

Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025 - 6:30 PM B

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

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The City Clerk noted the Mayor's absence and indicated that the Mayor had designated Public Works Director, Ted Taylor to Chair the meeting. This requires a vote of the Council. However, the Council chose Butch Higginbotham to Chair the meeting.

MOTION to appoint Butch Higginbotham to Chair this evening's meeting by Council Member Burgess, Second by Council Member Meyer.

City Attorney Clancy noted the Chair has to be designated by the Mayor or the City Clerk can Chair.

Roll Call Vote. NO: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter. [YT 6:05]
ABSENT: Roedel.
Motion Defeated 7-1.

MOTION to appoint Ted Taylor to Chair this evening's meeting by Council Member O'Roark, Second by Council Member Meyer.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter. [YT 8:15]
ABSENT: Roedel.
Motion Passed 7-1.

An Invocation was led by Council Member Meyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ted Taylor

Call to Order- Ted Taylor at 6:36 pm.

Roll Call –

Present: Walter Burgess, Butch Higginbotham, Jon Martin, Lisa Meyer, Jack Moseley, Jordan O'Roark and Wade Permenter.

Absent: Rob Roedel.

Quorum Present.

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

Clerk Note: Due to changes, Agenda numbers do not match Item numbers.

Presentations and Announcements

1. Director Tricia Power noted that the first week of November is Animal Shelter week. [YT 10:35]

2. Shane Knight President & CEO, presented a quarterly report [YT 11:25]

3. David Allen with the City's new banking partner, Arvest Bank made a presentation. [YT 22:00]

Public Comments

Bob Joiner spoke about Water and Waste Water rates and service fees.

Old Business

Council

5. Ordinance 2025-13 – Second reading

[YT 39:00]

An ordinance restricting right-of-way canvassers and solicitors to certain Bryant streets and roadways, located within the City of Bryant, because canvassers and solicitors pose a danger to themselves and the public at large by intervening with the safe and normal flow of traffic; and for other purposes.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 2nd reading by title only - Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Permenter.

Ordinance title read by Ted Taylor.

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

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

6. Finance Report - Month ending July 31, 2025

[YT 41:00]

Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending September 30, 2025.

Motion to accept - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member O'Roark.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

7. Resolution 2025-42 - A resolution providing for the adoption of an amended Budget for the City of Bryant for the twelve month period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

[YT 41:50]

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

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

8. Public Hearing for Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

[YT 43:50]

Attorney Ryan Bowman opened the Public Meeting at 7:12 PM.

There were no Public Comments.

Public Meeting was closed at 7:12 PM.

9. Ordinance 2025-14 - An ordinance authorizing the construction of betterments and improvements to the sewer facilities of the City of Bryant, Arkansas; authorizing the issuance of a water and sewer revenue bond for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the cost of construction; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bond; and prescribing other matters thereto.

[YT 45:15]

Attorney Bowman explained the Bond.

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

Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, and Permenter.

ABSENT: Roedel.

Motion Passed 7-1.

Ordinance title read by Attorney Bowman.

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

Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, and Permenter.

ABSENT: Roedel.

Motion Passed 7-1.

Motion to adopt Emergency Clause by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Permenter.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, and Permenter.

ABSENT: Roedel.

Motion Passed 7-1.

10. Resolution 2025-43 - A resolution updating the fleet vehicles for the Bryant Police Department, Bryant, AR.

[YT 50:10]

Chief Minden answered questions from Council.

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

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Animal Control

11. Ordinance 2025-15 - An ordinance repealing Ordinance 2015-45; setting the fee schedule for the department of Animal Control in the City of Bryant. (First Reading)

[YT 53:50]

Title read by Ted Taylor.

Director Control Director explained the Ordinance.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st reading by title only by Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Permenter.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

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

~~Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, and Permenter.~~

~~ABSENT: Roedel.~~

~~Motion Passed 7-1.~~

Clerk Note: Since this was a First Reading, this vote did not count. This Ordinance will come back on the next Council Agenda.

City Attorney- Presented by Ashley Clancy

12. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-11 and Ordinance 2025-12

[YT 1:02:55]

Attorney Ryan Bowman opened the Public Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Bob Joiner spoke about CAW price increases.

Public Meeting was closed at 7:34 PM.

13. Ordinance 2025-11 – Second Reading

[YT 1:08:50]

An ordinance fixing rates for services rendered by the water facilities of the water and sewer system of the City of Bryant, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters thereto.

Moriah Winkler discussed the infrastructure fee and why it is important to have it.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion to Table by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Burgess.

Voice vote. Motion Passed.

14. Ordinance 2025-12 – Second Reading

[YT 1: 24:20]

An ordinance fixing rates for services rendered by the sewer facilities of the water and sewer system of the City of Bryant, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters thereto.

Motion to Table by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Burgess.

Voice vote. Motion Passed.

Discussion followed.

Motion to schedule a workshop by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Burgess.

Voice vote. Motion Passed.

15. Resolution 2025-44 - A resolution adopting an artificial intelligence policy for the City of Bryant in compliance with act 848 of 2025; and for other purposes.

[YT 1:26:15]

Attorney Clancy explained the Resolution and discussion followed.

Motion to approve - Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member O’Roark.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Parks and Recreation - Presented by Keith Cox, Director

16. Request to Submit Letter of Intent to Bid on RFP to Provide Aging Services.

[YT 1:29:05]

Currently CareLink is managing daily operations for the Bryant Senior Adult Center and has issued an RFP to contract those services out. The Parks Department is requesting support to submit a letter of intent to bid on these services.

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

Council Member Burgess also asked for liabilities to be considered.

Council Member Higginbotham abstained from voting due to being on the Board of Directors for the Senior Center.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Planning and Development - Presented by Colton Leonard, Interim Director

17. Sidewalk Waiver - Therapeds at 2208 N Reynolds Road

[YT 1:31:00]

A waiver is requested by Hope Consulting and Madeline Dunlap for the requirement to build a sidewalk along the Dell Drive street frontage. The Planning Commission and DRC did not give a recommendation.

Lengthy Discussion followed.

Mrs. Madeline Dunlap spoke in favor of the waiver.

Motion to accept the Sidewalk Waiver- Council Member Jon Martin, Second by Jordan O’Roark.

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

NO: Burgess, Meyer.

ABSENT: Roedel.

Motion Passed 5-3.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Motion to request the Planning and Development Commission to create a fee structure detail for Half Street, Sidewalk, Storm Water, and Multiuse Trail waivers by Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member O’Roark.

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Police Department - Presented by Chief Minden

18. AlliConnect Contract - AlliConnect is a software platform for first responder mental health that the PD has been utilizing for the past year in conjunction with the Officer Wellness Unit. Approval for the Mayor to enter into a five-year contract with AlliConnect. [YT 1:54:20]

Chief Minden explained the plan and how it is used.

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

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Council Comments

Council Member Higginbotham asked Fire Chief Futch for clarification on the Bryant burn policy.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member O’Roark, second by Council Member Burgess at 7:53 pm.