

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**OCTOBER 19, 2021**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Tom Sprow opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Karen Ford, Annette Schreiner, Jim Salsbury, and Richard Long. Also present were: Director of Utilities Nathan Gardner, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Schlachter, Power Production Superintendent Jim Coressel, Water Superintendent Derek Schultz, Parks and Recreation Benjamin Dominique, City Arborists John C. Goshia and April Smith, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2021, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Richard Kroeger representing the Ohio Environmental Agency addressed the Board notifying that the City of Bryan Drinking Water Source Protection Plan continues to fulfill the requirements of Ohio's Source Water Protection Program. He noted that the plan had been reviewed and updated as upgrades had been made to the wells recently. Mr. Kroeger presented Director of Utilities Gardner with a letter and thanked the Board for providing good, clean water.

City Arborist Goshia approached the Board requesting the annual donation from Bryan Municipal Utilities for street trees. He explained the current program in place and thanked the Board for their on-going generosity. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to give the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department a \$4,000 donation for street trees. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

After a brief review of the results of the recent Electric Cost of Service Study, Director of Utilities Gardner shared that a rate increase would be necessary while trying to provide a balance between fair and equitable rates, capital requirements and changing energy costs, and meeting the minimum cash reserve requirement.

Director of Utilities Gardner presented the Board with the options to go back to the revisit the proposed increase, table the item, or proceed with a prepared resolution. Further discussion was held noting that while the proposed resolution has rate increases over the next three (3) years, it would be reviewed annually. After further discussion, it was suggested to read the resolution as prepared to include electric rate increases over the next three (3) years as well as a revised power supply costs adjustment Rider A. If

approved, the first portion of the increase would take place on with bills rendered on or after November 20, 2021.

Resolution No. 32, 2021, titled,

**MODIFYING THE ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES AND RIDER “A” POWER SUPPLY COST ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, OHIO**

was presented and read by title only. Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 32, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Power Production Superintendent Coressel gave a brief update on the 34.5kV to 69kV upgrade project noting that a change order may be forthcoming; however, the project was still well under budget. Further discussion was held regarding the containment requirements for the project.

Human Resource Director Schlachter requested the Board move Engineering Assistant II Stuart Martin to probationary Engineering Assistant III effective October 20, 2021, taking him from a rate of \$18.57 per hour to a rate of \$24.30 per hour. She added that Engineering Assistant II Martin is one (1) course away from completing his Associate’s Degree in Project Management at Northwest State Community College. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury, Ms. Ford seconded, to move Engineering Assistant II Stuart Martin to probationary Engineering Assistant III effective October 20, 2021, taking him from a rate of \$18.57 per hour to a rate of \$24.30 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Director of Utilities Gardner shared that the former rental houses were being used for Police and Fire training at this time. Further discussion was held regarding the possible timeframe for removal of the homes.

Board members expressed their congratulations to the Clerk-Treasurer’s office for their recent Auditor of State award and to Engineering Assistant III Martin for his job reclassification.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long 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