

Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room 210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, Arkansas

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Included in these Minutes:

Resolutions: 20, 21, 22, 24, 25

Ordinances: 05, 06

APPROVED MINUTES

Clerk Note: Due to changes during the meeting, the Agenda numbers do not match the Minutes numbers.

Prior to the meeting, a prayer was led by Council Member Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

Call to Order- by Mayor Treat at 6:33 pm.

Roll Call –

Present: Walter Burgess, Butch Higginbotham, Lisa Meyer, Jon Martin, Jack Moseley, Jordan O’Roark and Wade Permenter.

Absent: Rob Roedel.

Quorum Present.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of March 31, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

[YT 1:30]

Motion to approve with two corrections - Council Member Martin, second by Council Member O’Roark.

Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. Nabholz Mold Report- Tyler Ravlin reported that the roof on the City Hall complex needs to be replaced, part of the wood structure will need to be replaced due to water damage and there is mold that will need to be removed. The estimate is \$231,637.40.
3. Water Tower Designs- different designs will be considered for the new water tower near the High School.

Public Comments

Sherry Kettle- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance

Bryan Jarvas- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance

Patrick Jarvas- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance

Sharon Slone- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance

Rose Sharp- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance
Michael Thompson- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance
Rebecca Taylor- opposed to proposed Animal Control Ordinance

New Business

Council Member Higginbotham made a Motion to move Item #9- proposed Animal Control Ordinance to Item #4, Second by Council Member Burgess. Voice Vote. Motion Passed. [YT 41:00]

4. **Ordinance 2026-04** - An ordinance repealing Ordinances 6 of 1948, 1999-9; Amending the Animal Control Ordinance in the City of Bryant, and for other purposes. Motion to table the Ordinance and schedule a Workshop by Council Member Higginbotham Second by Council Member Meyer. Voice Vote. Motion Passed. [YT 41:30]

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

5. **Finance Report** - For month ending March 31, 2026. Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending March 31, 2026. Motion to accept - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Moseley. Voice Vote. Motion Passed. [YT 43:00]
6. **Resolution 2026-20** - A resolution providing for the adoption of an amended budget for the City of Bryant for the twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Permenter. Voice Vote. Motion Passed. [YT 46:30]
7. **Resolution 2026-21** - A resolution providing for the adoption of an amended budget for the City of Bryant for the twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Motion to accept - Council Member O’Roark, Second by Council Member Martin. Voice Vote. Motion Passed. [YT 47:45]
8. **Major Vendor Listing** - For discussion only. [YT 48:30]

City Attorney- presented by Ashley Clancy

9. **Resolution 2026-23** - A resolution authorizing the sublease of a portion of property leased by the Bryant Youth Association to Initiate Academy; and for other purposes. Motion to table by Council Member Higginbotham Second by Council Member Meyer. Voice Vote. Motion Passed. [YT 52:50]

City Government- presented by Rebecca Kidder, Grants Manager and Ted Taylor, Director
Public Works

10. Resolution 2026-22 - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to utilize federal-aid transportation program funds for Springhill Road improvements. This is a design phase grant 80/20 match and the city is applying for about \$1.9 million. Twenty percent would be \$484,000. [YT 53:30]
Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

11. Leak Adjustment for Kermit Gray [YT 56:40]
Motion to approve - Council Member Moseley, Second by Council Member Martin.
This leak credit (about \$1100) would cover three months which would be beyond the one month policy. Extended discussion.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Parks and Recreation- presented by Keith Cox, Director

12. Resolution 2026-24 - A resolution allowing for public bidding for sale of equipment, vehicles, or other items as named in this resolution on GovDeals. [YT 1:03:30]
Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning and Development- Colton Leonard, Director

13. Ordinance 2026-05 - An ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning ordinance of the City of Bryant to rezone certain property from R-M to C-1. [YT 1:04:10]
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Ordinance title read by the Mayor.
Motion to adopt- Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Martin.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, and Permenter.
NO: Roedel.
Motion Passed 7-1.
No Emergency Clause.

14. Resolution 2026-25- A resolution authorizing the creation of Temporary Entertainment District for Bryant Summer Nights. Chamber is hosting this event one night a month- May through September, 2026. [YT 1:06:30]
Motion to approve - Council Member Burgess, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Police Department- presented by Chief Minden

15. Ordinance 2026-06 - An ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-05 to modify the number of authorized Sergeant positions as set forth in the personnel authorization exhibit; and for other purposes.

[YT 1:08:05]

This increases the department count from 52 to 53 and sergeants from 9 to 10 and promoted from within.

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

Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Ordinance title read by the Mayor.

Motion to adopt- Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member O’Roark.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O’Roark, and Permenter.

NO: Roedel.

Motion Passed 7-1.

Motion to adopt Emergency Clause- Council MembeMartin, Second by Council Member O’Roark.

Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley and O’Roark and Permenter.

NO: Roedel

Motion Passed 7-1.

Council Comments

Council Member Martin- Duck derby is this weekend.

Thanks to Ted Taylor and ARDOT for getting the turn lanes in front of Lowes painted.

Mayor Comments

A Bryant Leap Forward design week concludes this week.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member Meyer at 7:42 pm.

This is for the Approval of the April 28, 2026 Approved Minutes.

Mayor Chris Treat

City Clerk Mark Smith