RESOLUTION 2026 - 01

Council Meeting Resolution - Calendar Year 2026

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-501 *et. seq* provides for organization of the City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bryant City Council finds that its meetings for the 2026 Calendar year shall be governed as herein provided and hereby adopts the following:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. The City Council shall meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, unless by a two-thirds (2/3) vote (comprised of six [6] members of an eight [8] member council) of a whole number of members elected to the Council desires an alternative monthly meeting time; and with the exception for the month August which the meeting will be held on August 18, 2026 , November which that meeting will be held on November 17, 2026 and the month of December which that meeting will be held on December 15, 2026. Regularly-scheduled meetings may also include a "Workshop" before or after the meeting, not during, (if required) in order to provide for informal discussions, fact-finding or pending legislation before the Council.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or any three (3) members of the City Council according to the provisions of State law, if notice is given 48 hours prior to the meeting, unless an emergency exists. An emergency is defined as an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action; or an urgent need of assistance or relief as declared by the Mayor or City Council (such as declaring a state of emergency). In the case of an emergency meeting as defined herein, notice of the meeting shall be given to media representatives within the county or out of the county media representatives that have requested notification of such emergency meeting, at least two (2) hours before the meeting takes place in order that the public shall have representatives at the meeting.

Section 3. The agenda for any business to be transacted at any regularly scheduled meeting shall be prepared by the Mayor and be made available to all members of the City Council and any citizen no later than 4:00 p.m. within five (5) days preceding any regularly scheduled council meeting. The agenda shall include any item sponsored by the Mayor, by any member of the City Council, or by any member of the general public, provided that such item or items have been submitted to the Mayor's office for inclusion no later than 12:00 noon within seven (7) days preceding said regularly scheduled meeting. No item may be added to the agenda unless, at said meeting, the City Council suspends said rules by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the City Council to add any item or items to its agenda. Attachments, documents or supporting papers, including resolutions, ordinances, and other documents may be amended, modified, or updated as necessary up to 48 hours before any scheduled meeting. All agendas

will be provided by electronic means, via the City of Bryant Web Page and/or email link to the Agenda Center.

Section 4. The agenda for any business to be transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to the purpose for which said meeting was called.

Section 5. The Mayor shall be the ex-officio President of the Council and shall preside at its meetings. In the absence of the Mayor, the City Council shall elect a president pro-tempore to preside at the meetings. All proceedings of the Council shall be according to Procedural Rules for Municipal Officials. The order of business for all regularly scheduled meetings shall be as follows: (1) invocation or moment of silence; (2) the Pledge of Allegiance; (3) Call to Order; (4) approval of previous meeting minutes (any special meeting minutes will be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting); (5) announcements (6) reports of all standing committee chairman; (7) reports of any department heads, special and ad hoc committees; (8) public comments; (9) unfinished business (or "old business"); (10) new business (including approval of the financial report from the previous month); (11) items of introduction or inquiry from Mayor and City Council members; and (12) adjournment.

Section 6. All bylaws and ordinances of general or permanent nature shall be fully and distinctly read on three (3) different days unless two-thirds (2/3) of the members comprising the City Council shall dispense with the rule (Ark. Code Ann. § 14-55-202 *et. seq*).

Section 7. Any and all discussions, comments, and/or debates by any member of the City Council, Mayor and other interested persons shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes, unless the Mayor imposes a different time standard. Extensions to the time limit may be granted by the City Council by a majority vote, and responses by interested persons shall not be included in the City Council's three (3) minute time limit.

Section 8. The City Council has the authority to limit discussion (time and/or number of speakers) by a motion to limit debate with such motion passing by a majority of the City Council members.

Section 9. No one shall berate, harass, or use disparaging language or gestures during any meetings conducted by the City Council. Respectful behavior, language and decorum shall be used by any person speaking during a City Council meeting.

Section 10. Severability

Should any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution be declared or adjudged invalid or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 11. General Repealer

All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of January, 2026.

_____
Mayor Chris Treat

ATTEST:

_____
Mark Smith, City Clerk