

# Bryant City Council Meeting

March 26, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room

210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, Arkansas

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## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

**Call to Order-** Mayor Treat at 6:31 pm

### Roll Call

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

*Clerk Note: Council Member Permenter arrived late and participated in voting beginning with Item #11.*

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of February 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 3:55]  
Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Henson.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

### PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2. Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation-** Mayor Chris Treat [YT 4:15]
- 3. Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation-** Mayor Chris Treat [YT 7:30]
- 4. Recognition of Senior Center Spelling Bee Winner-** DeEtta Buckelew [YT 10:50]
- 5. Jennifer Benning appointed to Parks Committee-** Mayor Treat recommends [YT 12:50]  
Jennifer Benning serve as Parks Committee representative for Ward 4.  
Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member O’Roark.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).
- 6. Randy Robinson appointed to Community Engagement Committee-** Mayor [YT 13:15]  
Treat recommends Randy Robinson serve as Parks Committee representative for Ward 1.  
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Henson.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).
- 7. Parks Master Plan Workshop-** The Parks Committee has requested a Council [YT 13:50]  
Workshop to present the final Parks Master Plan.  
Council agreed to a Workshop on Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm.

## Finance

- 8. Monthly Financial Report– Ending February 29, 2024** [YT 15:20]  
Acceptance and Approval of the Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2024.  
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Meyer.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).
- 9. Resolution- to accept affidavit of record destruction** [YT 16:40]  
A Resolution to accept the affidavit for record destruction as already presented to the council.  
Motion to approve - Council Member Henson, Second by Council Member Martin.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).  
□ **RESOLUTION 2024 - 10**
- 10. Financial Records to State 14-59-116– for the year ending December 31, 2023, unaudited** [YT 17:20]  
Approval and acceptance of the unaudited financial records to be published in the paper on or before April 1 per state ACA 14-59-116. [YT 17:20]  
Motion to approve - Council Member Henson, Second by Council Member O’Roark.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).

## City Attorney- Ashley Clancy

- 11. Ordinance– An Ordinance providing for permission to destroy certain city records in Resolution 2015-5; and for other purposes.** [YT 17:50]  
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member O’Roark.  
Title read by Mayor.  
Motion to adopt - Council Member Moseley, Second by Council Member Brown.  
Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Roedel.  
NEA: Permenter (absent).  
Motion Passed 7-1, (1 absent).  
Motion to Adopt Emergency Clause Council Member Martin, Second Council Member Meyer.  
Roll Call Vote. YEA: Brown, Henson, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, Permenter, Roedel.  
Motion Passed 8-0.  
□ **ORDINANCE 2024-05**

## Community Development– Presented by Colton Leonard, Interim Director

- 12. Multi-Use Trail Waiver-** Pinnacle Pointe, 6845 Hwy 5 [YT 21:45]  
A multi-use trail waiver is requested for along Hwy 5.  
Motion to approve - Council Member Brown, Second by Council Member Martin.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.
- 13. Resolution for Sidewalks and Trail-** To allow waivers on requirements to build sidewalks and multi-use trails along Hwy 5. [YT 23:15]  
A resolution to allow a temporary waiver from the requirements of section 10.10 of the Zoning Code for properties fronting Hwy 5 that will be affected by the ARDOT Hwy 5 road widening from Hwy 183 to the Pulaski County line.  
Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Permenter.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

□ **RESOLUTION 2024 - 11**

**Human Resources**— presented by Charlotte Rue, Director

*Clerk's Note: The next three agenda items were considered for one vote.*

**14. Approval of Hiring Process for Community Development Director**

[YT 24:35]

This is a request to fill the Community Development Director position. This position must be filled as it oversees all planning and development for the city as well as code enforcement. It is a senior level position and the duties of this position cannot remain unattended. The position is budgeted for the entire year so there is no expected increases to the city budget by filling the position.

**15. Approval of Hiring Process for Parks Director**

This is a request to fill the Parks Director position. This position must be filled as it oversees the city's Parks Department. It is a senior level position and the duties of this position cannot remain unattended. The position is budgeted for the entire year so there is no expected increases to the city budget by filling the position.

**16. Approval of Hiring Process for Two Deputy Court Clerks**

This is a request to fill two vacant Deputy Court Clerk positions. The Deputy Court Clerks provide full clerical support for Bryant, Haskell and Shannon Hills courts. There are only three Deputy Court Clerks in the department. Placing all of the clerical burden of three different courts on one employee is not sustainable. The two positions are budgeted for the entire year so there is no expected increase to the city budget by filling these positions.

Motion to approve by Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer.  
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

**Parks and Recreation**— presented by Keith Cox, Interim Director

**17. Mills Park Pool Resurfacing- Request for funding.**

[YT 25:35]

Interim Director Cox explained that the Mills Park pool is due for resurfacing which is generally needed every ten years or so. Bluewater, the vendor, also recommends a cover for the pool which Director Cox will bring back to Council after the summer.

Discussion followed.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-0 (1 abstention).

Council Member Martin refrained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

**Public Works**- Tim Fournier, Director

**18. Resolution of Intent**

[YT 33:50]

A resolution of intent regarding the meter replacement and upgrade project.

This Resolution is required by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

□ **RESOLUTION 2024 - 12**

**19. Resolution of Intent**

[YT 35:05]

A resolution of intent regarding the Lea Circle gravity sewer relocation project.

This Resolution is required by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

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

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

□ **RESOLUTION 2024 – 13**

**Council Comments**

[YT 36:10]

Jon Martin- Questions about fiber contractors digging in Westpoint.  
Star Henson- Questions about street maintenance on Robinwood Circle.  
Jason Brown- Congrats to new Mayor on his first meeting.  
Lisa Meyer- Consider spaying or neutering your pets.

**Mayor Comments**

[YT 38:15]

Honor to serve. Will work hard to communicate with Council.  
Bryant Athletic Association opening ceremonies are Monday, April 6, 2024.  
Hopes the Council Members can attend the Municipal League meetings in June.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Martin, second by Council Member Henson.  
Adjourned time: 7:07 PM.