

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

November 6, 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, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Police Chief Greg Ruskey, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, City Attorney Marc Fishel, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained the need to clarify language in the minutes of October 16, 2023 relating to the discontinuation of video recording of City Council and Board of Public Affairs meetings

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting, as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 50, 2023, titled,

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

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that the requested transfers are in keeping with amounts authorized in the original 2023 budget.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 50, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 50, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 51, 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 the need for authorization to spend additional funds received from various grants and an emergency repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 51, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 51, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston requested Council approve a building permit for a \$484,440 addition to the Doc's Deisel Building owned by Max Nihart at 343 Conin Street.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve a building permit for a \$484,440 addition to the Doc's Deisel Building owned by Max Nihart at 343 Conin Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Several Council Members offered thanks to Max Nihart for his continued investment in the community; reminded residents to vote on election day (tomorrow); and recognized Veteran's Day with a thank you to all who have served.

Mayor Schlade recognized City Attorney Fishel's presence at the meeting. He was in town for union negotiations that had occurred over the previous two days. She also recognized Pheba Banerjee of the The Sanctuary for attending as a participant in the Leadership Williams County program through the Bryan Area Chamber of Commerce.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property 5:39 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fishel, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner, Fire Chief Pool and Parks and Recreation Director Dominique

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer