

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AUGUST 3, 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, and Richard Long. Jim Salsbury was absent. Also present were: Director of Utilities Nathan Gardner, City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Perry, Water Superintendent Derek Schultz, Electric Superintendent Al Sullivan, Power Production Superintendent Jim Coressel, City Council member F. John Betts, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 20, 2021, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Salsbury absent.

Resolution No. 25, 2021, titled,

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY ENGINEER AND CLERK-TREASURER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Gardner requested permission to apply for the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant with the Ohio Department of Development in partnership with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to provide financial assistance for capital improvements to public infrastructure. Projects under consideration include capital improvements to drinking waterlines and sanitary sewer collection systems and wastewater treatment facilities.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 25, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Salsbury absent.

Electric Superintendent Sullivan approached the Board as a streetlight petition had been received for the Union Place entrance. He continued that a light had previously been installed in the center area at the entrance; however, it was hit in accidents on three (3) different occasions. So, it was removed. If permitted to reinstall a streetlight at the entrance, it would be on the side of the entrance way. He noted that the petition had been reviewed internally without objection. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to allow the placement of a streetlight at the entrance of Union Place. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Salsbury absent.

Resolution No. 26, 2021, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PREMIUM RATE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

was presented and read by title only. City Clerk-Treasurer Rode reviewed for the Board the rate increase anticipated for health insurance coverage for the period September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. She noted that as the City participates in the Activate/Everside Health program, employees are encouraged to utilize those resources to keep health care and prescription costs down. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to pass Resolution No. 26, 2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Salsbury absent.

Water Superintendent Derek Schultz led a presentation on the need for a water treatment plant generator as the removal of the 4 kV line for alternate power puts the water system at risk in an emergency situation. He further explained that if the water storage is depleted, a depressurization of the distribution system could occur meaning no water is available in the system. He noted that the Environmental Protection Agency has recommended an upgrade to the auxiliary power system for automatic switchover to ensure continuous power in the event of an emergency. It was also mentioned that the 4 kV line and the Nordberg generator are 1940s vintage and that the Nordberg generator cannot maintain stable loads.

Electric Superintendent Sullivan provided a map of the power lines in the area and why the 4 kV line must be removed for the substation project. Power Production Superintendent Coressel further explained that in the event of a tornado, the power lines would be useless; thus, the stand-alone generator becomes essential to operate the water system for the City in the event of an emergency.

This project, if approved, would be a Caterpillar 500kW diesel generator and likely would be purchased through Sourcewell. Director of Utilities Gardner added that a resolution to purchase the generator would likely come before the Board at the next meeting. Further discussion was held at various intervals of the presentation.

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

Water Superintendent Schultz gave a brief update on the former rental properties noting that all utilities were disconnected.

Director of Utilities gave an update on Airmate noting that discussions were still ongoing; however, there was nothing to report at this point.

Board members appreciated the generator presentation and the medical insurance renewal.

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

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer