

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**JULY 7, 2020**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members participating via teleconference: Karen Ford, Annette Schreiner, Jim Salsbury, and Tom Sprow. Also participating via teleconference: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Operations Manager Dawn Fitzcharles, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Local Programming and Production Lead Eric Herman, and Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2020, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26, 2020, titled,

### **AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE BRYAN GOOD NEIGHBORS UTILITY FUND TO ASSIST FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

was presented and read by title only. Operations Manager Fitzcharles gave a presentation on the Good Neighbors Utility Fund noting the current balance and the utilities allowed to receive assistance. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resumption of non-payment disconnections, she requested that the dollar limit for assistance be increased to \$500 per household as well as allowing communication services to be allowed for assistance via this resolution through August 31, 2020. She further encouraged anyone wishing to donate to do so. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to pass Resolution No. 26, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director Perry requested the Board reclassify Water Distribution Operator II Dave Herman to Water Distribution Operator III effective July 14, 2020, noting that he is a great asset to Bryan Municipal Utilities.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Long seconded, to reclassify Water Distribution Operator II Dave Herman to Probationary Water Distribution Operator III effective July 14, 2020, taking him from \$25.55 per hour to \$26.61 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Operations Manager Fitzcharles then gave a mid-year update on the Electric, Water, and Communications departments, respectively, specifically noting the effects from the COVID-19 pandemic. Further discussion was held.

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

Several Board members congratulated Probationary Water Distribution Operator III Dave Herman on his reclassification.

Mayor Schlade advised that community events such as the community band concerts, car shows, and movie nights have resumed for those wishing to attend. In addition, she alerted the Board about an update they would be receiving from her with regard to COVID-19 in Williams County.

Operations Manager Fitzcharles informed the public the Bryan Municipal Utilities annual report can now be found online.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees and the acquisition of property at 5:57 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, Operations Manager Fitzcharles, Human Resource Director Perry, and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to exit the Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow 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