Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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

R:45, 46 O:13-3,17-1, 15-2, 11-1 redo, 12-1 redo, 16

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

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

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

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

Motion by Council Member Roedel to add a new item to the agenda as number 9. [YT 2:00]
Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of September 30, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**
   Motion to approve - Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member Meyer. [YT 3:15]
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

2. **Approval of October 28, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**
   Motion to approve - Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member Meyer. [YT 3:35]
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

3. **Bryant Historical Society Report** - Kathy Lewallen gave a yearly update. [YT 4:00]

Public Comments

None

Old Business

Council

4. **Ordinance 2025-13** *Third reading* [YT 11:40]
An ordinance restricting right-of-way canvassers and solicitors to certain Bryant streets and roadways, located within the City of Bryant, because canvassers and solicitors pose a danger to themselves and the public at large by intervening with the safe and normal flow of traffic; and for other purposes.
Requested by Councilmember Lisa Meyer.

Motion to suspend the rules and read 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member O'Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.
Ordinance title read by Mayor Treat.
Motion to adopt- Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Meyer.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter and Roedel
ABSENT: Martin.
Motion Passed 7-1.

The City Attorney explained that this Ordinance does not have an Emergency Clause in order to provide the Police Department time to inform solicitors before the new law takes effect.

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

5. **Finance Report - Month ending October 31, 2025**. [YT 13:40]
Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending October 31, 2025.
Motion to accept - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Moseley.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

6. **Resolution 2025-45 - 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 14:25]
Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Moseley.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

7. **2026 Budget Book Draft - City-Wide Budget Book for 2026** **[YT 16:50]**
Presentation: to fulfill ACA 14-58-201; Mayor to present to Council a budget by December 1, 2025; not to be adopted until December Council meeting, presentation only; see attached.

8. **Resolution 2025-46 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas to enter into a contract with Arvest Bank for banking and depository services; and for other purposes.** [YT 17:30]
Director Black described the selection process of Arvest Bank.
Phillip Partain and David Allen with Harvest Bank presented the benefits that Arvest Bank has to offer.
Discussion followed.

Motion to approve - Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Higginbotham.
Council Member O'Roark recused due to his relationship with another bank.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning & Development - Presented by Colton Leonard, Interim Director

9. **Ordinance 2025-17** – *First Reading* [YT 26:40]
An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance 1999-16 of the City of Bryant to the Bryant Zoning Code.
Interim Director Leonard noted that the changes to the Code deal with solar arrays, accessory dwelling units, zoning, and vegetable gardens. These changes have been to both the Development and Review Committee as well as the Planning Commission. There has also been a Public Hearing held on the changes.
Council Member Roedel asked that the Ordinance be added to the agenda and he also asked for the six foot minimum barrier fence in Section 10.14:
Utility-Scale Solar Arrays B.4.b. be increased to ten foot minimum.
Additional discussion followed.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st reading by title only - Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Moseley.
Ordinance title read by the Mayor.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Animal Control – Presented by Tricia Power

10. **Ordinance 2025-15** – *Second Reading* [YT 33:50]
An ordinance repealing Ordinance 2015-45; setting the fee schedule for the department of Animal Control in the City of Bryant.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 2nd reading by title only - Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member O'Roark.
Ordinance title read by the Mayor.
Voice Vote. Motion passed

City Attorney- Presented by Ashley Clancy

Attorney Clancy explained that there have been several substantial changes to both proposed Ordinance 2025-11 and proposed Ordinance 2025-12 since the First Readings during the October 28, 2025 meeting and therefore both Ordinances are being presented again tonight as a new First Reading. [YT 35:35]

11. **Ordinance 2025-11** – *First Reading*
An ordinance fixing rates for services rendered by the <u>water facilities</u> of the water and sewer system of the City of Bryant, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters thereto.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st reading by title only - Council Member O'Roark, second by Council Member Moseley.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Ordinance title read by the Mayor.

12. **Ordinance 2025-12** – *First Reading* [YT 37:00]
An ordinance fixing rates for services rendered by the sewer facilities of the water and sewer system of the City of Bryant, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters thereto.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st reading by title only - Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Ordinance title read by the Mayor.

Council Member Meyer requested additional discussion on how new employees would be added to the Water and Waste Water Departments. She also asked about the current policy of charging 150% more for out-of-the-city sewer.
Discussion followed.
Mayor Treat indicated both of these issues would be further researched.

13. **Discussion of Joyner v. City of Bryant** - Motion to proceed [YT 45:00]
Attorney Clancy stated that the negotiations on the lawsuit with Ms. Joiner are at a standstill and asked the Council to proceed with litigation and for negotiations to end.
Discussion followed.
Motion by Council Member Higginbotham to proceed with litigation, second by Council Member O'Roark.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.

Planning and Development - Presented by Ted Taylor Director of Public Works

14. **Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for 10-Acre Land Swap at Bishop Park to Facilitate Road Construction for adjacent City of Benton Subdivision.** [YT 48:30]
This land swap will provide a second access road and ten additional acres to Bishop Park.
Lengthy Discussion followed.
Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Moseley.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.

15. **Ordinance 2025-16 - An ordinance authorizing the City of Bryant to accept the Metroplan Climate Pollution Reduction Grant for the Bryant Parkway Trail, to preserve the trail until 2050, comply with grant requirements, and declaring an emergency.** [YT 1:01:40]
Grants Coordinator Rebecca Kidder, answered Council questions. This is a $1,760,000 grant.
Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Moseley, second by Council Member Roedel.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Ordinance title read by the Mayor.
Motion to adopt Emergency Clause- Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member O'Roark.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter and Roedel.
ABSENT: Martin.
Motion Passed 7-1.

Motion to adopt Emergency Clause by Council Member Roedel, second by Permenter.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter and Roedel.
ABSENT: Martin.
Motion Passed 7-1.

Council Comments

Council Member Permenter requested clarification on the current solicitation policy.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Permenter, second by Council Member Burgess at 7:41 pm.