

Bryant City Council City Council Meeting

April 25, 2023 - 6:30 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 prayer was given by Council Member Roedel who also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Call to Order - Mayor Scott at 6:30 pm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the March 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 2:05]
Motion to approve by Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Henson.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.
- 2. Approval of the April 17, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 2:30]
Motion to approve by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Henson.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

The Mayor announced that Item 13 was being pulled from the Agenda. [YT 2:40]
Council Member Roedel made a Motion to remove Item 4 from the Agenda, second by Council Member Henson. Voice vote. Motion passed 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Todd Elder- Raymar Road regarding storm water issue in his neighborhood. [YT 3:40]
- Connie Elder- Raymar Road regarding water issue in neighborhood [YT 6:55]
- Mark Elder- Raymar Road regarding water issue in neighborhood [YT 8:55]
- Reta Elder- Raymar Road regarding water issue in neighborhood [YT 10:55]
- Jim Anderson- Harding Drive with Central AR Soccer Club supports Parks Plan [YT 12:25]
- Rhonda Sanders- Wants clearly defined plan for A&P Tax [YT 13:40]
- Council Member Roedel requested Item 5 be moved to Item 3 to accommodate the Bond Counsel [YT 16:15]

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Ordinance/Public Meeting - Presented by Bond Counsel: Ryan Bowman with Friday, Eldredge and Clark concerning the Bryant Parkway 2023 Bonds from Franchise Fees**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CAPITAL [YT 16:35]
IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING
STREET IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND
INTEREST ON THE BONDS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by Mayor Scott. See attachments.

Open Public Hearing Opened at 6:46 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

Public Hearing Closed at 6:46 PM.

Attorney Bowman explained that Friday, Eldredge and Clark partnered with Stephens, Inc to sell the bonds the morning of April 25, 2023 in the amount of \$10,880,000 with Regions Bank as the trustee. The starting interest rate is 3%, topping out at 4.2% in 2050, maturity in 2050 and the bond money must be spent within three years.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only by [YT 22:05]
Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Henson.

Voice vote. Motion Passed 8-0. Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Meyer.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Motion Passed 8-0.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Martin.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.

Motion Passed 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-06

Parks –

4. **Parks Committee Recommendation** *This was Item 3 on the original Agenda.* [YT 23:55]

On April 11, 2023, the Bryant Parks Committee voted to recommend the Bryant City Council take to the residents of Bryant, a vote on an A&P Tax of 2% on restaurants and 3% on hotels with 80% designated to the Bryant Parks Department.

Richard McKeown spoke on behalf of the Committee. His entire remarks are attached to these minutes. In summary, the Committee is recommending that 80% of the revenue be allocated to parks and recreation resulting in the Parks Department being funded entirely by the A&P tax (with a 3% tax on lodging and a 2% tax on restaurants), memberships, designated sales tax and self-generated revenue. This would free-up \$1.2 million dollars annually.

Cody Crist, another Parks Committee member, also spoke in favor of an A&P tax explaining that the Parks Department savings account could be used to pay for the election and that money raised from the tax could pay for expansion and maintenance of the city parks. He

added that with A&P tax funds, money previously committed to the Parks budget could be spent on other pressing city needs.

5. **Renee Mosley appointed to the Parks Committee** *This was Item 4 on the original Agenda and was removed.*

Finance – presented by Joy Black, Director of Finance

Director Black announced that the City for the sixth time in a row, received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. See attached Report copy. [YT 37:30]

6. **Monthly Finance Report** – Monthly Report ending March 31, 2023 Presentation and Approval of the March, 2023 City Financial Report. See attachment. Motion to approve by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Henson. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0. [YT 38:30]

7. **Resolution to Amend December, 2022 City Budget** - Budget Amendments for 2022 Resolution to Amend the 2022 City Budget. Brief Discussion. See attachment. Motion to approve by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Moseley. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0. [YT 41:20]

□ **RESOLUTION 2023-08**

8. **Resolution to Amend April 2023 City Budget** - Budget Amendments Resolution to Amend the 2023 City Budget. See attachment. Council Member Meyer made a motion to amend the Resolution with two wording changes:
- Debswoods/Carrywood Stormwater Drainage Project to Cambridge Drainage Project in the 515 fund to the ARPA funds.
- Move the Police Department's insurance money of \$2,749.52 from 001-0600-4600 Revenue to their 001-0600-5210 Vehicle Maintenance line. Both of these changes come at the request of Director Black. Council Member Henson offered a Second to the motion. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0. Motion to approve as amended by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Moseley. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0. [YT 43:10]

□ **RESOLUTION 2023-09**

Council Member Meyer requested that beginning May 1, 2023, with the exception of emergency issues, any agreements over \$35,000 come back to Council for approval before the contract is executed. [YT 46:20]

Council Member Roedel requested a proposal for the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting that shows an \$83,000 monthly reduction in the budget across all departments to ensure the city avoids any deficit. [YT 49:55]

Legal - presented by Ashley Clancy, City Attorney

9. **Resolution Amending Resolution 2013-15** - To review the JESAP based Step and [YT 51:20]
Grade pay scale for the Bryant PD and Fire Departments Uniformed Personnel Yearly. See
attachment.
Council Member Martin explained that by reviewing these pay scales yearly it might help avoid
times of significant adjustments.
Motion to approve by Council Member Brown, Second by Council Member O’Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.
 RESOLUTION 2023-10

Community Development – presented by Truett Smith, Community Development Director

10. **Henry Ave Rezoning from R-2 to C-2** - An Ordinance Amending the [YT 52:55]
Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bryant to Rezone Certain Property from R-2 to
C-2.
Rezoning along Henry Ave from R-2 to C-2. A public hearing was held at Planning
Commission. Recommended for Approval by Bryant Planning Commission. See attachment.
Short discussion.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only by
Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Brown.
Voice vote. Motion Passed 8-0. Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.
Motion to adopt by Council Member Henson, Second by Council Member Roedel.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
Motion Passed 8-0.
 ORDINANCE 2023-07

11. **North Reynolds Road Rezoning from R-E to C-2** - An Ordinance Amending the [YT 58:00]
Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bryant to Rezone Certain Property from R-E
to C-2.
Rezoning at 1109-A North Reynolds Road from R-E to C-2. A public hearing was held at
Planning Commission. Recommended for Approval by Bryant Planning Commission. See
attachment.
Short discussion.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only by
Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Henson.
Voice vote. Motion Passed 8-0. Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.
Motion to adopt by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Brown.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
Motion Passed 8-0.
 ORDINANCE 2023-08

Police Department – presented by Bryant Police Chief Carl Minden

12. **Request to Unfreeze the Part-Time Dispatcher Position** - Unfreezing the [YT 1:01:50]
Part-Time Dispatcher positions with a budget adjustment
Request to unfreeze two Part-Time Dispatcher positions for fiscal year 2023 with the funding
for the positions being paid from 911 designated funds rather than the General Fund (if
approved under Finance budget adjustments). Short Discussion.
Motion to approve by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Roedel.

Public Works – presented by Tim Fournier, Director of Public Works

13. Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2006-2 - Pulled from Agenda

14. Outside the City Limits Communication - Communication with Outside the City [YT 1:04:50]

Limits Sewer Customers

Communication strategy to inform "Outside City Limits" sewer customers of sewer rate per Ordinance 2021-7. See attachments.

Discussion followed.

Council Comments

[YT 1:07:30]

Council Member Meyer thanks to the “pro-active” city limb pick-up crews.

Council Member Roedel suggested a “series” of workshops dealing with possible tax proposals.

Council Member O’Roark asked about timing of a tax vote.

Mayor Comments

[YT 1:10:15]

Coffee with the Mayor 9am on May 6 in conjunction with Keep Bryant Beautiful at Building 600 located at Wilkerson and Carmichael.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned time: 7:39 PM