

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Karen Ford, Annette Schreiner, Jim Salsbury, and Tom Sprow. Also present were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Operations Manager Dawn Fitzcharles, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Power Production Superintendent Jim Coressel, Bryan City Council member F. John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2020, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Communications Superintendent Ferrell led a discussion regarding the significant increase in cable programming costs which may lead to a cable rate increase in 2020. He began by reviewing proposed rates to cover a portion of the increased costs noting that there would continue to be a bundled option for customers with cable and Internet. He added that Bryan Municipal Utilities is trying to stay competitive with our customers. Further discussion was held regarding the previous cable rate increase, years when rates did not increase accordingly with programming costs, and reminding that Internet subsidizes cable particularly in years when cable rates do not increase in correlation to programming costs. Communications Superintendent Ferrell also noted that the City of Bryan is still operating under analog versus digital.

Resolution No. 7, 2020, titled,

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ADVERTISE FOR THE GT#2 WESTINGHOUSE CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADE

was presented and read by title only. Power Productions Superintendent Coressel requested the Board allow for the advertisement of bids on the GT#2 Westinghouse Control System Upgrade. The GT#2 Westinghouse gas turbine generates electricity during emergencies, during times of peak load demand, and during transmission line disturbances and/or maintenance. It was also recommended to proceed with the advertisement of bids along with an alternate option for the GT#1 Westinghouse upgrade to consider the feasibility of joining the two (2) projects under one (1) contract. Further discussion was held regarding the need for reliability as the payback on the project will be obtained during peak demand periods.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 7, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 8, 2020, titled,

AUTHORIZING THE BRYAN DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. FOR DIRECT CONNECTIONS TECHNICAL SERVICES

was presented and read by title only. Operations Manager Fitzcharles requested the Board renew an agreement with American Municipal Power, Inc. for Direct Connections Technical Services. The program is designed to assist utilities and large power customers with specialized technical services to help customers conserve energy and provide cost savings via grants and other measures. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 8, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 9, 2020, titled,

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES RETIRED FROM PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH SOLICITATION OF SEALED BIDS

was presented and read by title only. Operations Manager Fitzcharles requested the Board's approval to solicit bids on five (5) Bryan Municipal Utilities vehicles in "as is" condition which are each approximately 20 years old. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 9, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Board member Sprow noted that January 2020 was a record month at the Auglaize hydro facility.

Board Chairman Long thanked City Engineer Wieland for assisting with grant funding for capital projects in 2019. He continued by inviting the public to reach out to Council members to express their opinions on the recent Charter proposal.

Mayor Schlade thanked the public for the turnout to support the Come Remake My City contest promoted by HGTV.

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