

# Bryant City Council City Council Meeting August 29, 2023 - 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 Roedel who also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call** – Council Members Present: Jason Brown, Star Henson, Jon Martin, Jack Moseley, Jordan O’Roark, Wade Permenter, and Rob Roedel. Council Member absent: Lisa Meyer. Quorum Present.

City Clerk Mark Smith and City Attorney Ashley Clancy were also present.

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

*Clerk Note: Due to changes during the meeting, the Agenda numbers and the Minute numbers do not match.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the July 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 2:40]  
Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second - Council Member Brown.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1.

### PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2. Parks Master Plan Update** – McClelland Engineering [YT 3:10]  
Ruxin Tao, Project Designer with McClelland Engineering presented concept plans for 14 current and future parks in Bryant.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Bledsoe- Flooding in Crossing Loop neighborhood [YT 18:40]  
Marsha Guffey- Supports investments for Parks [YT 22:20]

### OLD BUSINESS

**Finance** – Joy Black, Director

- 3. Annual Millage Rate Decision** – Ordinance third reading to adopt a millage rates for 2024 personal property.
- 3A.** Third reading of Ordinance to adopt the Millage rate for personal property for 2024 [YT 24:15]  
*A Ordinance Levying A Tax On All Personal Property In The City Of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, For The Purposes As Provided by Law.*  
See attached.  
Council Member O’Roark made a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by Title Only- Second by Council Member Roedel.  
Voice Vote: Motion Passed 7-1.  
Title read by Mayor.

Council Member Martin made a Motion to Amend the Ordinance from 3.0 Mills to 3.8 Mills, Second by Council Member O’Roark.

Roll Call vote requested by Council Member Roedel.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Roedel. NO: Brown, Henson, Permenter. Meyer- Absent. Mayor votes YEA. Motion Passed 5-4.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only - Council Member O’Roark, Second - Council Member Martin.

Voice Vote: Motion Passed 7-1.

Amended Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Motion to adopt as Amended - Council Member Martin, Second - Council Member O’Roark.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Roedel. NO: Brown, Henson, Permenter.

Meyer- Absent. Mayor votes YEA. Motion Passed 5-4.

**ORDINANCE 2023-16**

**3B.Third reading of Ordinance to adopt Millage rate for real property for 2024** [YT 29:05]

*A Ordinance Levying A Tax On All Real Property In The City Of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, For The Purposes As Provided by Law.*

See attached.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only - Council Member Moseley, Second - Council Member Brown.

Mayor title

Council Member Martin made a Motion to Amend the Ordinance from 3.0 Mills to 3.8 Mills. Second by Council Member O’Roark.

Mayor asked for Roll Call.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Martin, Moseley, O’Roark. NO: Brown, Henson, Permenter, Roedel.

Meyer- Absent. Motion Failed 5-3.

Motion to adopt as originally presented - Council Member Brown, Second - Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel. Motion Passed 7-1. Meyer- Absent. Motion Passed as originally presented 7-1.

**ORDINANCE 2023-17**

**4. A&P Decision for Special Election November 14, 2023** - Ordinance to allow for a special election for an A&P Tax in Bryant was removed from the Agenda.

**5. Proposed Alternative A&P Ordinance** - Bond Issuance Option. See attached. [YT 33:30]

Original A&P proposal with \$10 Million Bond presented by Bond Council, Ryan Bowman.

Discussion followed.

Motion to Suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only - Council Member Roedel, Second - Council Member Martin.

Ryan Bowman asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Absent: Meyer. Motion Passed 7-1.

Title read by Ryan Bowman.

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Absent: Meyer. Motion Passed 7-1.

**ORDINANCE 2023-18**

**6. A Resolution referring Ordinance 2023-18 to the Voters.** [YT 33:30]

Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second - Council Member Martin.

Ryan Bowman asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Absent: Meyer. Motion Passed 7-1.

☐ **RESOLUTION 2023-21**

**7. An Ordinance calling a Special Election in the City of Bryant**

[YT 44:15]

Bond Council, Ryan Bowman explained that an amendment was added after the Agenda Deadline and he handed out a revised copy that included Section 7.

Motion to Suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only - Council Member Brown, Second - Council Member Henson.

Ryan Bowman asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Absent: Meyer. Motion Passed 7-1.

Title read by Ryan Bowman.

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Brown, Second by Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Absent: Meyer. Motion Passed 7-1.

☐ **ORDINANCE 2023-19**

Council Member Roedel made a Motion to Add an Item to the Agenda, Second by Council Member Brown. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1. [YT 48:00]

A Budget Adjustment for \$17,500 for hardware and software for the Bryant Fire Department that is needed for the consolidation of the 911 Dispatch Centers.

This change will be added to Item 7- Budget Adjustments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**8. July 2023 Ending Financial Report**

[YT 49:25]

Approval and acceptance of the July ending financial report. See attached.

Motion to approve - Council Member Henson, Second - Council Member Martin.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1.

**9. Budget Adjustments - Resolution to Amend City Budget**

[YT 50:10]

A Resolution to Approve as Amended the city budget for ending December 31, 2023.

See attached.

Motion to Approve as Amended - Council Member Martin, Second - Council Member Moseley.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1.

☐ **RESOLUTION 2023-22**

**City Attorney**

**10. Saline County Detention Center Operational Cost Sharing Agreement**

[YT 50:10]

See attached.

The Mayor explained that this is the same agreement with the Saline County Detention Center as last year but with a \$3,522 increase.

Motion to Approve as Amended - Council Member Permenter, Second - Council Member Moseley.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1.

**Public Works** – presented by Tim Fournier, Director

**11. CW Rate Increase Pass-Through**

[YT 51:40]

Director Fournier indicated he was delaying this item until the Rate Study is completed.

**12. System Infrastructure Fee**

[YT 53:50]

AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE FEE AS A MONTHLY DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE TO BE PAID BY THE WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS.

See attached.

Director Fournier explained that a \$15.00 fee will be added to each customer's bill to support infrastructure upgrades.

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

Voice Vote: Motion Passed 7-1.

Title read by the Mayor.

Council Member Roedel asked if this action was amending an Ordinance.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this Proposed Ordinance was amending Ordinance 2006-02 and that the title needed to reflect that language.

Motion by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Henson to Amend.

Voice Vote: Motion Passed 7-1.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only as Amended - Council Member Martin, Second - Council Member Henson.

Amended Title read by the Mayor: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2006-02 AND RE-ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE FEE AS A MONTHLY DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE TO BE PAID BY THE WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS.

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Permenter.

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Absent: Meyer. Motion Passed 7-1.

**ORDINANCE 2023-20**

**Mayor Comments**

[YT 1:00:15]

Monday (Labor Day) is a Holiday and City Hall will be closed.

Next Coffee with the Mayor is Saturday, September 9 at Fire Station on Roya Lane.

Mayor read the Civitan Services Citation and Proclamation.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Moseley, second by Council Member Brown.

Adjourned time: 7:34 PM