

# Bryant City Council REGULAR City Council Meeting

December 13, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room

210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, Arkansas

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## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Prior to the Council Meeting, a prayer was given by Council Member Butch Higginbotham who also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Call to Order** - Mayor Scott at 6:31 pm

**Roll Call** – Council Members Present: RJ Hawk, Star Henson, Butch Higginbotham, Jack Moseley, and Rhonda Sanders. City Clerk Mark Smith was also present. Quorum Present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the November 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 2:45]  
Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Hawk.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

### PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[YT 3:30]

**Parks, Heritage and Tourism Grant** – Amanda Fleming, Grant Coordinator  
Ms. Fleming announced that awarding of a grant of \$166,437.80 from the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grants Advisory Committee to the City of Bryant to assist in the construction of inclusive play equipment and a rain garden at Mills Park. Parks Director, Chris Treat said he was very grateful for Ms. Fleming managing this project in the early months of her employment.

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Add an Item to the Agenda by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Hawk. [YT 6:35]  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.  
*Clerk Note: This item is number 6A in these Minutes.*

**Finance** – presented by Joy Black, Director of Finance

- 2. November Finance Report** [YT 8:05]  
Approval of the regular monthly financial report, period ending November 30, 2022.  
See attachments.  
*Clerk Note: The Recap Memo to the Department Heads that Director Black quoted from is included with the Meeting File in the Clerk's Office.*  
Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Henson.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

**3. Budget Adjustments**

[YT 13:20]

Resolution to amend the 2022 City Budget. See attachment.  
Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Henson.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

**RESOLUTION 2022-35**

**4. 2023 Proposed Budget Book**

[YT 14:00]

Resolution to accept the City Budget for 2023. See attachment.  
Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Sanders.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

**RESOLUTION 2022-36**

**Community Development – presented by Truett Smith, City Planner & Community Development Dir**

**5. Resolution for Property Clean Up – 840-05044-000/Public Hearing**

[YT 16:00]

Resolution approving expenses associated with property clean up under Ordinance No. 2012-30. See attachment.  
The required Public Hearing Opened at 6:45 PM.  
There were no public comments.  
Public Hearing Closed at 6:46 PM.  
Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Henson.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

**RESOLUTION 2022-37**

**6. Contingent on Planning Commission Recommendation – Update to Bryant Sign Code**

An Ordinance Amending the Sign Code Ordinance 2012-29 of the City of Bryant. [YT 18:30]  
Brief Discussion.  
This item was tabled.

**6A. Ordinance to Amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance**

[YT 21:30]

An Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bryant to Rezone Certain Property from R-E to R-2 at 2008 Johnswood. See attachments.  
Director Smith explained that this property was zoned R-E years ago and does not provide enough width to build a house. The Ordinance comes recommended by the Planning Commission.  
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Sanders.  
Voice vote. Motion Passed 5-3.  
Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.  
Motion to adopt by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Hawk.  
Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Higginbotham, Moseley, Sanders. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

**ORDINANCE 2022-33**

**Engineering/Construction – presented by Ted Taylor, City Engineer**

**7. Ordinance to Waive Competitive Bidding – Cambridge Place Drainage Improvements**

See attachments. [YT 25:00]

Engineer Taylor explained that the storm water collection system in this area is vastly undersized which results in flooding. The new development has planned for a large retention basin which along with the proposed infrastructure upgrade will greatly reduce flooding. This is phase one. See attachments.

Discussion followed.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.

Voice vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Henson. Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Higginbotham, Moseley, Sanders. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Moseley, Second by Council Member Sanders.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Higginbotham, Moseley, Sanders. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

#### **ORDINANCE 2022-34**

### **Parks and Recreation – presented by Chris Treat, Director of Parks**

#### **8. Boys and Girls Club Ordinance Authorizing a Contract for Additional Services**

See attached.

[YT 31:10]

Director Treat thanked Susanne Passmore, CEO of the Bryant Boys and Girls Club, and her team for all their efforts.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Sanders.

Voice vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Higginbotham, Moseley, Sanders. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Higginbotham, Moseley, Sanders. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

#### **ORDINANCE 2022-35**

#### **9. Boys and Girls Club Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Program Agreement**

See attached.

[YT 33:50]

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanders, Second by Council Henson.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-38**

#### **10. Bryant Historical Society Agreement with Bryant Parks and Recreation Department**

Director Treat explained that Parks will serve as the point of contact for the Bryant Historical Society as they begin the new Historical Museum located in the old Fire Station next to City Hall. See attached.

Short Discussion.

Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Sanders.

## 11. Senior Activity Center Contract and Resolution

See attached.

[YT 37:15]

Director Treat spoke of how important these programs are to Bryant seniors.

Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Sanders.

Council Member Higginbotham recused from voting. Mayor Scott voted yes.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

### **RESOLUTION 2022-39**

## 12. Senior Center Ordinance

See attached Agreement and Ordinance

[YT 39:00]

Motion to Amend the Contract by Council Member Higginbotham to remove the words "Aquatic Center" and leaving the words "Bishop Park" on page two. Second by Council Member Hawk.

Council Member Higginbotham recused from voting. Mayor Scott voted yes.

Voice Vote. Amendment Adopted 5-3.

Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Sanders.

Council Member Higginbotham recused from voting. Mayor Scott voted yes.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Moseley.

Council Member Higginbotham recused from voting. Mayor Scott voted yes.

Voice vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Sanders, Second by Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Moseley, Sanders. The Mayor voted YES. Council Member Higginbotham recused. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Henson, Second by Council Member Hawk.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Moseley, Sanders. The Mayor voted YES. Council Member Higginbotham recused. ABSENT: Meyer, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 5-3.

### **ORDINANCE 2022-36**

## 13. Naming of Courts at Mills Park

[YT 42:05]

Resolution to Name Tennis Courts at Wilbur D. Mills Park the Joyce Boswell Courts.

Director Treat said the City wants to honor Mrs. Boswell for her years of service by naming the Courts at Mills Park after her.

Motion to Approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Hawk.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 5-3.

### **RESOLUTION 2022-40**

## Council Comments

[YT 43:00]

Council Member Sanders asked for better lighting for Bishop Park and to have the signs on Interstate 30 repaired.

Council Member Hawk said that his four years on the Council have been special and he thanked the other Council Members and said his service has been an honor.

Council Member Higginbotham said he was grateful, he has enjoyed the friendships and he will be asking for the reinstatement of the A&P Tax.

Council Member Jack Moseley said he would like to spear-head the A&P Tax reinstatement.

**Mayor Comments**

[YT 51:55]

Coffee with the Mayor will be on January 11, 2023 at a place to be announced.  
Commonwealth Drive at Highway 5 will be closed by ARDOT for a few days for improvements.  
Swearing-In for current and new Council Members will be January 1, 2023 at 2 PM in the City Hall Courtroom.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Hawk.

Adjourned time: 7:24 PM.