

Meeting #10-2019

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**APRIL 16, 2019**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Jim Salsbury opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Karen Ford, Richard Long, Derek Allen, and Tom Sprow. Also present were: Director of Utilities Kevin Maynard, Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Assistant Power Plant Superintendent Jim Coressel, Operations Manager Dawn Fitzcharles, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, Engineering Assistant III Suzy Hensley, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 29, 2019, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2019, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Engineering Assistant III Hensley addressed the Board with regard to a rental home on 223 South Emmet Street where she formerly lived. She expressed concern that Board member Sprow's stepdaughter was renting the home when in February 2017 he voted to exit the home rental business in a vote that was not passed. In addition, she voiced concern that other citizens were interested in renting the homes that Bryan Municipal Utilities owns; however, they were turned away. Board member Sprow replied that he felt because the vote was defeated, the utilities could still rent out homes. However, Board member Long implied that he thought the Utilities would not rent out the homes. Additional discussion was held addressing updating the status report of the home and possible exit strategies including discussion with Habitat for Humanity and razing the homes. City Attorney Fisher inquired if there was a lease and, if so, was it shared with the other Board members. Director of Utilities Maynard replied that there was a lease; however, it was not shared. Further discussion was held.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Allen seconded, to approve the March 31, 2019, Clerk-Treasurer's report as presented by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16, 2019, titled,

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MESA ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATION CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE WESTINGHOUSE CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Maynard informed the Board that the 2019 budget included \$750,000 for the GT #2 Westinghouse 191 Gas Turbine Controls Upgrade project to replace the 1971 vintage electro-pneumatic control system. This resolution, if approved, would authorize Mesa Associates, Inc., for engineering, installation consulting services, bidding and construction oversight on the project for

\$85,000. Further discussion was held regarding how difficult it is to find parts for the existing equipment, reliability issues, and the Mesa Associates personnel.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 16, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17, 2019, titled,

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ADVERTISE FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT BIDS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DRIVE SUBSTATION PROJECT**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Maynard requested the Board's permission to advertise for major equipment bids for the Industrial Drive Substation project which is replacing the Daggett Substation as recommended by the GPD Group. Further discussion was held on the estimated cost and timeframe for the project.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to pass Resolution No. 17, 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Operations Fitzcharles presented a possible pilot program with Apogee Interactive. A slide show presentation was displayed along with videos of potential messages Bryan Municipal Utilities could personalize to send out to customers who "opt-in" to the program and allow access to their personal billing data. Further discussion was held concerning automatic metering infrastructure and educating customers.

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

Electric Superintendent Sullivan mentioned that mutual aid had been deployed as a result of the recent Shelby, Ohio tornado. He continued that the 32 person regional Red Sector team, led by Assistant Electric Superintendent Adam Brandt, would be returning this evening. Further discussion was held.

Director of Operations Fitzcharles reminded that National Drinking Water Week would be celebrated with an open house on May 7, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Water Distribution Building. In addition, Assistant Power Plant Superintendent Coressel advised that the Auglaize facility was running at full capacity.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Allen 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