



Mayor Chris Treat

City of Bryant

MAYOR'S MEMORANDUM

TO: Bryant City Council
FROM: Mayor Chris Treat
DATE: April 25, 2024
RE: Mayor's Memorandum, April 2024

Good afternoon,

As part of my new communications strategies, you will now be receiving a monthly Mayor's Memorandum from me, prior to our Pre-Council Workshop. These memorandums will include committee reports, director's reports, an updated Council Request Status Report, an updated Major Project Inventory, a meeting schedule for the next month, and more.

As I'm writing this, I have just finished the last of my Department Head one-on-ones with Scott Staples. Our next stop on the listening tour is staff. Last Monday marked our first of 16 focus groups that will be held over the next month with staff members across all departments. The purpose of this listening tour is to hear from as many people in the city as possible, which will allow myself and my administration to develop a communications plan to enhance transparency, trust, and citizen engagement.

This month's memorandum includes:

1. Meeting Schedule, attached.
2. Council Request Status Report, attached.
3. Major Project Inventory, attached.
4. Director's Reports, attached.
5. Water/Sewer Advisory Committee March Minutes, attached.
6. Planning Commission March Minutes, attached.
7. Parks Committee March Minutes, attached.

Additionally, I wanted to encourage each of you to look into the upcoming Arkansas Municipal League Conference that will take place June 12-14th at the Statehouse Convention Center. Breakout sessions have not been announced yet, but the sessions will range from water and wastewater infrastructure funding to festival and community event planning. I will send you all information on sessions as the schedule is updated. For more information about the AML Conference, visit <https://armuni.org/Register90>. If you are interested in attending, please let Jordan know and she will get you registered.

I hope to see you at our Pre-Council Workshop next Tuesday, April 23rd at noon.

Thank you,

Chris Treat

Mayor Chris Treat



May 2024 Public Meeting Schedule

Development and Review Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 2nd & Thursday, May 16th at 9:00 AM
City Hall Conference Room | 210 SW 3rd St. Bryant, AR 72022

Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM
Boswell Municipal Complex | 210 SW 3rd St. Bryant, AR 72022

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, May 13th at 6:00 PM
Boswell Municipal Complex | 210 SW 3rd St. Bryant, AR 72022

Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 PM
Parks Administration Building | 6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, AR 72022

Community Engagement Committee Meeting

Monday, May 20th at 6:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room | 210 SW 3rd St. Bryant, AR 72022

Pre-Council Workshop

Tuesday, May 21st at 12:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room | 210 SW 3rd St. Bryant, AR 72022

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30 PM
Boswell Municipal Complex | 210 SW 3rd St. Bryant, AR 72022

REQUEST DATE	ADDRESS/NEIGHBORHOOD	ITEM	COUNCIL MEMBER	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	NOTES	CITIZEN (if any)
3/19/2024	3005 Glenbrook	Neighbor on 3000 Springhill Rd has a water leak that is flooding his yard	Jordan O'Roark		In Progress			
4/10/2024	Meadowlake	Flooding in yards: complaints of water smelling bad from tap	Lisa Meyer	Tim Fournier	In Progress			
		I met with a group of residents on LaCross yesterday during the rain. Weather events like this stress them out as the fear of water in their houses. I really would like to sit down and discuss this with you and Tim instead if them showing up at the next council meeting. I am attaching two pictures. One of 3401 that has to leave her side gate open to allow the water a path to keep the water from her back door. The other is a gravel patch that has replaced the sidewalk. I told them I thought that was a result of one of the fiber contractor. Also one is complaining about stinky smelling tap water? What could be the cause if that?						
4/11/2024	LaCross		Lisa Meyer	Tim Fournier	In Progress			
		The house at 508 S.W. Fourth St. caught on fire just after Christmas. We wait for the bus every day near the house and it doesn't appear there's been any movement to tear down the remains. Can you please let me know if the city has any plans to raze the house or if yall are aware of any movement from the owners?						
4/19/2024	508 SW 4th St		Rob Roedel	Code Enforcement	In Progress		I spoke with Joe about these properties. He said he was aware of two, but not the most recent one on Mills Park Road. He will be going by to check on that one this week. He let me know that he has been monitoring the property on Carywood and the property on SW 4th. Both have been in the process of cleaning up, but the one on SW 4th only recently started. The reason cleanup has been delayed was because the daughter who lived in the house just had a baby in January. Joe will continue to monitor these houses to make sure the owners are working towards cleaning them up. He did let me know that he spoke with the owners and told them that the cleanup would need to be done as soon as possible.	Kristin Higgins (zesty_krstn@yahoo.com)
		Fiber contractor repair in Westpointe	Jon Martin	Tim Fournier	In Progress			

Community Development Director's Report April 2024

From the beginning of the year to the end of March, the Community Development Department processed 475 total permit applications, received 10 new plan applications, and performed 525 inspections. In March, I had several discussions with Mayor Rhonda Sanders and some other department heads about possibly changing our permitting and planning software. We came to the decision to step away from the current planning and permitting software suite we had been using through Tyler and begin the process of switching to iWorQs. This decision was made based on a few factors including input from business owners and developers/builders within the city who expressed to city staff that they did not find the new system to be customer friendly. Some other factors included the amount of time we had to spend on fixing system errors or issues, and the constant delay of customer support by Tyler when issues would arise. Beginning May 1, 2024, the Community Development Department will no longer be using Tyler EnerGov Software and will instead be using iWorQs Software. A few local business owners and builders have already been made aware that we will be changing back to iWorQ, and the news of this change has been extremely well received. We do foresee any major issues or any interruption of the permitting and plan review processes during this transition.

IT Director's Report April 2024

During the month of March, the IT Department replaced the aging laptops for two of the construction coordinators and the two workstations at Wastewater, set up a shared network folder for supervisors at Animal Control, assisted Crystal Winkler validate our PCI compliance with iWorQ, sent old, outdated equipment to be recycled, assisted Captain Payte at the PD with eight new in-car DVR installs, sent out the March Newsletter to water customers that have email addresses on file, acquired an iPad for one of the construction coordinators, purchased training for both IT staff members to obtain Network+ certification, ordered the Mayor a new laptop to replace his outdated one, acquire a new iPad for Sgt. Crowson at PD, worked with Saline County network support team to implement a point-to-point VPN allowing Saline County Dispatchers to access the necessary servers on the Bryant network to dispatch the Bryant Police Officers, installed a new call box at the front door of PD so the public can reach Saline County Dispatch after hours, as well as handled a number of technical support calls, and added and removed users as needed.

Parks and Recreation Director's Report April 2024

- Bishop Park hosted 8 Youth Sports Tournaments in March - 3 Softball, 3 Baseball and 2 Basketball
- Synthetic turf creases installed on Alcoa 40 Lacrosse field by Salt County Lacrosse
- Finished Youth Basketball Season with 640 participants making up 76 teams. We could not do it without the assistance of 65 volunteer coaches and the Bryant School District for offering up gym space.
- BAA, BSA, CAS and SC Lax have started their Spring seasons; I will have their participation numbers in the May report.
- Certified 7 new Water Safety Instructors on our lifeguard staff.
- Certified 4 new potential lifeguards that we hope to hire in May.
- Work has begun on the replaster of Mills Park Pool.
- Growing season has begun and plots at the Bishop Park Community Garden are filling up.

Public Works Director's Report April 2024

Wastewater: Pipe bursting continuous in the areas of NE 3rd Street. Master plan is in the modeling phase. The WWTP is maintaining and staying within NDPES limits. WWTP continuous to see significant Inflow and Infiltration (I and I) during rain events. We have identified several areas in the system that are affected and continue to monitor and work to help stop I and I. We are still under a CAO. Leah Circle 24" parallel sewer design is about complete and should go to bid by June. Springhill 15" Gravity sewer design is wrapping up also. Both of these projects will be funded by ANRC Loans and are on the current master plan. The new master plan is currently in its modeling phase. Rate study will begin in July per ordinance and Act 605.

Water: Fiber boring contractors are keeping the water repair crews busy! We have had several meetings with the contractors and communication companies. We have a much better means of communication and as a result we are seeing less strikes and yard restoration being completed in a timely manner. The billing office is performing a customer audit currently this includes reaching out to let customers know about late payments prior to the cut off date, theft of water, meter size accuracy for billing purposes, review of fees and Stormwater Fee billing. Our "shut off" list continuous to see a decline late payment making the list shorter each month. We do however have customers who seem to be on a pattern of not paying. Both Water and Water billing continue to utilize the new meter system and portal monitor the distribution system. The billing office is fully staffed at this time. We have several meters on Highway 5 that are not on the new system. This was done intentionally because of the widening that is coming. When the meter sets are moved they will need to be replaced along with services line. Replacing when the widening happens rather than now is a cost savings to the City. The water master plan is currently in the "gathering information" phase. Rate study will begin in July per ordinance and Act 605.

Stormwater: Current drainage projects under construction are Eastwood Drainage and Cambridge Place Drainage. Estimated completion is the end of May 2024. Stormwater inspectors continue investigation and inspection of active construction sites, concerns, the City's outfalls and DEQ inspections. The City is in compliance with the SW Discharge permit. Oak Glenn culvert removal schematic is complete. Hopefully we will have full design in the near future. This project will be handled with in house crews. The SW utility fee project should be completed in the near future for presentation to the Mayor and Council workshop discussion.

Streets: Bryant Parkway is approximately 82% complete with 82% of funds spent. Bridge pours for the Bridge deck have begun completion is still scheduled for July 2024. Rainy season has begun which means Pot Hole season has begun! We are evaluating our Pavement Analysis to determine what roads and repairs to move forward with. During rainy season we also jet culverts, remove sediment and continue our mowing schedule. In March of 2024 asphalt price have increased from \$143/ton to \$161/ton. We have seen a significant increase each year. In 2021 we paid \$86/ton. We do piggy back off of the Saline County purchase price, so this is the most economical way we can purchase.

Saline Regional Public Water Authority: All 8 entities have signed the contracts. Crist has been selected as the engineering firm and design has started. The estimated timeline to begin taking water is 2030. Tim and Moriah attended a meeting with CAW to discuss our future partnership with keeping the emergency connection and a new contract/agreement will be needed in 2028 when the current one expires. We will have to give official notice to CAW in 2025

HR Director's Report April 2024

Hired new HR Assistant, Gracie Buchanan

Completed the approved document destruction (April 16th)

Began process to hire Director of Parks and Director of Community Development

Animal Control Director's Report April 2024

Animal Control has had a busy First Quarter!

General Info

As our busy season approaches, intakes are starting to rise, and our adoption rate is holding steady. Transfers to our placement partners are increasing as well. So, our overall save rate is also holding steady at 80%. Still good, but not great. We need 90% to obtain no-kill status. I have included a screenshot of our numbers, if you care to take a look.

In the months ahead, we intend to start incorporating a new programs:

The Community Cat Program - Our Euthanasia rate for feral cats is nearly 100%. If we incorporate a Community Cats program, which is a Trap-Vet-Neuter-Return model, we estimate that we can decrease that by about 95-99% and will only euthanize those with catastrophic injuries or illnesses. Doing so requires a change in our ordinances, which brings me to my next item.

2024 Goals

1. Support the Mayor in Strengthening Communication and Coordination between Leadership, Operations and Citizens. **You are crushing that!! Kudos!**
2. Continue to review and update policies and procedures to better serve the citizens effectively and efficiently. **In progress. We have several items that have already been addressed.**
3. Ensure Public Safety through continued cooperation with the other Public Safety Departments and residents.
4. Implement new Software to improve connectivity and online services for both the Department and the residents. **Abandoned - Tyler was the new software.**
5. Disaster Plan - Continued, including joining the State-Wide Disaster Coalition. **Shelter Manager and Sr. ACO are working on this now.**
6. Seek out ways to ensure Inclusion and Diversity within the Department and the City. **We have empowered our ACOs and staff to identify those who may need additional help with food or vet care. We are working on several social programs to help people and pets. We continue to seek out ways to do more.**
7. City-Wide Animals in Disaster Plan Improvements. **Shelter Manager and Sr. ACO are working on this now.**
8. Continue Planning New Animal Shelter **As we discussed during our meeting.**

Long-Term Goals

9. Improve customer service in all areas, removing barriers to adoption and expend reclaim efforts. **At the end of last year, we empowered our ACOs and staff to identify those who may need additional help with food or vet care. We also allowed them to waive fees if necessary to increase reclaims, and we have planned more adoption fee discounts and events to increase adoptions. Additionally, we are working on creative programs to keep animals OUT of the shelter and in the home.**

10. Expand or revise our services, as the needs of the community change. **See #9**

11. Update officer equipment, training, etc. **We increased our training budget this year, and already have nearly all of our employees scheduled for training throughout the year.**

12. Evaluate Ordinances and make changes as necessary. **Our animal ordinances are due for a major overhaul. I meant to mention this during our meeting, but just neglected to do so.**

There are a few areas of greatest concern:

Community Cats - TVNR Program

- **Dangerous Dogs/Vicious Dogs - Right now, we do not have a dangerous dog ordinance, it goes straight from friendly, social dogs to vicious with no steps in between. Our goal is to provide a range, based on behavior that would allow owners of potentially "dangerous" dogs (such as those that are protective of property or have attacked another animal, which is actually common behavior with dogs, especially in groups) but have not bitten, attacked or injured a person, to remain in the home with some added restrictions and monitoring. Vicious animals would be only those that are too dangerous to safely remain in the community. Right now, they are all labeled as "vicious."**
- **Livestock Registration - This would be merely a means for us to have the contact info for every person who owns livestock in the city. We've had a voluntary registration program for years, but exactly zero people have done it. This is important due to the size of these animals, and the special care needed.**
- **General "cleaning up" of language in the ordinances. The current ordinances are a hodgepodge of updates and changes over the years. This has created a messy version of the law, it is time to reorganize.**

13. Conduct a self-evaluation of the shelter and animal control program with assistance from the Humane Society of the United States Shelter Outreach Department, and make changes or adjustments depending on outcome. **We did this internally, taking a hard look at ourselves and how we can improve. I now have meetings with each employee individually to discuss their personal professional growth and plans for the future.**

14. Create an Explorer Post within the Department.

15. Explore and utilize ways to encourage community interest and involvement in the shelter. **We kicked off the volunteer program earlier this year, and are working to expand.**

16. Explore and utilize other avenues of taking a proactive role in pet ownership education.

Finance Director's Report April 2024

Dear Council,

As I have stated many times in the past my report has a lot of repeated details but the first few pages are the summary so for the Mayor's Memorandum going forward I will try to include that summary along with my review of it for your information. Notes from my review this time.

Notes:

General Fund is about at a break even of \$22K for the 1st quarter page 2

Street dipped into its savings but it was to buy capital or do capital projects page 2

Water's capital page 3 has been booked

WW's capital page 3 has mostly been booked

515 Storm has not paid for any capital in the 1st quarter page 3

Sales Tax is down compared to Budgeted amounts page 4 - I am not concerned about this at this time because our cash levels remain stable in GF and we broke even for the 1st quarter open to keep reviewing.

Accounts Receivable was added after the conversion to page 5 far right

911 funds received will have to be sent back page 5

Street has dipped below 120 days in cash page 5

Water and WW cash balances are better page 6

Page 7 see note to remove fund 535 Sub Div Impact Fees per legal



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THOMAS HAMMOND
ASSISTANT CHIEF

To: Mayor Treat

CC: Jordan Reynolds

Re: March Director's Report

4/8/2024

The following information is to inform about the Fire Department's activities during the month of March:

- For the month of March, the Bryant Fire Department finalized preparations for the upcoming solar eclipse. Which, as of the time of this report, has not lived up to the hype. We have actually seen a decrease of traffic in the local area.
- I have communicated with the dealer on several occasions to help with the completion of the new apparatus. As of now, we are expecting to fly to Sioux Falls, SD on April 21 to begin final inspection of this apparatus. Our return is planned for April 23.
- Our personnel started hydrant testing in the month of March. They tested a total of 100 hydrant during March. This is done annually as an ISO requirement. This also gives us an opportunity to find hydrants that are not operating properly so we can report these issues to the Water Department for repairs or investigation.
- During the week of Spring Break our crews managed to test a total 31,920 feet of firehose. That is over 6 miles of firehose. This, like hydrant testing, is an annual ISO requirement.
- The month of March also brought promotional opportunities for 4 of our Firefighters. These 4 challenged the Engineer Promotional Process. All 4 of these Firefighters successfully made through the process. Two of these individuals were promoted on April 1. The other 2 will remain on the list until an Engineer position opens up or until the list expires, which will be 2 years from its date.
- The Fire Department's new SCBA Compressor was delivered and installed on March 26. This purchase was covered in one of the budget adjustment resolutions from the February Council Meeting.

The Emergency Calls for the month of March are as follows:

Fires- 11

Medical- 187

Other- 57

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. Futch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brandon M. Futch
Fire Chief
Bryant Fire Department



Official Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2024

To: Bryant City Council

From: Chief Carl Minden

Re: Monthly Review – March 2024

Number of Calls for Service – 3071

Accidents – 136

Business Alarms – 53

Residential Alarms – 27

Break and Enter – 13

Shoplifting – 16

911 Hang Ups – 95

Extra Patrols – 1212

Other Calls – 1519

Training Hours – 413.75

Sergeant Todd Crowson and School Resource Officer Samantha Sturdevant set up at the Bryant High School annual career day on March 13, 2024.

Lieutenant Nick Ramsey graduated from the FBI National Academy on March 14, 2024.

Bryant Police Department assisted with the annual Special Olympics Basketball games.



Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR 72022

Members Present: Wade Boone, Linda Levart, Leroy Tinkler, Al Wise, Nancy Pruitt, Kathy Barber, David Hannah,

Members Absent: Madison McEntire

Staff Present: Tim Fournier, Moriah Winkel, Amanda Roe, Angela Shephard

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by: **David Hannah**

March Leak Adjustment Requests: All requested adjustments were approved.

Motion to Approve Leak Adjustments: **Wade Boone**
Motion Seconded: **Kathy Barber**
Motion carried with 6 aye votes

Minutes: Motion to Approve March Minutes as Presented: **Kathy Barber**

Motion Seconded: **Wade Boone**
Motion carried with 6 aye votes

Financials: Reviewed. No vote needed to approve.

Public Comments: None.

Old Business: None

New Business: **Woodland Hills Contract:** Reviewed the terms and conditions of the contract for termination of our usage.

Projects: **Saline Regional Public Water Update:** Muscle studies and flow studies were completed and reviewed. AR Game and Fish and Fish and Wildlife have approved that the muscles are safe, and passed inspection to continue. Crist has presented the initial engineering contact and was approved. The first phase should take about 152 days with a very initial estimated completion date of April 2029.

Resolution of Intent Regarding the Springhill Gravity Sewer Main Project: The resolution states any proceeds used for this project will be reimbursed from this point on. ARNC awarded us 1.871 million for the project.

Motion to take to Council: **Linda Levart**
Motion Seconded: **Kathy Barber**
Motion Carried with 6 votes

Motion to Adjourn: **Wade Boone**
Motion Seconded: **Nancy Pruitt**
Carried with 6 votes



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Bryant Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024

Boswell Municipal Complex – City Hall Courtroom

6:00 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lance Penfield calls the meeting to order.
- Commissioners Present: Penfield, Hooten, Johnson, Burgess, Speed, Erwin
- Commissioners Absent: Statton, Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 2-12-2024

Motion to Approve Minutes made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Burgess. Voice Vote, 6 Yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

2. Special Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 2-22-2024

Motion to Approve Minutes made by Commissioner Burgess, Seconded by Commissioner Hooten. Voice Vote, 6 Yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

Vice-Chairman Hooten read the DRC Report.

DRC REPORT

3. Reynolds Centre - Commercial Subdivision Plat

Ryan Rooney - Requesting Recommendation for Plat Approval - RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

4. Kensington Place Phase 3 - Final Plat

GarNat Engineering - Requesting Recommendation for Final Plat Approval - RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, With contingency of all items completed and inspected before meeting. With recommendation that the developer does not build the traffic islands at entrance to phase 1

5. Pinnacle Point at Bryant - 6845 Hwy 5- Waiver

Robby Hubbard - Requesting Recommendation for Approval to not build multi-use trail along HWY 5 - RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

6. US Bank - 100 Commerce St - Site Plan Addition

David Azzano - Requesting Approval for Addition to Site Plan - APPROVED

7. Landmark Lifestyles - 6845 Hwy 5 - Sign Permit

Siez Sign Company - Requesting Sign Permit Approval - APPROVED, Contingent upon verification of location of sign.

8. Allevant Integrated Mental Health - 3395 HWY 5- Sign Permit

Condray Signs - Requesting Sign Permit Approval - STAFF APPROVED

9. Foot Soul - Foot and Ankle - 3395 HWY 5 - Sign Permit

Condray Signs - Requesting Sign Permit Approval - STAFF APPROVED

10. Short Term Rental Resolution

Discussion and Recommendation for Resolution to temporarily suspend zoning regulations for short-term rentals for the time frame around the April 8th Solar Eclipse. - RECOMMENDED APPROVAL to City Council at their February 27th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. 2714 Lavern St - Short Term Rental - Conditional Use Permit

Vanessa Guerra - Requesting Approval of CUP for Short Term Rental

Ms. Guerra confirmed that there would be no street parking and that all renters would be parking in the driveway. Colton Leonard stated the limit is 120 days per year and no more than 2 persons per bedroom at any time. Applicant is to keep up the days rented and submit that report each year when the Business License is renewed.

After a brief discussion on the item, Chairman Penfield called for a roll call vote to approve. Roll Call Vote, 6 Yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Hooten. Voice Vote, 6 Yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Reynolds Centre - Commercial Subdivision Plat

Ryan Rooney - Requesting Plat Approval.

After a brief discussion on the item, Chairman Penfield called for a roll call vote to approve. Roll Call Vote, 6 Yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

~~**13. ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA - Kensington Place Phase 3 - Final Plat**~~

~~*GarNat Engineering - Requesting Final Plat Approval*~~

14. Pinnacle Point at Bryant - Waiver

Robby Hubbard - Requesting Recommendation for Approval to not build multi-use trail along HWY 5

After a brief discussion on the item, Chairman Penfield called for a roll call vote to approve. Voice Vote, 6 Yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

15. REQUEST TO ADD - Resolution to Allow for a Waiver on Sidewalk and Multi-Use Trail Building Requirements for a Portion of HWY 5

Resolution to allow for a general waiver on the requirement for new commercial and residential developments to build sidewalks or multi-use trails, where designated, along HWY 5 frontage from Highway 183 to Pulaski County Line. The expiration time on the waiver will be until the completion of Hwy 5.

After brief discussion on the item, Chairman Penfield Called for a roll call vote to approve. 6 yays, 0 nays, 2 Absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Erwin, Seconded by Commissioner Hooten. Meeting was Adjourned.

Chairman, Lance Penfield

Date

Secretary, Tracy Picanco

Date

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
March 12, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, Arkansas

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Richard McKeown at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Cody Crist, Amanda Jolly, Drew Martin, Richard McKeown and Jason Whittington

Committee Members Absent - Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer

Others Present - Parks Director and Mayor-Elect Chris Treat, Parks Assistant Director Keith Cox, Systems Administrator Brandon Fontenot, Parks Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson and Council Member Jack Moseley

McKeown congratulates Chris Treat for being elected as the next Mayor of Bryant and recognizes all candidates for the courage that it takes to run for public office.

Approval of Minutes - February 13 Parks Committee Meeting

Motion to approve by Martin, seconded by Crist. Motion carried.

Associations/Club Reports

Director's Report

Treat shows his appreciation to the Parks Committee for everything that he and the Parks Department has accomplished during his time as Parks Director, he credits everyone for allowing him the "credibility" to run and ultimately being elected Mayor. He talks briefly about his vision for the city and his excitement for the future of the Department under the staff that is currently in place under the impending Master Plan.

Treat and Cox ask for a small group to help look over the Master Plan rough draft to assist with any necessary edits before the Committee/Council workshop. Multiple committee members offer to look it over and assist with edits. The workshop will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled Parks Committee meeting on April 9.

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Cox introduces Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson to discuss the need to resurface Mills Pool. Robinson explains how the surface breaks down over time and the safety concerns associated with that. A request was made to contract BlueWater Pools to make these repairs. Crist also requested the Department to investigate a cover for Mills Pool to protect the investment.

Motion to request Council to approve funding to resurface and invest in a cover for Mills Park Pool by Crist, seconded by Jolly. Motion passed.

Committee Comments

Crist speaks on the Youth Basketball League after another highly successful season. He gives thanks to Center Superintendent Ebonee Scott for directing the league, as well as, administrators and teachers for Bryant School District for opening their gyms in order to keep the league sustainable.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jolly, seconded by Whittington. Motion carried.