

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DECEMBER 6, 2016

Bryan Board of Public Affairs Chairman Jim Salsbury presided over the meeting with the following members present: Karen Ford, William Pepple, Tom Sprow and Richard Long. Also present were: Mayor Douglas Johnson, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, Power Plant Superintendent Matt Killion, Water Superintendent Norm Echler, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Water Distribution Supervisor John Caperton, Administrative Assistant Sylvia Ramos, Engineering Supervisor Nathan Gardner, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2016, Regular Meeting and the November 18, 2016, Special Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 32, 2016, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE CONVERGENCE CARE CONTRACT WITH BLACK BOX NETWORK SERVICES FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INTERNET SERVICES

was presented and read by title only. Communications Superintendent Ferrell informed the Board of the need to renew the annual convergence care contract with Black Box Network Services/Logos Communications Inc. The annual contract covers help desk services as well as other support services. The new contract will cost approximately \$7,583.84 per month. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 32, 2016. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Electric Superintendent Sullivan, Power Plant Superintendent Killion, Water Superintendent Echler and Communications Superintendent Ferrell addressed the Board reviewing their capital projects requests for 2017 including, but not limited to: the vacuum evacuation truck, the Auglaize pulsation project, the engineering phase of the Daggett Substation upgrade, water main replacements, and the video production vehicle. Discussion was held at different intervals during the presentations.

Board member Long informed the public of the diligent search for a new Director of Utilities noting there were 53 applicants for the position which eventually narrowed to two (2) candidates.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Long seconded, to hire Robert Berner as the Probationary Director of Utilities effective December 12, 2016, at a rate of \$95,000 per year pending

the passing of a physical, drug screen and background check. Roll call vote: Pepple, aye; Long, aye; Salsbury, abstain; Ford, nay; Sprow, aye. Motion carried.

Board member Pepple then reviewed Mr. Berner's credentials and experience. He continued by welcoming Mr. Berner to Bryan.

Discussion was held to set a Special Meeting to take care of any year end business at 12:00 p.m. on December 28, 2016, in the Director of Utilities' office.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to set a Special Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on December 28, 2016, in the Director of Utilities' office to conduct any final year end business. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none.

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

Mayor Johnson advised the Board of the previous evening's Council meeting agenda and informed the public of the upcoming holiday schedule for the City.

Appreciation was expressed to the Bryan Municipal Utility employees for their efforts on the budgets as well as their diligence during the absence of the Utility Director.

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

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to return to the meeting from the recess. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Long seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation and to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee at 5:58 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

City Attorney Fisher and Clerk-Treasurer Rode exited the Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

Mr. Pepple moved, Mr. Long seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the status of the relocation of the Human Resource office. In addition, discussion was held regarding the plans to introduce Mr. Berner to employees on December 12, 2016.

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

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer