Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025 - 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

A prayer was led by City Clerk Mark Smith and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

Call to Order- Mayor Treat at 6:30 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of July 29, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 1:30]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Permenter.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. **Grant Updates** – Presented by Rebecca Kidder, Grants Coordinator [YT 1:40]
   Five grants have been awarded totaling over $2.2 million so far this year. The results for six grants are still outstanding.

No Public Comments

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

3. **Finance Report - Month ending July 31, 2025** [YT 4:30]
   Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending July 31, 2025.
   Motion to accept - Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

4. **Resolution 2025-28** - 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. [YT 5:20]
   Motion to adopt - Council Moseley, second by Council Member Higginbotham.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

5. **Ordinance 2025-7 - An ordinance levying a tax (3.2 Mills) on all Personal property in the City of Bryant, Saline County, for the purpose as provided by law.** [YT 6:30]
   Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Roedell, second by Council Member Meyer.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.
   Ordinance read by the Mayor.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Meyer, Roedel.
   NO: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Moseley, O 'Roark.
   ABSTAIN: Permenter.
   Motion Failed 2-6.

   Following more discussion, there was a revote.
   Motion to adopt by Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Roedel.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
   NO: Higginbotham.
   Motion Passed 7-1.

   There was no Emergency Clause.

6. **Ordinance 2025-8 - An ordinance levying a tax (3.2 Mills) on all Real property in the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, for the purpose as provided by law.** [YT 18:30]

   Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Permenter, second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.
   Ordinance read by the Mayor.
   Motion to adopt by Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Martin.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter.
   NO: Higginbotham, Roedel.
   Motion Passed 6-2.

   There was no Emergency Clause.

7. **Draft Audit and Tax Services Contract** [YT 21:25]
   See Forvis Mazars City of Bryant Uniform Contract.
   For Discussion only.

8. **Resolution 2025-33 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Bryant, Arkansas to enter into a contract with the Computer Hut DBA Pinnacle IT for Network Monitoring Services; and for other purposes.** [YT 27:55]
   Motion to accept - Council Higginbotham, second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

City Attorney- presented by Ashley Clancy

9. **Ordinance 2025-9** - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas to enter into an agreement with Pafford Medical Services for the provision of Ambulance Services; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes. [YT 32:05]

   Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Roedel.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.
   Ordinance read by the Mayor.
   Motion to adopt by Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Meyer.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
   Motion Passed 8-0.

   Motion to adopt Emergency Clause by Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member O'Roark.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
   Motion Passed 8-0.

10. **Resolution 2025-34** - A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas, to enter into an Operational Cost Sharing Agreement with Saline County for the Saline County Detention Center; and for other purposes. The City of Bryant and Saline County are authorized to enter into agreements to share the reasonable and actual operational costs of housing city prisoners in the county jail. [YT 35:05]
    Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Meyer.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning & Development- presented by Ted Taylor, Director

11. **Resolution 2025-35 - A resolution adopting the Saline County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Bryant, Saline County Arkansas** [YT 36:15]
    Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Moseley.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Public Works- presented by Tim Fournier, Director

12. **Ordinance 2025-10** - An ordinance of the City of Bryant City Council adopting a Wastewater Master Plan and supporting its implementation. [YT 37:40]
    Motion to suspend the rules and read first reading by title only - Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Roedel.
    Voice Vote. Motion failed.
    After further discussion, another motion was offered.

    Motion to adopt by Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Meyer.
    Ordinance read by the Mayor.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
    Motion Passed 8-0.

    Motion to adopt Emergency Clause by Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member O'Roark.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, Roedel.
    Motion Passed 8-0.

Council Comments
Council Member Roedel had questions about Intermittent, tax payer supplemented generation resource.

Mayor Comments
Mayor Treat reminded everyone of the Salt Bowl pep-rally next Tuesday.

Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Moseley, second by Council Member Burgess at 7:29 pm.