

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**March 5, 2024**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Karen Ford opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Annette Schreiner, Richard Long, James Salsbury, and Robert Eyre. Also present were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Mayor Carrie Schlade, Operations Manager Jimmy Dunning, Police Captain Jamie Mendez, Bryan City Council Member John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2024, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Bill Metz addressed the Board with a follow-up to his comments on the internet spam filter, and on his opinion that reestablishing video recording of Bryan Board of Public Affairs and Bryan City Council meetings does not have to be an expensive endeavor. He also shared his opinion on the City's security concern with allowing third-party access to the City's network.

Police Captain Jamie Mendez was in attendance to request the Board consider providing free electric service to power two of eight new stationary license plate recognition cameras operated by the Bryan Police Department. (The remaining cameras operate under solar power.) Director of Utilities Schultz reminded all that the Board had approved a similar request for the first set of cameras in November, 2022. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Eyre seconded, to authorize the use of free electric service to power two new stationary license plate recognition cameras operated by the Bryan Police Department. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Board Chairman Ford requested minor modifications for clarity to the expense report provided to Board members each meeting. Further discussion was held.

Multiple Board members expressed thanks to the Bryan Police Department and Captain Mendez for information provided on the FLOCK cameras. Board Member Schreiner noted the complimentary article on the Dum-Dums water tower that appeared in the Wall Street Journal earlier in the week. Director of Utilities Schultz thanked the Electric Department crew that responded to a car accident that damaged a pole earlier in the day. Mayor Schlade updated the Board on her recent trip to Washington D.C. for the American Public Power Association conference.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury 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