewer replacement on S. Myers Street and S. Williams Street between E. Wilson Street and E. Perry Street. The

work will replace old lines that currently run through the backyards of the affected properties. The project is expected to be between \$500,000 and \$650,000, and the grant would cover 50% of the cost. The City requests funding from these sources each year. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 44, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 44, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland asked Council to approve a building permit for a \$1.5 million warehouse addition to the Power Train Components building at 509 E. Edgerton Street.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve a building permit for Power Train Components' \$1.5 million warehouse project at 509 E. Edgerton Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested that Council approve the recommended date and times for the Community Hollerween Party and Community Trick or Treat, as follows:

Saturday, October 28, 2023
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Hollerween Party
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Community Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat is extended a half an hour longer than in the past, to two hours. Further discussion was held.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the date and times for Hollerween and Trick or Treat as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Pool shared a Power Point presentation as a public service announcement (PSA) regarding consumer grade fireworks in Bryan city limits. The City follows the rules laid out in the Ohio Revised Code which address the allowable types and sizes of devices, the dates of the year fireworks may be used, required safe distances, and minimum age restrictions, among others. Further discussion was held regarding aerial devices (effectively eliminated within the City due to safe distance requirements), law enforcement, and the litter that scatters from discharged fireworks.

Mayor Schlade reminded Council that Friends of Williams County EMS will be presenting at the August 21, 2023 Council meeting in support of the upcoming vote on the levy to fund the Williams County Emergency Medical Service. She also thanked all involved in Flair on the Square, reminded everyone of the upcoming Girl Named Tom

concert at the Amphitheater, and reminded citizens of the special election on State Issue 1 being held tomorrow (August 8th).

Several Council members thanked the Combses for their investment in Art Gallery 317, the Bryan Girls Softball Association for its donation, and Power Train Components for its ongoing development within the community. Council Member Leatherman added that turnout for Flair on the Square was excellent and thanked all involved; Council Member Betts commended the city work force on how good the sidewalks look throughout the City, thanked Engineering and other city departments for ongoing success in getting grants for various projects, and noted how great the new high school football field turf looks; Council President Hupe added a reminder that schools are opening soon – be careful on the roads, and thanked Chief Pool for his important presentation on fireworks.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer