

Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes

June 24, 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 led by Council Member Roedel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

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

Roll Call –

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

Absent: Walter Burgess

Quorum Present.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 27, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes [YT 4:50]

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. State of the Water Industry [YT 5:30]

Tim Fournier, Public Works Director gave a Water Industry Overview that included a power point presentation.

3. Appointment of Community Engagement Committee Member, Ward 2 - Carolyn Geffken

Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member O’Roark. [YT 24:55]

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Council Member Roedel made a Motion to add a Resolution to the Agenda as Item 16, [YT 25:30]

Second by Council Member Meyer.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

No Public Comments

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

4. Finance Report - Month ending May 31, 2025 [YT 27:10]

Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending May 31, 2025.

Director Black pointed out Sales Tax is still tracking close to forecast.

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

5. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report [YT 29:30]

Approval and acceptance of the DRAFT of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member O’Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Council

6. Planning Discussion – Presented by Ted Taylor, Director [YT 32:00]

Item requested by Council Member Higginbotham to discuss reviewing permits, notifications, solar arrays, etc.

A discussion was held regarding plans for a solar array for the Bryant School District and what changes in City code might be needed going forward. Conditional Use Permits were also discussed and any changes needed. Using the City’s facebook page and webpage for notification was also discussed. The Planning Department is working on the changes and will bring those changes back to Council.

Information Technology – Presented by Philip Plouch – IT Support Technician

7. Update on Network Switches [YT 54:50]

The Council was updated on the network switch replacement which is progressing.

Planning and Development – Presented by Ted Taylor, Director

8. Ordinance 2025-4 - An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning [YT 56:45]

Ordinance of the City of Bryant to Rezone Certain Property from R-E to C-2.

R-E to C-2 rezoning for property adjacent to Springhill Storage which is located off of Springhill Rd and Hwy 5. The rezoning Application has been approved by Planning Commission and is recommended to City Council for Approval.

Motion to suspend the rules and read first, second and third reading by title only - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Martin.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Ordinance read by the Mayor.

Motion to adopt by Council Member O’Roark, second by Council Member Meyer.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion to add an Emergency Clause by Council Member Roedel, Second - Council Member Higginbotham.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause - Council Member Roedel, Second - Council Member O’Roark.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Motion Passed 7-0.

9. Sidewalk Waiver - Elm Estates Subdivision - 203 SW 4th Street [YT 1:01:10]

A waiver is requested by GarNat Engineering for the requirement to build sidewalks along the street frontage for this subdivision development.

Director Taylor explained that the installation of sidewalks in this area will hamper drainage. There are sidewalks on the other side of the street. The Planning Commission recommends the waiver.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

10. Resolution 2025-22 - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to apply for and participate in the Arkansas Community Assistance grant program. [YT 1:02:05]

Grant Coordinator Rebecca Kidder explained that this grant would be used for new field lights at the Alcoa Park for lacrosse and softball fields. It is a \$530,000 project and with 80/20 grant, Bryant's portion would be \$106,000.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

11. Resolution 2025-23 - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to apply for and participate in the Arkansas Community Assistance grant program. [YT 1:03:15]

This grant would be used for exterior lights at Bishop Park. Bryant's match of the 80/20 grant would cost \$44,800.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

12. Resolution 2025-24 - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to utilize federal-aid transportation program funds. [YT 1:04:15]

This grant would be utilized for the Bryant Parkway Trail Connector from Raymar Road, across Interstate 30 to Highway 5. It is a \$2.2 million project and with the 80/20 match- Bryant's match would be \$440,000.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

13. Resolution 2025-25 - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to utilize federal-aid transportation program funds. [YT 1:05:15]

The Hildale-Midland Connector Trail would benefit from this 80/20 grant from this Surface Transportation Block Grant and Carbon Reduction Program which would provide \$44,800 in funding.

Motion to approve - Council Member O'Roark, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

14. Resolution 2025-26 - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to apply and participate in the Department of Justice's Cops Hiring program grant. [YT 1:06:00]

This grant would provide \$440,418 over a three year period to hire four additional police officers for three years.

Motion to approve - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

15. Comprehensive Growth Plan RFQ [YT 1:07:30]

Director Taylor explained that Bryant last did a Comprehensive Growth Plan in 2012.

Following a Request for Quote (RFQ) and several proposals that were received, the Planning Commission choose Crafton Tull for the new Comprehensive Growth Plan. He introduced Dave Roberts and his team who walked the Council through their experiences and the importance of community engagement.

Motion to approve the city to enter contract negotiations with Crafton Tull - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member O'Roark.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

16. Resolution 2025-27- A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas to purchase real property located at 411 Roya Lane, Bryant, Arkansas for use by the Training Division of the Bryant Police Department, and for other purposes. [YT 1:25:40]

This request was approved in the May, 2025 Council Meeting but the bank requested a separate Resolution.

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

Council Comments

Council Meyer reported that the Funding Committee is working hard and making progress.
Council Member O'Roark appreciates the Bryant Police keeping the community safe.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer at 7:59 pm.