

Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A prayer was voiced by Council Member Butch Higginbotham 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, Jack Moseley, Jordan O’Roark, Wade Permenter.

Absent: Rob Roedel.

Quorum Present.

City Clerk Mark Smith and Ashley Clancy was also present.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of March 18, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes [YT 3:00]

Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. American Society of Landscape Architects Award For Bryant Parks Master Plan [YT 3:30]

Presented to Bryant Parks Director Keith Cox by Ruxin Tao and Dan Beranek with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.

3. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Grant - Tricia Power, [YT 5:50]

Animal Control Director announced that Bryant Animal Control has applied for a \$10,000 grant with ASPCA.

Public Comments [YT 8:45]

Mark Smith announced the time and dates for the Special Election for the BAM (Bryant Arts and Music venue) on May 13 and asked for voters to support the effort.

Executive Session

Motion by Council Member O’Roark, second by Council Member Moseley for the Council to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, at 6:39 pm. [YT 11:55]

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:28 pm and the Mayor announced that no action was taken. [YT 58:50]

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

- 4. Finance Report - Month ending March 31, 2025** [YT 59:05]
Approval and acceptance of the Finance Report for the month ending March 31, 2025.
Motion to approve - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
- 5. Resolution 2025-16 - A resolution providing for the adoption of an amended budget** [YT 59:30]
for the City of Bryant for the 12 month period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.
Motion to approve - Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member O’Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
- 6. Resolution 2025-17 - A resolution providing for the adoption of an amended budget** [YT 59:45]
for the City of Bryant for the twelve month period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.
Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Burgess.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Fire Department – Presented by Chief Futch

- 7. Auction Items - Items to be placed online with Gov Deals and be sold** [YT 1:00:45]
Requesting Council's permission to auction old items on Gov Deals.
Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Moseley.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Human Resources – Presented by Charlotte Rue, Director

- 8. Resolution 2025-18 - A resolution regarding a new position description and** [YT 1:02:05]
compensation plan for part-time Public Works Engineer.
Director Rue stated that the listing would be updated to include that the position is for 30 hours a week and comes with benefits.
Motion to approve - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Martin.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning & Development – Presented by Rebecca Kidder, Grants Coordinator and Colton Leonard, Assistant Director of Planning

- 9. Resolution 2025-19** - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to [YT 1:06:50] utilize federal-aid transportation alternatives program or recreational trails program funds. Coordinator Kidder explained that Bryant has previously applied for this 80/20 grant that would place 32 outdoor lights in the parking lots at Bishop Park. Arkansas Electric estimates this project cost at \$297,580 and the City's portion would be an estimated \$59,516. Motion to approve - Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member O'Roark. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

- 10. Sidewalk Waiver** – at 505, 509, and 513 Boswell Road. [YT 1:08:20]
A waiver is requested on the requirement to build a sidewalk in front of these three properties along Boswell Road.
Assistant Director Leonard explained that there is not enough room for the sidewalk due to utility installation and there is sidewalk on the other side of the road.
Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member O'Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Public Works- Presented by Tim Fournier, Director

- 11. Water tank property sale on Highway 5 to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) for the Highway 5 widening project.** [YT 1:10:20]
Director Fournier explained that losing the property in question will not affect the operation of the Water Tank. ARDOT is offering \$90,041.00 which will be applied to purchase of land on Reynolds Road for the new Water Tank.
Motion to approve - Council Member Moseley, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Assistant Police Chief Plouch announced that the City will be receiving about \$100,000 back as a result of the Police body camera grant.

Mayor Comments

The Mayor thanked the Community Engagement Committee and Jordan Reynolds for their work.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Burgess, Second by Council Member Meyer at 7:44 pm.