

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

APRIL 18, 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: Mayor Douglas Johnson, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Water Superintendent Norm Echler, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Local Programming and Production Lead Eric Herman, Water Distribution Supervisor John Caperton, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 4, 2017, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 9, 2017, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH S&S DIRECTIONAL BORING, LTD FOR THE "EAST VILLAGE ADDITION UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE "C" AT A TOTAL COST OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$13,784.00)

was presented and read by title only. Discussion was held by the Board and Electric Superintendent Sullivan regarding the East Village Addition Underground Electric Replacement Project Phase C project. S&S Directional Boring was the low bidder at a cost of \$13,784. It was noted that this will be the final phase of the project and that the project has an August 2017 completion date. Further discussion was held .

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 9, 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Water Superintendent Echler led a discussion regarding the possible purchase of a 2017 Hydro Excavator for the Electric and Water Departments through the State Purchasing Program. A video displaying the usefulness of the hydro excavator was presented. Water Superintendent Echler stated that using this piece of equipment would allow employees to find buried utilities more safely and efficiently plus it would help to prevent unforeseen damage. Further discussion was held regarding the City's vac/jet truck, pricing, reduction in man hours required if this equipment were available, and other various issues.

While Board member Pepple acknowledged that the hydro excavator was a great piece of equipment, the solar field issue was of primary concern. For that reason, he added that he would like to table the issue of purchasing the hydro excavator. Additional discussion was held.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to table the discussion on the 2017 Hydro Excavator. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

During the vote, Board member Ford reminded that the excavator was budgeted for this year to which Mr. Pepple restated that there currently is no resolution on the solar field issue.

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

Several Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation on the hydro excavator noting the benefits of the equipment. However, it was again mentioned that other pressing issues needed consideration as well.

Board member Pepple noted his wish for a supportive partnership with Rudolph Libbe Inc. as we need to get the solar field back to full capacity.

Board Chairman Long noted that the Reliability Award for 2016 was received from the American Public Power Association. In addition, he remarked that the video production trailer had arrived.

Mayor Johnson reviewed the previous evening's Council agenda for the Board to which Electric Superintendent Sullivan added that a new underground power feed was being planned at the YMCA facility which is expanding.

Water Superintendent Echler noted that the North Lewis Street waterline had been completed.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee and acquisition of property at 5:52 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Fisher, Human Resource Director Perry, and Clerk-Treasurer Rode were asked to attend.

City Attorney Fisher and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode exited the Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

Board member Ford exited the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and returned to Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

Board Chairman Long exited the Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. and returned to Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Long seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

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

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer