

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2015**

A workshop meeting of the Bryan City Council was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Bryan Municipal Building, a notice of said meeting having been posted at least 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Jason Bienski and Councilmembers Al Saenz, Rafael Peña, Greg Owens, Mike Southerland, Art Hughes and Chuck Konderla were present. Also present were Deputy City Manager Hugh Walker, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

**2. PRESENTATION BY STAFF REGARDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN**

Dr. Jayson Barfknecht, Director of Public Works, shared the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) project ranking system and the database of the projects currently listed in the CIP. He reported some additional projects had been ranked and added to the CIP database as requested by Council. He explained what constituted a capital improvement project and the goals of the program. Dr. Barfknecht reviewed the CIP calendar and ranking criteria. He advised the 180 projects in the CIP database would cost \$693 million to complete all projects at today's construction costs. He explained that the City could only issue so much debt periodically without raising taxes. He also reported standards now being applied to developments would hopefully allow infrastructure to last longer. He also mentioned the Parks Improvement Plan projects had been added to the CIP. He listed funding sources, adding bond funds (debt) were the primary source of revenue for these projects. Dr. Barfknecht then listed projects in the CIP by fiscal years 2015-2020, with identified funding sources, amounting to over \$84 million. The additional projects mentioned by Council at an earlier meeting were then discussed. Factors involved in the ranking system were discussed. Dr. Barfknecht said that staff considers many factors when making recommendations on project priority, not just cost but the impact the project would have on the community. Councilmembers listed projects of interest to them. Support was expressed for the University Drive East expansion project, the addition of more ball fields at the Bryan Regional Athletic Complex (BRAC) using hotel occupancy tax funds, a new animal shelter, FM 158 lighting project and, in future years, possibly a YMCA facility. Discussion followed about the merits of expanding BRAC using hotel occupancy taxes to construct new fields. A new animal center funded with possible donations was also discussed. Dr. Barfknecht again explained the timeline for the CIP process.

**3. PRESENTATION BY BRAZOS VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY, INC., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRYAN GRIESBACH REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET AND FUNDING**

Mr. Bryan Griesbach, Executive Director of the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency (BVSWMA), presented the agency's Fiscal Year 2016 budget. He discussed BVSWMA's operation, governance, operational goals, rates and fees, products, household hazardous waste events, etc. He gave an overview of fiscal years 2012-2015 budgets. Mayor Bienski recommended a tour of the BVSWMA facilities.

**4. TRAINING SESSION ON COUNCIL REMOTE ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

Cray Crouse of the Information Technology Department presented a training session on Council remote attendance procedures. A demonstration was provided. Council was advised on the use of the system to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2015**

Council briefly discussed agenda items 9 b and 10 f of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of August 25, 2015. No action was taken regarding the items discussed.

**6. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta

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Mayor Jason P. Bienski