

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**October 17, 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, Operations Manager Jimmy Dunning, City Council Member John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2023, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Long provided a community announcement that beginning November 9<sup>th</sup> video access to Bryan City Council and Bryan Board of Public Affairs meetings will be discontinued. Audio and video equipment currently in place at both meeting rooms is antiquated and in need of replacement. Cost prohibits the replacement of the video equipment; however, the audio equipment will be replaced and audio recordings of the Board of Public Affairs and City Council meetings will continue to be available to the public.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Long seconded, to acknowledge that after November 9, 2023 video recordings of Board of Public Affairs and City Council meetings will no longer be kept, but that audio recordings will continue to be made available to the public. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2023 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Lehner informed the Board that newly hired Human Resources Director Tricia Lyons had started working on Monday.

Board Member Sprow acknowledged that Bryan's Dum-Dums Lollipop water tower had just won the Tnemec's People's Choice Award for Tank of the Year. Others echoed congratulations; expressed sadness to no longer be providing video recordings of the meetings, but understood the rationale; and welcomed Human Resources Director Lyons on board.

Director of Utilities Schultz informed the Board that grant funding opportunities from the Ohio Public Works Commission and Community Development Block Grant Critical Infrastructure Funds totaling up to \$540,000 for the 2023 S. Lynn Street Waterline

Replacement Project is moving forward. The Williams County Commissioners, through the Maumee Valley Planning Organization, will be opening bids in the next few weeks, after which the Board will be presented with language requesting approval of the project.

A brief recess was taken.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Long seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss employment and compensation of a public employee at 5:16 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Director of Utilities Schultz, Operations Manager Dunning and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner.

Board Chairman Long exited the executive session at 6:07 p.m. and returned at 6:10 p.m. He exited again at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:10 p.m.

Director of Utilities Schultz and Operations Manager Dunning exited the executive session at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:35 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