Bryant City Council Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2026 - 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 invocation was voiced by Council Member Moseley, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Treat.

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

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

Special Guest: Mykhailo Tretiak, Exchange student from the Ukraine

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of August 16, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes** [2:20]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Burgess.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Presentations and Announcements

2. **Streets Master Plan Status Report** – Public Works Engineer Ted Taylor [2:45]
   Introduced Vernon and Jennifer Williams with GarNat Engineers. Ms. Williams stated that the city maintains over 400 lane miles of streets. The Streets Master Plan has four phases: Stakeholder Engagement, Cost Estimates, Funding Mechanisms, and Final Long-term Street Maintenance and Widening Prioritization Plan. Currently GarNat is working on Phase Three which includes a $1,940,000 million grant from Metroplan for Springhill Road design work.

Public Comments

Stephen Price asked about the Noise Ordinance.
Katherine Davis had comments on a water leak.

New Business

Finance – Presented by Joy Black, Director

3. **Finance Report - Month ending August 31, 2026**. Approval and acceptance of the Finance Report for the month ending August 31, 2026. [28:00]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Moseley.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

4. **Ordinance 2026-09** - An ordinance levying a tax on all personal property in the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, for the purpose as provided by law. [28:40]
   Council Member Burgess asked if there had been any analysis on whether the 3.2% could be lowered. Mayor Treat stated that any reduction would likely force a reduction in payroll.
   Council Member Martin asked for a break-down of the 3.2%.
   Motion to suspend the rules and approve second reading by title only - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Permenter.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.
   Ordinance read by the Mayor.

5. **Ordinance 2026-10** - An ordinance levying a tax on all real property in the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, for the purpose as provided by law. [32:30]
   Motion to suspend the rules and read second reading by title only - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Permenter.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.
   Ordinance read by the Mayor.

6. **Major Vendor List** – Updated [33:05]
   Lengthy discussion. More discussion to occur on October 6 budget workshop.
   Lengthy discussion.
   Motion by Council Member Martin to approve except for four (2 for Public Works and 2 for the Senior Center) to be discussed later, second by Council Member Meyer.
   Voice Vote. Motion passed.

7. **Roof Estimate** – Presented by Joe Thomas, City Building Inspector. [48:25]
   Lengthy discussion only on the re-roofing of multiple city facilities. There are 45 structures in the city.
   Working with the Edwards Companies Group to deal with multiple roof leaks and the Municipal League insurance. City Hall alone has ten major leaks. There has also been air and mold issues. The estimated $20,000 cost will cover all the current issues and will be handled as a single claim and single budget adjustment. The repair comes with a twenty-year warranty and yearly inspections.

8. **2025 Audit -** Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for 2025 [1:00:10]
   David Coleman with Forvis Mazars discussed a lengthy presentation of the Annual Budget- a 130-page document. available online. Restatements have been issued on several funds. There are many intricacies that have required a lot of time.
   Coleman recommends, “strengthening the preparation and review of account reconciliations, journal entries, and financial statement preparation procedures. There were many errors going back many years and a lack of control to prevent the errors. Policies and review procedures over reconciliations journal entries, and financial statements need to be enhanced. Management concurs with the finding and recommendation.”
   The changes resulted in a restatement of -$95,000 on January 1, 2026.

5 Minute Break

9. **Resolution 2026-44** - A resolution providing for an amended budget for the City of Bryant for the twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. [1:25:20]
   Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Moseley.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Council

10. **2217 & 2209 Defoe Circle** - Property Restoration [1:26:00]
    Council Member Meyer introduced Todd McCalley and Matt Schaffer who live at the Defoe properties. According to Mr. McCalley, the owners regraded and fenced their properties to mitigate flooding issues. French drains were installed and trees, gardens and flower beds were planted to keep water from entering the back of the houses. In 2017, Mr. McCalley and Schaffer gave the city an easement for $1 for the city to fix the flooding issues and restore the property to the original condition. The contractors the City hired had limited, or no experience dealing with these issues and used the homeowners' water and electricity while working on the project and did considerable damage to the yards, including sinkholes over six feet deep. The workers were extremely slow. Following this work, City officials inspected the property and agreed that the work was unacceptable but sent the original crew back to fix it. In the present condition, both back yards are unsafe for people and pets. Water does not drain to the twelve wide foot drains installed by the city in their yards. The City Contractors were fired without fixing the problems. The new fences are falling down and rotting.
    Council Member Meyer recommended DRC to not move forward with any more development in the neighborhood baring a solution.

Planning & Development – presented by Colton Leonard

11. **Ordinance 2026-17** - An ordinance amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of the City of Bryant to rezone certain property from R-2 to C-2 [1:47:20]
    Motion to suspend the rules and read first, second, and third reading by title only - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Hooten.
    Voice Vote. Motion passed.
    Ordinance read by the Mayor.
    Motion to adopt by Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member Martin.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Hooten, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, and Permenter.
    NO: O'Roark, Roedel.
    Motion Passed 6-2.
    Motion to adopt Emergency Clause - Council Member Burgess, Second - Council Member Meyer.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Hooten, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, and Permenter.
    NO: O'Roark, Roedel.
    Motion Passed 6-2.

12. **Sidewalk Waiver** - Autumn Hills Estates Subdivision Phase 1 - A waiver is requested on the requirement to build a sidewalk along the portion of the property which abuts Bryant Parkway. [1:51:10]
Motion to approve - Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Hooten.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Police Department

13. **Ordinance 2026-18** - An ordinance adopting the revisions to the standards of Conduct-policies and Procedures manual of the Bryant Police Department, pursuant to Arkansas Code Ann. 14-51-302 and repealing and replacing all prior ordinances pertaining thereto. [1:54:00]
Motion to suspend the rules and read first, second, and third reading by title only - Council Member Burgess, Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Ordinance read by the Mayor.
Motion to adopt by Council Member Burgess, second by Council Member Martin.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Hooten, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, and Permenter.
NO: O'Roark, Roedel.
Motion Passed 6-2.
Motion to adopt Emergency Clause - Council Member Martin, Second - Council Member Moseley.
Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Hooten, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, and Permenter.
NO: O'Roark, Roedel.
Motion Passed 6-2.

14. **Resolution 2026-45** - A resolution allowing for public bidding for the sale of vehicles, equipment or other items as named in this resolution on govedeals.com [1:57:50]
Motion to approve - Council Member Meyer, Second by Council Member Permenter.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Public Works

15. **Ordinance 2026-19** - An ordinance establishing the City of Bryant Yard Waste Program and Yard Waste Program Ordinance providing regulations and information for the courtesy program. [2:01:35]
    Superintend Troy Ellis said The Yard Waste program was first established in 2018.
    Motion to suspend the rules and read first, second and third reading by title only - Council Member Permenter, Second by Council Member Meyer.
    Voice Vote. Motion passed.
    Ordinance read by the Mayor.
    Motion to adopt by Council Member Moseley, second by Council Member Meyer.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, and Permenter.
    NO: O'Roark and Roedel.
    Motion Passed 6-2.
    Motion to adopt Emergency Clause- Council Member Martin, Second- Council Member Meyer.
    Roll Call Vote. YES: Burgess, Higginbotham, Martin, Meyer, Moseley, and Permenter.
    NO: O'Roark and Roedel.
    Motion Passed 6-2.

16. **Approval of Additional Leak Adjust Request** - Recommended by the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee. Leak adjustment policy adopted in 2022. [2:12:10]
    Mr. Bentley had a leak that stretched across to bills and he requested adjustments for both months. He had not signed up for Water Source monitoring.
    Discussion followed.
    Motion by Council Member Martin to provide leak credit for both months of Mr. Bentley's bill- second by Council Member Moseley.
    Voice Vote. Motion failed.

Council Comments

Council Member Meyer congratulates the Animal Control staff and the public for raising over $2500 at the Barking Lot sale.

Council Member Martin noticed improvements on Alcoa Trail and Rebecca Kidder thanked the Mayor and others for getting the project started.

Council Member Burgess asked about the work being done on Ridgecrest. Ted Taylor explained that since the sewer line runs down the middle of the street, the repair is time consuming but hopefully will be opened by the end of October.

Council Member Moseley thanked the Poice Chief and Troy Ellis for their response following the recent storm.

Mayor Comments

Public Safety Festival is on Saturday, October 10 from 10am - 2pm.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Council Member Martin, Second by Council Member Meyer at 9:17 pm.