Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025 - 6:30 PM – Held Virtually

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: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07
Ordinances: 01

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Clerk Note: This meeting was held virtually using Zoom due to the icy and snowy weather. The Governor had declared an Emergency.

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 6:37 pm.

Roll Call –
Present Virtually: 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 December 16, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 11:30]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. **Reappointment of Committee/Commission Members**
   Planning Commission: Lance Penfield, Terri Thompson, Andrea Hooten, Amy Edwards;

   Parks Committee: Amanda Jolly, Tony Williams, Jason Whittington, Jennifer Benning;

   Water/Sewer Advisory Committee: Madison McEntire, Leroy Tinkler, Kathy Barber, Linda Levart, David Hannah, Wade Boone, Alan Wise

Public Comments

None

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

3. **Finance Report** - For month ending December 31, 2025. [YT 13:05]
   Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending December 31, 2025.
   Motion to accept - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Moseley.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

4. **Resolution 2025-02** – 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 13:40]
   Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

5. **Resolution 2025-03** – A resolution to approve the city budget for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. [YT 16:30]
   Lengthy discussion regarding the retaining wall at Animal Control and the costs involved.
   Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, second by Council Member Higginbotham.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

6. **Ordinance 2026-01** - An ordinance providing permission to destroy certain city records per city policy in Resolution 2015-05; and for other purposes. [YT 28:30]
   Emergency Clause Included.
   Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Martin, second by Council Member O'Roark.
   Regions credit card 2022 box was removed from the list of containers to be destroyed.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.
   Ordinance title read by the Mayor.
   Motion to adopt- Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, Permenter, and Roedel.
   Motion Passed 8-0.
   Motion to adopt Emergency Clause- Council Roedel, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.
   Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley and O'Roark, Permenter and Roedel.
   Motion Passed 8-0.

City Attorney- Presented by Ashley Clancy

7. **Resolution 2026-01** - A resolution setting the City Council meeting dates for 2026. [YT 32:35]
   Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, Aug 18, Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 17, and Dec 15.
   Motion to adopt - Council Member Martin, second by Council Member Higginbotham.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

8. **Resolution 2026-04** – A resolution authorizing settlement of litigation and appropriation of funds (Joyner Settlement). [YT 33:20]
   The settlement amount is $12,750.
   Motion to adopt - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Meyer.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Council- Presented by Colton Leonard, Planning and Development Director

9. **Property Clean-Up - For discussion only**
   Discussion only regarding potential funding options (approximately $25,000 in addition to the previously allotted $5,000 for a total of $30,000) for property clean-up for four properties following a 30-day notice period, including 3007 West Meadowbrook, 2921 and 2995 Maple Park Street, and 1907 Pine Circle. [YT 34:35]

Planning & Development- Presented by Colton Leonard, Planning and Development Director and Rebecca Kidder, Grants Coordinator

10. **Public Hearing - Regarding property clean-up for parcel #840-00626-000** [YT 42:25]
    Open Public Hearing 7:10 pm
    No Public Comments
    Close Public Hearing 7:11 pm

11. **Resolution 2026-05** – A resolution approving expenses associated with property clean-up at 400 Rich Street under Ordinance No. 2012-30. [YT 43:35]
    Motion to adopt - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Meyer.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

12. **Resolution 2026-06** - A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bryant to apply for and participate in the FY2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program through the U.S. Department of Transportation. [YT 44:55]
    Vernon and Jennifer Williams with GarNat Engineering explained the project focus is to eventually five-lane the existing two lane Springhill Road which is about three miles long and will include roundabouts at major intersections. The traffic count at the south end of the road near Highway 5 is about 14,000 cars a day. The City will apply for the BUILD Grant which is a highly competitive federal grant. The goal is to purchase the property that would be needed for the entire five miles of road. This project could take many years to complete.
    Motion to adopt - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Public Works- Ted Taylor- Public Works Director

13. **Resolution 2026-07** - A resolution allowing for public bidding for sale of equipment, vehicles and other items as named in this resolution on GovDeals. [YT 55:45]
    Discussion followed.
    Motion to adopt - Council Member Roedel, Second by Council Member Martin.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

14. **Highway 5 Widening Status Update** [YT 59:20]

Director Taylor explained that the five-laning Highway 5 widening project between Reynolds Road and the Pulaski County line will be improved in two sections. The first section will be Reynolds Road to the Bryant Parkway. The utility work is scheduled to be finished in 2026 and letters are being currently sent to property owners along the route.

Council Comments

Council Member Martin thanked Public Works for the good work removing the heavy snow and ice from City streets.

Mayor Comments

Advised that Saline County is currently considering a mutual aid agreement with the cities in the County.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Roedel, second by Council Member Burgess at 7:31 pm.