

Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes

September 30, 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 Meyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

Call to Order- Mayor Treat at 6:34 pm.

Roll Call –

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

Quorum Present.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of August 19, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

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

[YT 4:40]

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. Fire Chief Futch reported that the city has been awarded a Fire Fighter Grant in the amount of \$363,000 for replacement Air Packs.

[YT 5:40]

Public Comments

Chamber CEO Shane Knight gave a quarterly update on the Bryant Chamber of Commerce.

[YT 6:05]

Council Member Meyer made a Motion to Suspend the Rules and add an item to the Agenda to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, Second by Council Member Roedel. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

[YT 14:10]

Executive Session 6:44 PM to 7:17 PM.

There was no report.

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

3. Finance Report - Month ending July 31, 2025

[YT 48:00]

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

Motion to accept - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

4. **Resolution 2025-36** - 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 51:00]
Motion to adopt - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

5. **Resolution 2025-37 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas to enter into a contract with Forvis Mazars for auditing and tax services; and for other purposes.** [YT 52:45]
Motion to accept - Council Moseley, Second by Council Member Burgess.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Animal Control- Director Tricia Power

6. **Resolution 2025-38 - A resolution authorizing the City of Bryant to sell and/or dispose of surplus equipment owned by the City of Bryant.** [YT 53:45]
Two old trucks that have been replaced and are now surplus.
Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member O’Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.

City Attorney- Ashley Clancy

7. Motion by Council Member Martin to Suspend the Rules and read 1st reading by Title Only. Second by Council Member Meyer. [YT 55:00]
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
Title read by the Mayor.
Ordinance 2025-11 - 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 relating thereto.
Bob Joiner estimated that 20-25% of water users are using the minimum of 2000 gallons a month or less. The average user in Bryant is using 4500 gallons or less which he considers efficient and far less than the national average of 9-10,000 gallons.

8. Motion by Council Member Moseley to Suspend the Rules and read 1st reading by Title Only. Second by Council Member Meyer. [YT 1:00:45]
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
Title read by the Mayor.
Ordinance 2025-12 - 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 relating thereto.

City Government- Mayor Treat

9. **Municipal Funding Committee Recommendation** [YT 1:02:00]
Motion to Accept Municipal Funding Committee’s information- Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member O’Roark.
Voice Vote.

Council

- 10. Ordinance 2025-13 - 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.** [YT 1:02:45]

Requested by Council Member Meyer who considers solicitors on street corners and intersections to be a public safety issue because it distracts the driver. Council Member Roedel added that he would prefer the ordinance cover all intersections. Council Permenter had questions about soliciting door to door.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Amendments will be added for the 2nd reading.

Title read by Mayor.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st reading by title only - Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Higginbotham.

Voice Vote.

Human Resources- Charlotte Rue, Director

- 11. Resolution 2025-39 - A resolution adopting policy and procedures for obtaining Commercial Drivers License through the City of Bryant Public Works Department and adding policy and procedures to the City of Bryant Employee Handbook.** [YT 1:11:20]

If an employee leaves the City after obtaining a Commercial Driver's License, the employee must reimburse the City for all CDL costs.

Motion to accept - Council Roedel, Second by Council Member Martin.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning and Development- presented by Ted Taylor, Director

- 12. Resolution 2025-40 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas to enter into a contract with Crafton Tull for the Comprehensive Growth Plan update; and for other purposes.** [YT 1:13:00]

The cost will be covered by the General Fund and will stretch over at least two years.

Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Permenter.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

- 13. Request for a Variance on Flood Plain Ordinance - Tarver Property on Midland Road** [YT 1:14:30]

Motion to allow an appeal- Council Member O'Roark, second by Council Member Permenter. Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Motion to require the driveway to be three feet above the flood plain and a waiver of liability- Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

14. Resolution 2025-41 - A resolution allowing for public bidding for sale of equipment, vehicles and other items as named in this resolution on GovDeals.

[YT 1:20:00]

The vehicles listed are fully depreciated and are no longer being used.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

15. Right of Way Acquisition - For ARDOT Hwy 5 Widening Project

[YT 1:20:30]

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Council Comments

Council Member Martin- Fall Fest and Antique Car Show this weekend

Council Higginbotham- Right to Burn begins October 1, 2025.

Adjournment

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