

Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room 210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, Arkansas

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/bryantarkansas>

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A prayer was voiced by Council Member Jordan O’Roark and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

Call to Order- Mayor Treat at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call –

Present: Walter Burgess, Butch Higginbotham, Jon Martin, Lisa Meyer, Jordan O’Roark, Wade Permenter, and Rob Roedel.

Absent: Jack Moseley. *Clerk Note: Council Member Moseley arrived at 6:40.*

Quorum Present.

City Clerk Mark Smith and Ashley Clancy was also present.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 25, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes [YT 2:00]

Motion to approve - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Meyer.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. Field of the Year Presentation - Presented to Bryant Parks and [YT 3:10]

Salt County Lacrosse.

3. Appointment of Municipal Funding Committee Members - Council Members: [YT 4:30]

Lisa Meyer - Ward 1, Jon Martin - Ward 2, Butch Higginbotham - Ward 3, and Jack Mosley - Ward 4. Residents: Scott Staples, Denecia Ramsey, Jim Erwin, and Phillip Partain.

Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Permenter.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

4. 2025 Budget Book Submission to Government Finance Officers Association – [YT 5:25]

Presented by Finance Director, Joy Black.

5. Update on the Bryant Arts and Music venue campaign - Presented by Shane Knight, [YT 8:25]

President and CEO of Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Knight explained that the BAM campaign is running well and thanked Planning and Development Director Ted Taylor and Public Works Director Tim Fournier for their help.

Additionally, a new BAM podcast has been recorded and is available online.

Public Comments

Ken Burnett asked for additional consideration for damage to his yard from city sewer work. [YT 12:00]

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

- 6. Finance Report - Month ending February 28, 2025.** Approval and acceptance of [YT 14:30]
the Finance Report for the month ending February 28, 2025.
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Burgess.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
- 7. Financial Records to be published per ACA 14-59-116 - for the year ending [YT 15:05]
December 31, 2024, unaudited.** [YT 15:05]
Approval and acceptance of the unaudited financial records to be published in the paper on or
before April 1 per state ACA 14-59-116.
Motion to approve - Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Martin.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
- 8. Ordinance 2025-3 - An ordinance authorizing the issuance of a promissory note [YT 16:05]
to provide short-term financing under amendment no. 78 to the Arkansas constitution;
prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; and declaring an emergency.** [YT 16:05]
Motion to suspend the rules and read first, second and third reading by title only - Council
Member Roedel, Second by Council Member O’Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Ordinance read by the Mayor.
Motion to adopt by Council Member O’Roark, second by Council Member Moseley.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter,
Roedel.
Motion Passed 8-0.
Motion to adopt Emergency Clause - Council Member Martin, Second - Council Member
O’Roark.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter,
Roedel.
Motion Passed 8-0.
- 9. Resolution 2025-12 - A resolution updating the fleet vehicles for the Bryant [YT 19:50]
Police Department, Bryant, AR.** [YT 19:50]
Director Black answered Council Member questions.
Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Moseley.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Human Resources- Presented by Charlotte Rue, Director

- 10. Resolution 2025-13 - A resolution regarding a new position description and [YT 21:10]
compensation plan for Senior Animal Control Officer.** [YT 21:10]
Director Rue answered Council member questions.
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

11. Resolution 2025-14 - A resolution regarding a new position description and compensation plan for Animal Care Technician. [YT 24:30]

Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Burgess.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning & Development – Presented by Ted Taylor, Planning and Development Director

Motion by Council Member Higginbotham second by Council Member Permenter to move the Bryant School District land swap item to Resolution 2025-15. [YT 31:30]

Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Burgess.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

12. Resolution 2025-15 – A resolution regarding a Land Swap with Bryant School District. [YT 26:50]

The City's water system is currently split into two pressure zones. The North Plane and the South Plane. These zones differ in Hydrostatic Water Pressure of approximately 67 feet (29 psig). This poses a problem in balancing and the availability of providing water to the area south of the Railroad Tracks. The City is currently working on an engineering design to add a taller water tower to the South Plane zone to remove the differentiation in the water pressures. This will require building a new tower in the area of the existing tower near the High School on Sullivan Drive. The School currently owns 1.5 acres that would be adequate for the new tank. The City is willing to swap 3 acres from the City owned property along the Bryant Parkway across from the Airport, and additional considerations, for this site. The transfer of property is contingent on acceptance by the Bryant School Board, which meets March 18th at 6:00 pm. Director Taylor added that the Bryant School Board had met minutes ago and agreed to the land swap. Council Member questions were answered by Director Taylor.
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member O'Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Mayor Comments

Congratulations to the Bryant High School 6A State Basketball Champs.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Burgess at 7:15 pm.