

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**July 11, 2023**

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

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2023, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Batt, on behalf of Bryan Athletic Boosters, provided an update on the Bryan High School football field turf and lighting project. The \$2.5 million project, of which approximately \$2.0 million has been raised to date, includes new football field turf, a new video scoreboard, new LED stadium lighting, as well as improvements to youth soccer and softball fields. Mr. Batt and Bryan City Schools Athletic Director Nathan Keel requested the Board waive two electric meter base fees and two wiring permit fees totaling \$515. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Sprow moved, Mr. Long seconded, to waive the two electric meter base fees and two permit fees totaling \$515 for the benefit of the Bryan City Schools athletic facilities project. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz presented the Board with a request to reclassify Patrick Wilde from Communication Tech II to Probationary Communication Tech III at a rate of \$27.10 effective July 12, 2023. Mr. Wilde meets all the necessary qualifications and has been a great asset to the utility.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve reclassifying Patrick Wilde from Communication Tech II to Probationary Communication Tech III at a rate of \$27.10 effective July 12, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz presented the Board with a request to accept the resignation of Account Clerk II, Nancy Michael, effective June 22, 2023. He also indicated that a replacement search is underway.

Ms. Ford moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to accept the resignation of Account Clerk II Nancy Michael, effective June 22, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz presented the Board with a request to accept the resignation of Human Resources Director Jackie Schlachter, effective September 6, 2023. He indicated that her last working day would be July 14<sup>th</sup>, and thanked her for her dedicated

and long service. Further discussion was held with others offering appreciation for her helpful service over the years.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to accept the resignation of Human Resources Director Jackie Schlachter, effective September 6, 2023. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Board Members offered congratulations and thanks to Communication Technician III Patrick Wilde, Account Clerk Nancy Michael, Human Resources Director Jackie Schlachter, and Bryan Athletic Booster representative Dave Batt.

Board Member Sprow also commented on his recent trip to Seattle with Board Chairman Long for the American Public Power Association National Conference. He was particularly interested in the sessions and discussions on electric vehicles (EVs) and charging stations, and the economic opportunities they could present for Bryan and Bryan Municipal Utilities as a destination and power supplier, respectively. Further discussion was held.

Director of Utilities Schultz offered thanks to Lineworker IV Brandon Suffel and Lineworker IV Kevin Rau for offering their services as mutual aid to parts of Illinois with significant weather-related power outages in early July, and to the Water and Streets Departments for repairs to a significant watermain break on S. Main Street.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Sprow moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee at 5:42 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Director of Utilities Schultz, Mayor Schlade, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Schreiner 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