

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2024

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: Jim Kozumplik, F. John Betts, Richard Hupe, and Stephen Alspaugh. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Planning & 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, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to amend the January 16, 2024 agenda by adding an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2023 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey explained that his ordinance would authorize seven new Flock cameras, in addition to the seven already on hand, to assist with local law enforcement.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 2, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 2, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 62, 2023, titled,

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AS PREPARED BY REVELLE LTD AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF BRYAN PLANNING COMMISSION.

was presented and read by title only. Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston noted that there has been no public input on the new language since the ordinance's first reading.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 62, 2023 on its third reading. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STREET COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS: H2O OHIO RIVERS INITIATIVE: CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANTS THRU THE OHIO EPA, AND OTHERS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AS NECESSARY

was presented and read by title only. Street Commissioner Engstrom explained that if awarded, this grant would be used to purchase a second brine application setup for salting roads at an estimated cost of \$42,000.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 1, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 1, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION THROUGH GOVDEALS

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade offered that the use of GovDeals as an online auction site in 2023 was successful and requested Council approve its use for 2024.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 2, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 2, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM THE STRYKER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE CITY OF BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

was presented and read by title only. Police Chief Ruskey identified the donated equipment as six gas masks and other Emergency Response Team equipment that is all in good working order with an estimated value of \$2,600.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 3, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 3, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BRYAN TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained that the grants identified are generally sought each year, and that they frequently become available with little notice. Authorizing them now will help with submitting timely applications.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 4, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 4, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 5, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS: OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND SMALL CITIES THRU THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHERS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AS NECESSARY

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained these are grants the City applies for most years and has typically had good success in getting awarded.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 5, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 5, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 6, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 ASPHALT PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the current estimate for the 2024 paving program is \$583,000 and will target Autumn Chase, Union Place, and a few other small neighborhoods, but is subject to change based on conditions.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 6, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 6, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 7, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the current estimate for the 2024 Pavement Marking program is \$147,000 and will include Main Street, which has not been restriped in five or six years.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 7, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Resolution No. 7, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 8, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 SOUTH MYERS STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained the current estimate is \$550,000, with a \$275,000 OPWC grant that will cover up to 50% of the project cost.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 8, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 8, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 9, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT OF EAST VILLAGE ADDITION.”

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this project has a current estimate of \$567,000 to fix an area where pavement repairs are no long sufficient due to a poor substructure. The area to be improved includes Palmer Lane and part of Colonial Lane in the East Village subdivision.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 9, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 9, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10, 2024, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$23,550.00 DONATION FROM VARIOUS SPONSORS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER.

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique asked the Council to accept donations made from multiple donors for use toward the 2024 Fountain City Amphitheater summer schedule.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 10, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 10, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 3, 2024, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that the amended appropriation is to authorize expenditure of the donated funds referenced in the previous ordinance.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 3, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 3, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade requested Council reappoint Jackson Short and Bob Carter to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the next six-year term, ending on December 31, 2029.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to reappoint Jackson Short and Bob Carter to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the next six-year term, ending on December 31, 2029. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Wastewater Superintendent Wygant presented the 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report which highlighted operational statistics, significant plant maintenance, and other capital investments.

Mayor Schlade thanked Planning & Zoning Administrator Waterston and City Engineer Wieland for their work in completing the new Planning & Zoning Code; and Wastewater Superintendent Wygant, Assistant Wastewater Plant Superintendent Josh Harper, and staff for work well-done and the annual report. She also updated Council on the local Rite Aid closing and what impact that has on the affiliated liquor store. She reached out to the Department of Commerce/Liquor Control and was told the request-for-proposal process for a potential new holder of the liquor store permit will be fast-tracked.

Members of City Council offered similar appreciation as Mayor Schlade, and added thanks to department heads seeking grant funding, the Stryker Police Department for its donation of equipment, and all the donors who have given in support of the 2024 Fountain City Amphitheater event schedule.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 6:08 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Police Chief Ruskey, Fire Chief Pool, Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston, and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner.

City Attorney Marc Fishel joined the Executive Session via cell phone at 6:19 p.m. and exited at 7:24 p.m.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.
Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer