

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**JANUARY 17, 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 Rob Berner, Mayor Douglas Johnson, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, City Council member Judy Yahraus, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Pepple seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 3, 2017, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2016. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Berner led a discussion regarding four (4), lower end rental houses owned by Bryan Municipal Utilities noting that the properties were originally purchased as buffers or for possible future expansion. Options for the properties include: continuing as is, upgrading the homes, or razing the structures. One (1) of the properties is currently vacant needing a minimum of \$2,000 to \$3,000 in repairs.

After much discussion, the Board requested to tour the properties, review the lease agreements, and develop a list of repairs and/or updates needed to improve the houses. In addition, the currently vacant property will not be rented out until a path to move forward is established.

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

Director of Utilities Berner advised the Board that he and Chairman Long would be traveling tomorrow to American Municipal Power Inc. and that grant funds may be available for a summer intern position. He continued by mentioning items for future meetings and reminding the Board of the upcoming Bryan Area Chamber of Commerce dinner banquet.

Mayor Johnson advised that the Bryan City Council would be meeting at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to grant permission to Director of Utilities Berner to apply for grant funds for a summer intern position. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board Long reminded the public of the need for donations to the Good Neighbor Fund.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to take a brief recess. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and compensation of public employees at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend were: Director of Utilities Berner, City Attorney Fisher, Human Resource Director Perry and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

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