

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**AUGUST 1, 2017**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Jim Salsbury, Karen Ford, William Pepple, and Tom Sprow. Also present were: Director of Utilities Kevin Maynard, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Account Clerk III Shelley Armstrong, Local Programming and Production Lead Eric Herman, City Council members Tommy Morr and Judy Yahraus, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 18, 2017, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Maynard gave a presentation to the Board on the Electric Cost of Service Study and two (2) proposed rate plans after providing a brief history of the project noting that Utility Financial Services were the consultants on the project. Director of Utilities Maynard noted that electric rates had not been increased since 2006. Both plans were presented to the Board with more focus on the three-year plan which incorporates power supply costs into the base rates. He explained that while the goal is to be overall revenue neutral and provide rate stability, large industrial customers would likely see favorable results. Examples of each proposed plan were presented with the three-year plan covering multiple years. Discussion was held at various intervals.

Director of Utilities Maynard informed the Board of the flexibility to implement the first year of the three-year plan and review the results to see if other changes may be necessary for the second and third years. He continued to say he would present a plan for the Board's consideration at the August 15, 2017, meeting. Should a new Electric rate plan be acted upon, it would take effect with bills rendered on or after September 20, 2017. Methods to communicate the new rate plan were then reviewed. Further discussion was held.

Human Resource Director Perry requested that Communications Tech III Todd Stimpfle be reclassified to Probationary Communications Tech IV effective August 2, 2017. It was noted that Mr. Stimpfle recently obtained his Senior Master Technician License. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to reclassify Communications Tech III Todd Stimpfle to Probationary Communications Tech IV taking him from \$23.59 per hour to \$24.57 per hour effective August 2, 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to pay bills. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board members thanked Director of Utilities Maynard for the Electric cost of service presentation and describing opportunities which may be available in the future.

Council member Morr addressed the Board to note his appreciation of the presented plan being favorable to both existing businesses and potential new ones. Further discussion was held with regard to forecasting rates and other various topics.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property and imminent litigation at 6:24 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Director of Utilities Maynard, City Attorney Fisher, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk-Treasurer