

Bryant City Council REGULAR City Council Meeting
November 15, 2022 - 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

Prior to the Council Meeting, a prayer was given by Council Member Roedel. The prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Council Member Roedel.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

[YT 1:40]

Rhonda Sanders congratulated the Mayor on being re-elected. She said she valued our political process had she hopes there is no bitterness, malice or retaliation by either side. She said she would continue to support the City.

Call to Order - Mayor Scott at 6:30 pm

Roll Call – Council Members Present: RJ Hawk, Star Henson, Butch Higginbotham, Lisa Meyer, Jack Moseley, Wade Permenter, Rob Roedel, Rhonda Sanders. City Attorney Clancy Ashley and City Clerk Mark Smith were also present. Quorum Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the October 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

[YT 3:50]

Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Hawk. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Small Business Saturday Proclamation

[YT 4:25]

Proclaiming November 2022 as Small Business Month
See Small Business Saturday 2022 Proclamation for more detail.

3. Proclamation Recognizing Retiring K9 Mya

[YT 7:50]

See Proclamation for more detail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Simpson asked for an adjustment on his Sewer bill.

[YT 11:25]

Dee Fiser spoke in favor of Mr. Simpson's adjustment.

[YT 20:20]

NEW BUSINESS

Finance – presented by Joy Black, Director of Finance

4. September Ending Financials

[YT 21:30]

September ending financials brought a second time, all bank acts reconciled.

Approval and acceptance of September ending monthly financial statements after all bank accounts reconciled after conversion from old to new general ledger software. See attachment Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Hawk. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

5. October Month Ending Financials [YT 22:40]

Approval and acceptance of October ending monthly financial statements. See attachment Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Sanders. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

6. Resolution To Amend the City Budget for 2022 [YT 24:20]

Resolution to amend the City Budget for 2022. See attachment. Motion to approve by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Higginbotham. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-33**

7. 2023 Proposed Budget Book [YT 25:25]

Presentation fulfilling 14-58-201. Mayor to present budget to Council by December 1. Any revisions after this point but before the planned adoption on December 13, 22022 will be highlighted and discussed on the auditory record, attachment pending. Note: further General Fund Capital will be brought back for adoption no earlier than January, 2023. Short Discussion

Community Development – presented by Colton Leonard, City Planner

8. Request To Add- Benjamin Grove Phase 4- Annexation [YT 26:50]

City Planner Leonard explained the need for the annexation. Motion to add to the Agenda by Council Member Hawk, Second by Council Member Roedel. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

City Planner Leonard explained the Ordinance to Annex Certain Lands into the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Bryant.

Short Discussion

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

Voice vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Hawk.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Meyer, Higginbotham, Henson, Hawk, Sanders, Roedel, Permenter, Moseley. Motion Passed 8-0.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Hawk.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Henson, Higginbotham, Meyer, Moseley, Sanders, Roedel, Permenter, Hawk. Motion Passed 8-0.

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-30**

Police Department – presented by Chief Carl Minden

9. An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2011-21 SRO Compensatory Time Accrual[YT 30:50]

Chief Minden explained the need to Amend Ordinance 2011-21 Section 2: School Resource Officers shall receive compensatory time, in the lieu of overtime, accrued to a maximum of 200

hours of compensatory time from a 12-month period beginning August 1 and ending July 31, all of which must be used prior to the end of the same 12- month period.

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

Voice vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

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

Roll Call Vote. YES: Moseley, Permenter, Henson, Hawk, Meyer, Sanders, Roedel, Higginbotham. Motion Passed 8-0.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Moseley, Second by Council Member Hawk.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Hawk, Henson, Higginbotham, Meyer, Sanders, Roedel, Permenter, Moseley. Motion Passed 8-0.

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-31**

Short Discussion

10. An Ordinance To Waive Competitive bidding for In Car And Body Worn Camera system for the Police Department [YT 34:40]

Chief Minden explained that the Police Department's current In Car and Body Worn Camera system (WatchGuard) is in dire need for an upgrade/replacement. The PD has been experiencing problems with equipment failure and a lack of product replacement for the last year. The PD had previously put in a capital request in 2022 to replace aging In Car DVRs. The current provider is not able to meet our current needs. The PD has been field testing a new system for over three months. Quotes from the current provider and the new system have been obtained. The new system is the lower of the two quotes and also the preferred selection. The PD requests permission to purchase the new system and waive competitive bidding due to GSA pricing. Payment would not be due until the system is delivered and installed in 2023.

Short Discussion

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

Short Discussion

Voice vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.

Chief Minden indicated payment would come due in the March/April, 2023 time period.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Hawk.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Moseley, Permenter, Higginbotham, Hawk, Sanders, Meyer, Roedel, Henson. Motion Passed 8-0.

Motion to approve Emergency Clause by Council Member Sanders, Second by Council Member Henson.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Permenter, Moseley, Henson, Higginbotham, Roedel, Meyer, Sanders, Hawk. Motion Passed 8-0.

➤ **ORDINANCE 2022-32**

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

11. Permission To Use ARPA Funds For Metering System [YT 39:55]

Director Fournier explained the cost of the project is \$469,160.00 for installation by the Arkansas Rural Water Association and \$3,079,650.00 to Metron Farnier for Metron meters for

a total of \$3,548,810.00. There are two possible funding sources: a Natural Resources Grant and Amendment 78 funds. The City has received Health Department approval for the project. Council Member Meyer asked about the failure rate. The Metron meter that will be used is a new generation meter that has a failure rate of 0.22%. The City already has 247 of these meters and they are all performing well. The meters can be shipped quicker than they can be installed- there will not be an issue with supply. Council Member Permenter asked if another trial period would be helpful. Director Fournier stated that further testing would likely yield the same results as the first pilot program. The Metron warranty is twenty year: ten years on the register and then prorated ten years. Any meters returned to Metron for service should be returned to Bryant within two weeks.

Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Permenter.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed 8-0.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-33**

Clerk Note: Item 12, Amendment 78 Letter Of Intent was stricken from the Agenda.

Council Comments

[YT 55:30]

Council Member Hawk thanked Director of Public Works, Tim Fournier for working through meter issues.

Mayor Comments

[YT 56:15]

City Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2022.

Encouraged citizens to shop local on Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022.

Coffee with the Mayor will be on Saturday, December 3 at a location to be announced.

A Reception will be held for the four out-going Council Members on Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 PM prior to the Council Meeting. Family and friends are invited.

An Orientation will be held for the new Council Members at a time to be announced.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned time: 7:28 PM.