

# Bryant City Council SPECIAL City Council Meeting

**April 17, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room

210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, Arkansas

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## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Prior to the Council Meeting, a Moment of Silence was observed and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Call to Order** - Mayor Scott at 7:00 pm

**Roll Call** – Council Members Present: Jason Brown, Star Henson, Jon Martin, Lisa Meyer, Jack Moseley, Jordan O’Roark, and Wade Permenter. Council Members Absent: Rob Roedel. City Clerk Mark Smith was also present. Quorum Present.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tricia Power spoke about her Department, Bryant Animal Control and her [YT 2:55]  
request for the City Council to reconsider an Animal Control payroll freeze. See attached.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion on potentially freezing all current and future vacant positions.** [YT 9:00]  
The Mayor discussed the chart of Vacant Employee Positions as of 4/6/23. See attached.  
Discussion on Animal Control payroll.  
Tim Fournier explained all Water and Waste Water positions are covered by designated funds.  
Discussion with Ted Taylor regarding Engineering payroll.  
Discussion on new 911 system and impact on payroll.  
Discussion with Joy Black regarding freezing any new positions.  
Discussion regarding new operations requested and/or approved by Council in recent past.  
Discussion of Police Department payroll.  
Discussion on Animal Control payroll.  
Discussion regarding impact on employee morale.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to suspend funding for the following vacant [YT 36:00]  
positions: Purchasing Agent, Part-time Dispatchers (2), Engineering Designer and Stormwater  
2023 Inspector as listed on the Vacant Positions 4/6/23 chart.  
Council Member Permenter seconded the Motion.  
Discussion regarding how to reinstate these positions in the future.  
Council is open to re-evaluating frozen positions if need arises and funding is available.  
Discussion on why a vacant position is difficult to fill.  
Discussion on Department budget reserves.

Amendment to the Motion by Council Member Martin to remove the Stormwater [YT 47:50]  
2023 Inspector from the list of positions that have funding frozen.  
Voice Vote. Amendment Passed 7-0.  
Voice Vote on Amended Motion. Motion Passed 7-0.

**Council Comments**

[YT 49:10]

Council Member Martin thanked the Department Heads for working with Council to create the frozen positions.

Council Member Permenter cautioned that further cuts are still a possibility.

**Mayor Comments**

[YT 49:50]

Next Council Meeting next Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Martin, second by Council Member Henson.

Adjourned time: 7:49 PM