Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes
March 31, 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: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Ordinances: 03

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, a prayer was led by Council Member Higginbotham 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 and Wade Permenter.
Quorum Present.
City Clerk Mark Smith were also present.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of February 24, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes** [YT 1:30]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Meyer.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. **Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation**

3. **Crafton Tull Update**- Truett Smith

4. **Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce Report**- Presented by Shane Knight

5. **Appointment of Planning Commission Member**- Phillip Lewis, Ward 1, Position 2 [YT 22:55]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

6. **State of the City Video**

Public Comments

Evelyn Spohnholz- water leak at her house
Kermit Grays- water leak at his house
Richard Jacuzzi- condemnation

Asha Miller- Wildwood Terrace

New Business

Council Member Meyer made a Motion to add an Executive Session for personnel to the Agenda as Item 19, Second by Council Member Burgess. [YT 47:25]
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

7. **Finance Report** - For month ending February 28, 2026. [YT 48:20]
   Approval and acceptance of the finance report for the month ending February 28, 2026.
   Motion to accept - Council Member Moseley, Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

8. **2025 Unaudited Financial Report** - Approval and acceptance of the report for the month ending December 31, 2025, unaudited, published in the paper on or before April 1st per state ACA 14-59-116. [YT 50:50]
   Motion to accept - Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Jon Martin.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

9. **Resolution 2026-12** - 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 51:55]
   Council Member Martin recused from voting.
   Motion to accept - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Moseley.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

10. **2026 Budget Book**- Approval and acceptance of the final draft, applied to GFOA for the award. [YT 57:00]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Martin.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

City Attorney- presented by Ashley Clancy

11. **Ordinance 2026-03** - An ordinance waiving a conflict of interest and authorizing the City of Bryant, Arkansas to enter into a contract with TYG Landscaping, owned by a city employee; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes. [YT 58:40]
    TYG was the low bidder and the most qualified of the other four bidders.
    Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading by title only - Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Meyer.
    Voice Vote. Motion passed.
    Ordinance title read by the Mayor.
    Motion to adopt- Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Burgess.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, O'Roark, and Permenter.
    NO: Roedel.
    Motion Passed 7-1.
    Motion to adopt Emergency Clause- Council Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Martin.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley and O'Roark and Permenter.
    Motion Passed 7-1.

12. **Resolution 2026-13** - A resolution authorizing the City of Bryant, Arkansas, to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire certain real property located in the Wildwood Terrace Subdivision for the purpose of constructing a gravel road; and for other purposes. [YT 1:02:20]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Burgess.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Human Resources- presented by Charlotte Rue

13. **Resolution 2026-14** - A resolution regarding an updated Public Works Organizational chart. [YT 1:13:00]
    Motion to accept - Council Member O'Roark, Second by Council Member Higginbotham.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

14. **Resolution 2026-15** - A resolution regarding a new position description and compensation plan for Aquatics Specialist. [YT 1:21:00]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Martin.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

15. **Resolution 2026-16** - A resolution regarding a new position description and compensation plan for Grants Manager. [YT 1:21:40]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Higginbotham, Second by Council Member Martin.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Planning & Development- presented by Rebecca Kidder, Grants Coordinator

16. **Resolution 2026-17** - A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Bryant to utilize federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program or recreation trails program funds. [YT 1:22:00]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Martin.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

17. **Resolution 2026-18** - A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Bryant to utilize federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program or recreation trails program funds. [YT 1:24:20]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Moseley.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

18. **Resolution 2026-19** - A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Bryant to utilize federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program or recreation trails program funds. [YT 1:26:15]
    Motion to accept - Council Member Burgess, Second by Council Member Meyer.
    Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Public Works- presented by Ted Taylor, Public Works Director

19. **Leak Communication Policy-** For discussion only [YT 1:26:30]
    Director Taylor explained that his staff is trying to use the Water Scope Monitoring System to proactively reach out to customers that are showing unusually high water use.

20. **Executive Session for Personnel**
    Open: 7:57
    Closed 8:15
    No Action taken

Council Comments

Council Member Martin announced the Rotary Duck Derby 5K is the first week of May.
Council Member Burgess thanked Chamber of Commerce CEO for his work on Defense Industry Economic Development.
Council Member Higginbotham thanked the Department Heads for the detail provided in the State of the City video.

Mayor Comments

Thanked Council for funding the new lights at Bishop Park and Happy Birthday Jon Martin.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member Meyer at 8:18 pm.