

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

April 1, 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 Captain Jamie Mendez, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Human Resources Director Tricia Lyons, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Bill Metz again voiced his concerns over the discontinuation of video recordings of the Bryan City Council and Bryan Board of Public Affairs meetings. He disputed claims that equipping and operating video recordings would be too costly and present potential security issues. He disagreed with the Council's interpretation of viewership numbers. He questioned the City's motivation. Further discussion was held.

Ordinance No. 12, 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 the amended appropriation is to authorize the expenditure of insurance proceeds resulting from a recent automobile accident that damaged the City's streetsweeper.

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

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

Human Resources Director Lyons presented an Employment Status Change Request for consideration: a merit-based wage increase for Street Commissioner Engstrom from \$73,529.30 to \$77,689.30 per year, a 5.7 percent increase effective April 1, 2024. The increase was requested, in part, due to wage compression within the Street Department resulting from the recently approved bargain unit contract.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve the merit-based wage increase for Street Commissioner Engstrom, as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade informed Council that an ordinance regarding use of under-speed vehicles in the City of Bryan (“golf cart policy”) is under final review and forthcoming. She stated that she received a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding existing liquor license renewals and suggested there was no reason for the City to object to any of them.

Council Member Betts inquired about the status of a new State liquor store; Mayor Schlade indicated that there had been multiple applicants and that review by the State of Ohio is ongoing.

Council Member Betts also asked that a summary of pros and cons considered when drafting the under-speed vehicle policy be provided to Council in anticipation of considering the ordinance. Council Member Hupe asked to hear the opinion of the Bryan Police Department and other communities that have implemented similar policies, as well.

Street Commissioner Engstrom provided dates for the next Citywide Bulk Trash Dropoff: April 18th and 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and April 20th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation at 5:56 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

City Attorney Marc Fishel joined the meeting via cell phone at 6:31 p.m. He exited the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Betts seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer