

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**May 20, 2025**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Annette Schreiner opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Robert Eyre, Karen Ford, Richard Long, and James Salisbury. Also present were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Mayor Carrie Schlade, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Bryan City Council Member John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salisbury seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Eyre moved, Mr. Salisbury seconded, to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2025 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18, 2025, titled,

**REVISING THE BRYAN COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING  
EXHIBITS IN SECTION III. RATE ADDENDUM**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Schultz explained that the revisions requested are housekeeping items to reflect the previously authorized elimination of consumer internet services from the Communications Department.

Mr. Eyre moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 18, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz provided an update on the Water System Study Improvement Plan. His slide presentation provided timelines for the plant rehabilitation option, as well as for the new plant construction option. It also explained the options available for the two required studies that will need performed regardless of the project option chosen: the Distribution System Model and the Hydrogeological Study. His recommendation is to proceed with the standard versions of each – for a total cost of approximately \$99,000. Given the time involved in the studies and the preliminary construction schedules, the Board directed him to proceed as soon as possible.

City Attorney Fishel initiated a discussion on Board Committee structure that would allow most current committee meeting practices to continue but in a way more consistent with Ohio Sunshine Law requirements pertaining to quorums and meetings open to the public. The recommendation is to define all standing committees as "committee-of-the-whole," to include all members of the Board, with a single designated Chair for each. Informal discussions on the topic of the committee can then be held by any number of committee member less than a majority (in the Board's case, two – the Chair and another

member). Further discussion was held. City Attorney Fishel and Director of Utilities Schultz will prepare for future action on the matter.

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

Director of Utilities Schultz noted that a “Wheels on Display/Touch a Truck” will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fountain City Amphitheater – all kids and adults welcome!

He also informed that Lineworker IV Kevin Rau and Lineman I Rayner Clemens were currently providing mutual aid in Michigan.

Mayor Schlade reminded all of the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> and offered congratulations to the Bryan High School graduating seniors.

Board members, in turn, shared those sentiments and thanked Director of Utilities Schultz for his presentation on the Water Treatment Plant and supported moving forward sooner than later.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 5:57 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Director of Utilities Schultz, Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fishel, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr., Eyre 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