

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**FEBRUARY 7, 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, Power Plant Superintendent Matt Killion, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, Water Superintendent Norm Echler, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, City Council member Judy Yahraus, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 17, 2017, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Electric Superintendent Sullivan, Power Plant Superintendent Killion, Water Superintendent Echler, and Communications Superintendent Ferrell gave annual reports for 2016 for their respective departments. Discussion was held at various times during the presentations. In conclusion, Director of Utilities Berner provided an overview for the Board.

Resolution No. 1, 2017, titled,

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRYAN DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF BRYAN, OHIO AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC.**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Berner requested the Board approve the resolution presented by American Municipal Power, Inc. allowing him to represent the City of Bryan as a member of the Board of Trustees. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 1, 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

As the Board members have conducted tours of the rental properties owned by Bryan Municipal Utilities, a discussion was held regarding whether to make significant repairs to them for continued rental use or to possibly exit the rental business. Board member Pepple clearly pointed out that the properties were originally purchased for strategic purposes; however, the Board is yet undecided as to the course of action to proceed with and requested comments from the public.

Director of Utilities Berner confirmed that three (3) of the homes were occupied while one (1) was vacant. Board members advised to leave the one (1) vacant at this time and to bring the topic back for further discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion was then held regarding the planned purchase of a customized transport trailer for the video department at an estimated cost of \$11,339. A video production vehicle was originally budgeted for 2017 for approximately \$35,000; however, it was determined that the trailer would make a better solution.

Director of Utilities Berner informed the Board of the resignation of Communication Technician Trainee Brandon Willis effective February 5, 2017.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to accept the resignation of Communication Technician Trainee Brandon Willis effective February 5, 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Berner then requested to post for a Communication Technician Trainee position.

Mr. Sprow moved, Mr. Pepple seconded, to permit the posting for a Communication Technician Trainee position. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Berner then requested to post for the IT Technician-Help Desk Support position.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Pepple seconded, to permit the posting for the IT Technician-Help Desk Support position. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Berner recommended that the Board hire Samantha Clark as a temporary part time laborer in the Communications Department effective February 1, 2017, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to hire Samantha Clark as a temporary part time laborer in the Communications Department effective February 1, 2017, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Berner recommended that the Board reclassify Account Clerk II Shelley Armstrong to Account Clerk III effective February 1, 2017, taking her from \$16.14 per hour to \$16.62 per hour.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to reclassify Account Clerk II Shelley Armstrong to Account Clerk III effective February 1, 2017, taking her from \$16.14 per hour to \$16.62 per hour. 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.

Board members thanked the Superintendents for their presentations.

In light of the proposed soccer field lighting project, Mr. Sprow requested to have information provided on the unbilled utility service costs as they pertain to residents.

Director of Utilities Berner reviewed January's power production from the Auglaize and solar facilities, updated the Board on the sale of renewable energy credits and updated the Board on current projects.

Mayor Johnson reviewed the previous evening's Council agenda noting the retirement of Wastewater Superintendent Ric Homier on March 31, 2017.

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

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation and to discuss the disposition of public property at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the disposition of the settlement from the AMPGS project and settlement options.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to select Option 2 regarding the settlement from the AMPGS project. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury 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