

## **BRYAN CITY COUNCIL**

**February 19, 2024**

Council President Mary Leatherman opened the meeting with the following members present: F. John Betts, Richard Hupe, and Stephen Alspaugh. Jim Kozumplik was absent. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Planning & Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, Police Captain Jamie Mendez, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Board of Public Affairs Members Jim Salsbury and Richard Long, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to excuse Council Member Kozumplik from the meeting due to illness. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2024 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Ordinance No. 4, 2024, titled,

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL UNION NO. 245 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND THE CITY OF BRYAN STREET DEPARTMENT**

was presented and read by title only. Street Commissioner Engstrom explained this is the first contract for a newly formed bargaining unit. He thanked former Council Member Judy Yahraus, Council Member Betts, and Council President Leatherman for their participation in the negotiations, and requested approval. Further discussion was held.

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

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

Resolution No. 12, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF AN INTER-FUND CASH ADVANCE**

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained this resolution is to clean up the accounting for the Safe Routes to Schools Project by returning funds that were advanced from the Capital Improvements Fund in anticipation of grant funding for the project.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 12, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 12, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Resolution No. 13, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CARRIE SCHLADE AS DELEGATE AND RICHARD LONG AS ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF BRYAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OHIO MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION IN 2024.**

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade explained that this is an annual appointment, and that the Board of Public Affairs would be considering a similar resolution.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 13, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 13, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Resolution No. 14, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$10,329.00 DONATION FROM BRYAN SWIM TEAM ASSOCIATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR POOL HEATERS.**

was presented and read by title only. Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained that last year the heater at Moore Pool failed, and the Bryan Swim Team Association was asked if it would help raise funds for its replacement, which they did. Total replacement cost is approximately \$30,000.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 14, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Resolution No. 14, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Resolution No. 15, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$37,950.00 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. He noted that \$35,000 of this amount is from Bard Manufacturing as a special sponsor of the scheduled *Sidewalk Prophets* concert.

Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 15, 2024, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 15, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

Ordinance No. 5, 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 two resolutions and a small amount related to the clean-up of the Safe Routes to Schools Project Fund.

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

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 5, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Kozumplik absent.

A brief discussion was held on reconsidering appointments to the Negotiations Committee, however in light of Council Member Kozumplik's absence, the topic will be revisited at an upcoming meeting.

City Engineer Wieland presented the 2023 Engineering Department Annual Report which highlighted current staff, completed capital projects, operational statistics and grant awards received. He noted the imminent retirement of Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Weigel. Council Member Betts asked for Mr. Weigel to enter the meeting, which he did. Council Members and Mayor Schlade, in turn, offered many compliments, thanks, and well-wishes.

Parks and Recreation Director Doninique presented the 2023 Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report which highlighted department staff--including Park Board and Tree Commission membership--operational and facility use statistics, and donations for the Fountain City Amphitheater and other park facilities.

Street Commissioner Engstrom presented the 2023 Street Department Annual Report which also highlighted staff, seasonal maintenance activities, street and sewer maintenance, Fountain Grove Cemetery, and the compost facility. Mayor Schlade again thanked the Bryan VFW for its donation of benches to the cemetery.

Mayor Schlade and Council members each thanked department heads for their annual reports, and Bard Manufacturing, the Bryan Swim Team Association, and all other donors for their generous gifts.

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

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President of Council

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Clerk-Treasurer