

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 6, 2023

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: James Salisbury, Annette Schreiner, Karen Ford, and Tom Sprow. Also present were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Human Resource Director Jacqueline Schlachter, City Council member John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2023, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director Schlachter presented the Board with a request to reclassify Derick Wyrick from Probationary Lineworker II to Probationary Lineworker III at a rate of \$32.43 effective June 13, 2023. Mr. Wyrick meets all the necessary qualifications and has been a great asset to the utility.

Mr. Salisbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to approve reclassifying Derick Wyrick from Probationary Lineworker II to Probationary Lineworker III at a rate of \$32.43 effective June 13, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director Schlachter presented the Board with a request to hire Nancy Michael as a Probationary Account Clerk II at a rate of \$17.25 effective June 7, 2023. Ms. Michael brings a broad range of experience in accounting and office procedures.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve hiring Nancy Michael as a Probationary Account Clerk II at a rate of \$17.25 effective June 7, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz provided the Board a slide presentation on power supply cost savings. Highlights of the presentation included: average monthly savings from peak shaving of \$425,000; receipt of over \$1.0 million of credits from settlement of the AEP overbilling issue; renewable energy credit sales and AFEC swap transactions, each resulting in additional credits; all of which have contributed to lower electric bills for BMU customers. Further discussion was held.

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

Board members offered thanks to Director of Utilities Schultz for his report, and congratulations to Probationary Lineworker III Wyrick and Probationary Account Clerk II Michael on their respective promotion and hire.

Mayor Schlade reminded the Board of the upcoming ribbon cutting and plant tour scheduled for June 9th at Spangler Candy Company.

Council member Betts encouraged the Board to actively share the good news of electric cost savings and the benefits to consumers of having locally managed control over the electric system.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Sprow moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining at 5:26 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Director of Utilities Schultz, Human Resource Director Schlachter, Acting City Attorney Marc Fishel (via telephone), and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director Schlachter requested the Board accept a new proposed contract between Bryan Municipal Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO (IBEW) Local 245. The contract is to be effective April 1, 2023 through October 1, 2025. Provisions that differ from the current contract include: allowing for specified personal leave in the first six months for newly hired employees; changes in the accumulation and use of compensatory time; changes in calculated compensation for on-call status pay; adding Juneteenth as a paid holiday; changes to the annual work wear allowance; and allowing for wage increases of 5.0 percent, 3.0 percent, and 3.0 percent in contract years one, two and three, respectively. Further discussion was held.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to accept the collective bargaining agreement between Bryan Municipal Utilities and IBEW Local 245 effective April 1, 2023 through October 1, 2025, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Long seconded, to go into Executive Session for a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action; to discuss acquisition of property; and to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee at 6:29 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, Director of Utilities Schultz, Acting City Attorney Marc Fishel (via telephone), and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner.

Acting City Attorney Fishel exited the meeting (via telephone) at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.
Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer