

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**NOVEMBER 2, 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, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Power Production Superintendent Jim Coressel, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Schlachter, Bryan City Council member F. John Betts, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2021, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Gardner requested the Board set the amount to be paid from the Communications Department to the Electric Department for the use the fiber-coax plant at \$25,000 for the fiscal year 2022 budget as the Communications Department budget looks to be tight for the year. He added that for fiscal year 2021, \$50,000 was paid from the Communications Department to the Electric Department for the same purpose.

Resolution No. 33, 2021, titled,

**AUTHORIZING THE LEASE PAYMENT TO BE PAID BY THE BRYAN COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE BRYAN ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIBER-COAX PLANT**

was presented and read by title only.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to pass Resolution No. 33, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 34, 2021, titled,

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE GENERAL AND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE 34.5 kV UPGRADE PROJECT**

was presented and read by title only. Power Production Superintendent Coressel requested the Board approve a change order in the amount of \$37,152 to the 34.5 kV Upgrade project with Kent Power Inc. The increase is due to concrete “blowouts” which were discovered during the excavation phase. He added that the final completion date for the project is November 30, 2021, as well. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 34, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director Schlachter informed the Board that a resignation had been received by Engineering Assistant II Britton Poynter effective November 1, 2021.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Engineering Assistant II Britton Poynter effective November 1, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

City Attorney Fisher informed the Board of some of the interesting issues presented at an American Public Power Association conference she recently attended including cybersecurity and ransomware.

Members of the Board wished Engineering Assistant II Poynter well as he moves forward. In addition, they encouraged the public to vote.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property; employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and compensation of a public employee; and compensation and employment of public employees at 5:17 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Director of Utilities Gardner, Human Resource Director Schlachter, Communications Superintendent Ferrell, City Attorney Fisher, and Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Communications Superintendent Ferrell exited the Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Board member Long exited the Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. and returned at 6:29 p.m.

City Attorney Fisher and Clerk-Treasurer Rode exited the Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

A brief recess was taken.

Executive session resumed at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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