Bryant City Council REGULAR City Council Meeting
July 26, 2022 - 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

Prior to the Council Meeting, a prayer was given by Council Member Higginbotham. The prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Council Member Higginbotham.

Call to Order by Mayor Scott at 6:30 pm

Roll Call – Council Members Present: RJ Hawk, Star Henson, Butch Higginbotham, Brenda Miller, Wade Permenter, Rob Roedel, Rhonda Sanders. Absent: Council Member Lisa Meyer. City Clerk Mark Smith and City Attorney Clancy Ashley were also present.

Quorum Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of the May 31, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**
   Motion to approve by Council Member Higginbotham, second by Council Member Henson. Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1 [YT 2:20]

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. **Public Works Directors Report** – Presented by Tim Fournier, Director of Public Works
   The 2021 Annual and 2022 Semi-Annual Comparison Update was presented. Comments included: repairs climbing due to clamped service lines being replaced with new lines when needed, Locate Department being moved to Street Department, Yard Waste has a new truck, new storm water infrastructure at Springhill and Hilltop is able to handle downpours well, Treatment Plant is functioning properly, Ground Breaking for Bryant Parkway expansion was held last week, upgrades for some lift stations are upcoming, 12 inch water line in Midtown was relocated prior to new houses being built. Council Member Hawk and others were appreciative of the Springhill/Hilltop upgrade. [YT 11:50]

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Broadway of Bryant thanks to City Workers. Newsletter item was after newsletter arrival date. [YT 14:05]

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Budget Resolution Requested –** Resolution to Amend Budget for 2022 – Chamber of Commerce $45,000

There is a consensus to the agreement and there will be no further changes to it. The money has to be authorized before the agreement is signed.
Motion to approve by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Henson.
Voice Vote. Motion Passed 6-2 [YT 18:00]
RESOLUTION 2022-21

NEW BUSINESS

Finance – presented by Joy Black, Director of Finance

4. **Month Ending June Financial Report** – Presentation and Approval of the Month Ending June 30, 2022.
   Highlights included cash reserve is holding at about 60-65 days. Sales tax back up. 2021 audit is not back and will not be presented tonight. Utility billing in August will be difficult with software conversion. After conversion, the 500 accounts will fully function as Enterprise Funds.
   Motion to approve by Council Member Henson, second by Council Member Permenter.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1 [YT 26:45]

5. **Record Destruction Request** – Ordinance
   Ordinance to grant permission to destroy certain city records per city policy.
   Brief discussion.
   Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading by title only approve by Council Member Hawk, second by Council Member Permenter.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1 [YT 27:45]
   Ordinance title read by Mayor Scott.
   Motion to Adopt by Council Member Henson, second by Council Member Roedel.
   Roll Call Vote. YEAS: Roedel, Permenter, Miller, Higginbotham, Henson, Sanders, Hawk
   ABSENT: Meyer
   Motion Passed 7-1.
   ORDINANCE 2022-17 [YT 28:30]

6. **Finance Approval To Draft For Payments –** Ordinance
   Ordinance to codify council approval for the finance department to pay items using draft technology. Brief explanation by Director Black.
   Motion to suspend the rules and read 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading by title only by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Hawk.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1. [YT 30:35]
   Ordinance title ready by Mayor Scott.
   Motion to adopt by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Roedel.
   Voice Vote. Motion Passed 7-1. [YT 31:30]
   ORDINANCE 2022-18

7. **Budget Adjustment Law Enforcement Stipend** – A Resolution Amending the 2022 Adopted Budget for the Purpose of Receiving and Expending the $5000.00 Stipend for Eligible Fulltime Law Enforcement Officers.
   In accordance with Arkansas General Assembly Act 224, 2022.
   Brief Discussion.
   Motion to approve by Council Member Hawk, second by Council Member Sanders. [YT 33:20]
   RESOLUTION 2022-22

8. **Discussion: Economic Development Agreement –** This item was pulled from the Agenda.

9. **Update to Open Burning in Bryant –** This item was pulled from the Agenda.

10. **Aria Oil Multi-User Trail Waiver –** This item pulled from the Agenda.

11. **Medic Sleep Care Sign Variance Appeal –** This item pulled from the Agenda.

Public Works – Presented by Tim Fournier, Public Works Director

12. **Rate Review per Ordinance 2021-6 and 2021- 7**
    The 2022 Budgets for Water and Wastewater were developed based on similar data from 2020 and 2021. Revenues for water and wastewater are on track to meet the budgeted amounts at this time. Six months into 2022, and based on historical information, it appears that water and wastewater revenues will continue to support the debt service. [YT 35:30]

Council Comments
None

Mayor Comments
Coffee with the Mayor, August 6 at Bishop Park
Dana Poindexter, Executive Assistant for the Mayor is leaving and taking a position with AEDC.
Popsicles in the Park, Thursday night, July 28.

Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Hawk, second by Council Member Miller.
Adjourned time: 7:08 pm.