

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

August 6, 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, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Bryan City Council Member F. John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Eyre moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz recapped his July 17, 2024 presentation to the Board on the Bryan Municipal Utilities Internet Service and offered a plan for discontinuing the service, as was suggested at that meeting. The end date is set for 4:00 p.m. on December 9, 2024; customers will receive at least a 120-day notice of discontinuation via letter and notices to be included in two upcoming billing cycles. Customers will be provided with information regarding alternate service providers, and they will not be required to return any modem equipment. After December 9th, efforts to decommission the system, finalize lease agreements and account clean-up will begin and likely run into 2025. Further discussion was held.

Resolution No. 17, 2024, titled,

**TO DISCONTINUE BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES (“BMU”)
INTERNET SERVICES**

was presented and read by title only.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to pass Resolution No. 17, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

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

Board Member Eyre had a few questions on the graphical information provided to all Board members; Director of Utilities Schultz offered explanation.

Several Board members expressed sadness at the discontinuation of internet service, but recognized the necessity of it. Appreciation was offered to Communications Superintendent Ferrell for his time, effort, and expertise from the start of the service. Further discussion was held.

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