

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

October 16, 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 Captain Jamie Mendez, 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 October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council President Hupe provided a community announcement that beginning November 9th video access to Bryan City Council and Bryan Board of Public Affairs meetings will be discontinued. Audio and video equipment currently in place at both meeting rooms is antiquated and in need of replacement. Cost prohibits the replacement of the video equipment; however, the audio equipment will be replaced and audio recordings of the City Council and Board of Public Affairs meetings will continue to be available to the public. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to accept the recommendation that after November 9, 2023 video portions of the recordings of City Council and Board of Public Affairs meetings will no longer be available, but that audio recordings will continue to be made available to the public. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2023 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 46, 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 to authorize expenditure of a \$2,500 donation recently received from the Bryan Eagles for Police Department equipment and to close out the remaining funds in two probation grants that expired on June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 46, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 46, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 47, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT (MOU) WITH THE BRYAN CITY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BRYAN CITY SCHOOLS.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that the agreement is a renewal of the School Resource Officer agreement the City has had in place with the Bryan Public Schools. Both parties wish to continue the agreement, and going forward, it will automatically renew unless and until either party provides a six-month notice to terminate.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 47, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 47, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 48, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “WIL-SRTS-BRYAN CITY SCHOOLS.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained that this change order reflects a decrease in the final cost of the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project, and he requested Council authorize the change.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 48, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 48, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 49, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT ARPA GRANT FUNDS TO PAY RETENTION BONUSES TO SWORN MEMBERS OF THE BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF BRYAN DISPATCHERS AND

**MEMBERS OF THE BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZE
THE PAYMENT OF SUCH RETENTION BONUSES**

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained that the City applied for this grant over a year ago and that it was awarded in July. The grant will be used to provide bonus pay to safety service employees who continue service with the City of Bryan for the at least the next twelve months.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 49, 2023, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 49, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 51, 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 Captain Mendez explained that, if awarded, these grant funds will be used to reimburse the City for up to 75% of the cost of new bulletproof vests/body armor.

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

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 51, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland asked Council to approve a building permit for a \$40,000 roof replacement and alteration to the Bryan Alliance Church at 220 W. Fountain Grove Drive and a \$25,000 interior renovation for the Isaac Property Company at 1248 South Main Street.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve two building permits for a \$40,000 roof replacement and alteration to the Bryan Alliance Church at 220 W. Fountain Grove Drive and a \$25,000 interior renovation for the Isaac Property Company at 1248 South Main Street. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade reminded City Council of the upcoming 2024 city budget “season” and complimented the new Bryan Area Foundation Building.

City Engineer Wieland shared that Civil Engineering students from Trine University will be designing and submitting plans for several possible projects in the City of Bryan as a part of their degree program.

Street Commissioner Engstrom reminded all of the upcoming dates and times for the big trash drop off at the Street Department.

Limited discussion followed.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer