

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MARCH 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, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Engineering Assistant III Suzy Hensley, Meter Technician II Jay Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, City Council members Carrie Schlade and Judy Yahraus, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Pepple moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 21, 2017, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique approached the Board regarding lighting at the soccer field in Recreation Park. After reviewing the history of the improvements at the soccer field, Parks and Recreation Director Dominique explained that if permitted to proceed, the LED lights would be provided by the Bryan Soccer Association; however, he requested the Board's approval to provide power for the estimated 40 hours per year the lights would be in operation at an estimated cost of \$430 per year. Further discussion was held regarding light spread, turn off responsibility, and other various items.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Pepple seconded, to approve providing electricity via unbilled service for the lights at the soccer field in Recreation Park. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Meter Technician II Smith and Engineering Assistant III Hensley addressed the Board along with another citizen regarding rental homes which they occupy but are owned by Bryan Municipal Utilities. The occupants noted that repairs had been made to their respective properties in addition to maintaining the lawn and other tasks. In addition, Meter Technician II Smith added that rental and utility income flowing into the City. They appealed to the Board for consideration regarding allowing the continuance of the rentals. Further discussion was held with Chairman Long advising the group that options regarding the rental properties have been discussed; however, the issue is currently on hold until an exit strategy for the properties is developed. Additional discussion was held.

City Attorney Fisher advised the Board on Senate Bill 331 which allows small cell wireless facilities to be constructed and operated in municipal right of ways and attached to poles. The size of the facility can vary which leads to aesthetic concerns. She continued by explaining various timeline requirements and noted that an application, fee schedule and permitting process are being developed. Further discussion was held.

Director of Utilities Berner led a discussion regarding creating a new position entitled Client and Services Manager aimed at providing better customer service to large power customers, working with supplier contracts and grant writing. Board members discussed the job duties to a great extent as well as other positions impacted. It was decided to revisit the subject at a future meeting along with other pertinent job descriptions and the organization chart.

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

Mayor Johnson updated the Board on last evening's Council agenda as well as noting that he had attended the American Public Power Association conference last week.

Director of Utilities Berner advised the Board on February's power production from the Auglaize and solar facilities. In addition, he reviewed the recent decline in pricing on hydro renewable energy credits and sought to lower the floor to sell the credits if necessary. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to lower the floor on selling hydro renewable energy credits to \$.50. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Berner then brought up a recent article in The Bryan Times regarding the power cost adjustment factor. He suggested and requested the Board's support to have a town hall meeting to allow him to explain electric costs to which the Board concurred. Further discussion was held.

Director of Utilities Berner continued with his agenda by deferring a potential legislative request regarding winter power issues until he could obtain further information.

Board member Ford advised that the American Public Power Association conference was impressive with regard to the people she met who are working diligently on our behalf.

Board member Pepple expressed his excitement for the lighting at the Recreation Park soccer field.

Board member Salsbury shared his appreciation of service provided by a Bryan Municipal Utilities Water Distribution employee.

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

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and compensation of public employees as well as to consider the employment, discipline, and/or dismissal of a public employee at 6:06 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.

Director of Utilities Berner and Human Resource Director Perry exited the Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

Board Chairman Long exited the Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. and returned to the Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. 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.

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer