

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

July 2, 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 Salisbury, and Robert Eyre. Also present were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Mayor Carrie Schlade, Parks & Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, Bryan City Council member F. John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2024, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salisbury seconded, to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2024 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation Director Dominique addressed the Board to request free electric, water and fiber service to the new Lincoln Park Playground restroom, as the Board has previously authorized for other city park facilities. He noted the additional request for fiber, as it greatly enhances the capability of the park security system. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Eyre moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the provision of free electric, water and fiber services to the Lincoln Park All Inclusive Playground restroom. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz provided a recap of earlier discussions regarding unbilled service provided to the Bard Centennial Fountain, the current requirement to review the annual cost of that service, and the need to determine the terms for continued free service going forward. He offered two possible solutions, one being to modify the current authorization by increasing the annual dollar cap from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for the remaining portion of the original twenty-year term (ending in 2034); and the other being to simply authorize unbilled electric and water service going forward for the life of the fountain.

After thorough debate by all, it was generally agreed that the overriding intent of the original agreement was to provide free service, but with a monitoring requirement since there was little idea of what the actual cost to operate the fountain would be. Now that the costs have been well-established, the intent is still to offer free service. Several Board members offered appreciation to Jim Kozumplik and others for operating and maintaining the fountain in such a responsible way.

Board Chairman Ford suggested a reading of the resolution offering to extend the provision of unbilled electric and water service to the Bard Centennial Fountain for the life of the fountain.

Resolution No. 14, 2024, titled,

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY TO
THE BARD CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN, AND RESCINDING
RESOLUTION 38, 2013**

was presented and read by title only.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 14, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Board Member Eyre noted the hard work that power plant employees put in during the five-day heat wave in mid-June and the real value of operating during peak loads on the system. He also mentioned the country could be in for a very active hurricane season based on unseasonably warm ocean temperatures.

He and others also offered praise of the recent celebratory events in the City, including Day In The Park fireworks and Jubilee. Others, including Director of Utilities Schultz, commended the efforts of the power plant employees, as well.

Mayor Schlade thanked the Board for approving free service to the Lincoln Park Playground restroom and for the generous determination on continued free service to the Bard Centennial Fountain.

Parks & Recreation Director Dominique expressed thanks to the Bryan Municipal Utilities staff who helped with the setting of a new filter pump at Moore Pool; the replacement pump weighed about 1,000 pounds.

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

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer