

Bryant City Council Meeting February 27, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room
210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, Arkansas
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/bryantarkansas>

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Rob Roedel.

Call to Order- Mayor Sanders at 6:30 pm

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Jason Brown, Jon Martin, Lisa Meyer, Jack Moseley, Jordan O’Roark, Wade Permenter and Rob Roedel. Absent: Star Henson. Quorum Present.

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

Motion by Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Permenter to move [YT 2:35]
Item 15- “Nancy Pruitt appointed to Water/Sewer Advisory Board” to Item 6, Second by Council
Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Clerk Note: Due to changes during the meeting, the Agenda and Minute number do not match.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of January 30, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 3:05]
Motion to approve - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).
- 2. Approval of February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 3:35]
Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3. First Responders Week Proclamation-** Mayor Rhonda Sanders [YT 4:00]
- 4. Recognition of Chief JP Jordan Retirement** - Citation from the House of Representatives by State Representative RJ Hawk [YT 6:45]
- 5. State of the City** - Mayor Rhonda Sanders [YT 10:20]

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Bullock- kids have never been an issue on Hilltop Road [YT 22:15]
Kim Suggs- Hilltop Road issue is due to speeders
Nancy Pruitt- 40 MPH is reasonable

Joseph McIntire- Hilltop had 42 accidents in 3 years, many pot holes, only 5 street lights
Carolyn Smart- 35 MPH will be too slow
Randy Bullock- Hilltop is a country road, 45 MPH is reasonable
David Smart- Asked if any study had been done on Hilltop
Debbie Broadway- Thanks to Mayor and Council, urges fiscal responsibility

NEW BUSINESS

6. Nancy Pruitt appointed to Water/Sewer Advisory Committee [YT 44:15]

Mayor Sanders recommends Nancy Pruitt to serve as Water/Sewer Advisory Committee representative for Ward 2 (2028).

Motion to Approve- Council Member Brown, second by Council Member Moseley.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

7. Monthly Financial Report – Ending January 31, 2024 [YT 44:55]

Acceptance and Approval of the Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2024.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

8. Resolution for Budget Adjustments- for period ending January 31, 2024 [YT 48:10]

A Resolution to approve budget adjustments for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

RESOLUTION 2024 - 06

9. Resolution for Budget Adjustments- for the period ending December 31, 2023 [YT 48:40]

To approve Budget Adjustments for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

RESOLUTION 2024 - 07

Animal Control – Presented by Tricia Power, Director

10. Resolution - Authorizing the Mayor to Sell or Dispose of City Property - A [YT 50:10]

resolution authorizing the Mayor, and/or his/her duly authorized representative to sell, exchange or dispose of property belonging to the City that is no longer in use.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

RESOLUTION 2024 - 08

City Attorney – Presented by Ashley Clancy

11. Interlocal Agreement [YT 51:40]

Interlocal Agreement with Saline County and Redlined Draft- Interlocal Agreement with Saline County Concerning Developments in the City’s Planning Jurisdiction.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

12. Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on Hilltop Road - 3rd reading [YT 53:50]

An ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Hilltop Road in Bryant, AR from its present speed limit of 45 MPH to a maximum of 35 MPH; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes. Chief Minden reported that 14,500 cars use the road in a week and based on radar, the average speed is 44 MPH. Poor road conditions are a factor.

Lengthy discussion.

Council Member Martin made a Motion to reduce the speed limit on Hilltop to 40 MPH, Second by Council Member Permenter.

After further discussion, both Council Member Martin and Permenter agreed to amend their Motions with the following language- to reduce the speed limit on Hilltop that is currently 45 MPH to 40 MPH.

After further discussion, there was agreement to add Warning Signs to indicate to drivers that the speed limit ahead is changing.

Voice Vote. Motion to Amend Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

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

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel. Henson absent. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Title read by Mayor.

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

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel. Henson absent. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Motion to Adopt Emergency Clause by Council Member Permenter, Second by Council member Meyer.

After further discussion, Council Member Permenter and Council Member Meyer agreed to rescind their Motions at the request of Public Works Director, Tim Fournier.

Emergency Clause died for lack of a Motion.

□ **ORDINANCE 2024-03**

Community Development – presented by Colton Leonard, Interim Director

13. Resolution for Short-Term Rentals - Resolution to temporarily suspend zoning regulations for short-term rentals during the Eclipse (April 5, 2024 through April 10, 2024). [YT 1:18:40]

DRC has approved. Discussion followed.

Motion to approve - Council Member O'Roark.

Following further discussion, Council Member O'Roark rescinded his motion.

Motion to Amend the Resolution to include April 10, 2024 by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed (1 absent).

□ **RESOLUTION 2024 - 09**

Public Works – presented by Tim Fournier, Director

14. Ordinance to Update Leak Adjustment Policy - An ordinance authorizing implementation of a policy governing water leakage adjustments in Bryant, Arkansas. [YT 1:31:10]

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

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel. Henson absent. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Title read by Mayor.

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

Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel. Henson absent. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Motion to Adopt Emergency Clause by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Moseley.

□ **ORDINANCE 2024-04**

15. Memoranda Of Understanding with Bryant Schools - MOU between Bryant Schools and the City of Bryant for road improvements on Hill Farm Road. [YT 1:34:40]

Motion to Adopt - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

Council Comments

[YT 1:36:15]

Jack Moseley- Asked about B&H Mobile Home Park, Ashley Clancy said the funds had been paid.
Discussion about Leak Credits on Lindsey Properties.

Jon Martin- New notification system for Alexander Youth Services.

Rob Roedel- Thanks to Rhonda Sanders for her service as Mayor.

Jason Brown- Thanks to Chief Jordan for years of service, Thanks to Brandon Futch for stepping up to Chief, Thanks to Rhonda Sanders for her transparent leadership.

Mayor Comments

[YT 1:40:40]

Thanks to all for opportunity to serve.

Tendering her Resignation upon certification of the election which is expected on March 8, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Moseley.

Adjourned time: 8:12 PM.