Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026 - 6:30 PM

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

Included in these Minutes:
Resolutions: 42, 43
Council Member Higginbotham resignation letter

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

Call to Order- by Mayor Treat at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call –
Present: Walter Burgess, Butch Higginbotham, Lisa Meyer, Jon Martin, Jack Moseley, Jordan O'Roark, Wade Permenter and Rob Roedel.
Quorum Present.
City Attorney Ashley Clancy and City Clerk Mark Smith were also present.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of July 31, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 3:25]
   Motion to approve as amended - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Public Comments

Jill Hines- questions about Midtown
Tracey Bullock- questions about Midtown zoning
Kim Snuggs- questions about last Council Meeting and $250,000 agreement

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

2. **Finance Report** - For month ending July 31, 2026. [YT 14:00]
   Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending July 31, 2026.
   Brief discussion.
   Motion to accept - Council Member O'Roark, Second by Council Member Moseley.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

3. **Resolution 2026-42** - 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. [YT 17:00]
   Brief Discussion.
   Motion to adopt - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

4. **Discussion of City Finances, Purchasing, Budgeting and Audits - Requested by Councilmember Burgess.** [YT 19:30]
   Lengthy discussion on four issues presented by Councilman Burgess.

Fire Department – presented by Chief Futch

5. **Resolution 2026-43** - A resolution allowing for public bidding for sale of equipment, vehicles, or other items as named in this resolution on GovDeals. [YT 47:05]
   Motion to adopt - Council Member Burgess, Second by Council Member Moseley.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Council Comments

Council Member Permenter had questions about the $250,000 agreement from the July 28, 2026 Council Meeting.
Council Member Burgess reminded everyone about the Salt Bowl on August 28.
Council Member Higginbotham read a letter of resignation (attached) and recommended the appointment of Andrea Hooten who is unopposed for the seat in November.

Council Member Roedel made a motion to name Andrea Hooten to fill the remainder of Council Member's Higginbotham's term. Second by Council Member Meyer.
Voice vote. Motion Passed.

Mayor Treat swore-in Andrea Hooten to the Bryant City Council, Ward 3, Position 1.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Hooten, second by Council Member O'Roark at 7:27 pm.

August 18, 2026

The Honorable Chris Treat, Mayor
Members of the Bryant City Council
Boswell Municipal Complex – City Hall
210 SW 3rd Street
Bryant, AR 72022

Dear Mayor Treat and Fellow Council Members,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as City Council Member for Ward 3, Position 1, effective immediately. As most of you know, my health and hearing are facing the challenges that naturally come with growing older. While I look forward to continuing to serve the City of Bryant however I may in the future, I believe it is time for me to step down from this particular role.

My family has been in Bryant for over 50 years—back when there were only three numbers on our population sign. Over the past 20 years, I have been deeply blessed and proud to actively serve alongside so many wonderful people across various groups and city departments, including the Senior Center, Parks Committee, Development Review Committee, and the Planning Commission. The growth and amazing progress I have witnessed in all of our city departments has simply been driven by the quality, love, care, and passion of those who live, work, and serve here.

Mrs. Andrea Hooten is unopposed for this Ward 3, Position 1 seat in the upcoming election. Because the council is about to begin the vital budgeting process for 2027, I believe it would be of great benefit to the city for her to step in now. Allowing her to serve out the remaining four months of my term will give her a valuable head start working with this council. I sincerely hope the council will consider her for this immediate appointment.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you. May God richly bless you, your lives, and your service, and may He guide you in all things. I send you all my very best heartfelt wishes.

Sincerely,

Butch Higginbotham

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City Council Member, Ward 3, Position 1
City of Bryant, Arkansas