

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**JULY 20, 2021**

Board of Public Affairs Vice Chairman Jim Salsbury opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Karen Ford, Annette Schreiner, and Richard Long. Tom Sprow was absent. Also present were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Director of Utilities Nathan Gardner, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Water Superintendent Derek Schultz, City Council member F. John Betts, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2021, and Special Meeting held on June 28, 2021, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

Ms. Ford moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2021, as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Rode. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

Mr. Daryl Bowling Suez gave a detailed presentation on the City water towers inspection report for the Board. Photographs displaying the interior and exterior of the towers were included which showed mold and paint coating issues. While he implied the towers did not require immediate attention, both towers were quickly approaching the time of needing new coatings. The Fountain City Tower was last painted in 2005 while the Bryan Water Tower was painted in 2004. Repainting of the towers is typically required every 15 years. A project timeline to perform exterior and interior work as well as installing a safety cable climb at the Fountain City Tower was provided to the Board as well as a cost estimate for the project for both towers of \$955,628. Discussion was held at various intervals of the presentation.

Ms. Carol Czech of Airmate Company Inc. approached the Board regarding a water main extension to the Airmate Company Inc. facility. After giving a brief history of Airmate Company Inc., Ms. Czech shared that the facility will be expanding in the near future and, thereby, requires water suppression. While several estimates had been issued in recent years on the water main extension project, the current estimate from Bryan Municipal Utilities was for approximately \$500,000. She added that S & S Directional Boring had quoted the same project for nearly \$360,000. As the cost seemed prohibitive, Ms. Czech appealed to the Williams County Commissioners and Bryan Board of Public Affairs for assistance. Discussion was then held on possible assistance options and a review of what the Bryan Municipal Utilities Rules and Regulations allow from Director of Utilities Gardner. A desire to assist in the project was shared; however, the Board requested additional time to consider the matter.

Human Resource Director Perry requested educational assistance for Power Plant Operator I Kevin Douglass who is attending Northwest State Community College to obtain an Associate's Degree of Industrial Technology. Further discussion was held.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve educational assistance for Power Plant Operator I Kevin Douglass. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

Human Resource Director Perry requested that Water Treatment Operator III Jimmy Dunning be moved from probationary status to regular employment status effective August 2, 2021, with no change in pay. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to move Water Treatment Operator III Jimmy Dunning from probationary status to regular employment status effective August 2, 2021, with no change in pay. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested to reclassify Account Clerk II Lisa Morman to the position of Assistant Office Manager/Payroll effective July 19, 2021, taking her from a rate of \$19.20 per hour to a rate of \$20.75 per hour.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to reclassify Account Clerk II Lisa Morman to the position of Assistant Office Manager/Payroll effective July 19, 2021, taking her from a rate of \$19.20 per hour to a rate of \$20.75 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

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

Mayor Schlade and Board members noted that the water tower presentation was very informative. Mayor Schlade informed the Board that Bryan City Council approved a Community Reinvestment Area Tax exemption application for Airmate Company Inc. at last evening's Council meeting.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the compensation of public employees and the acquisition of property at 6:52 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

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

Human Resource Director Perry exited the Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Sprow absent.

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

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk-Treasurer