

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Buzzy Bunch, Commissioner Bo Griffin, Commissioner Craig Walker and Manager Gregg Griffin. VISITORS: Camden Kittrell, Gerald Proveaux, John Taylor, Mrs. O'Bryne and Russell Hurst.

Chairman Bunch called the meeting to order. Commissioner Griffin gave the invocation.

Commissioner Griffin made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023, meeting to be amended at a later date if needed. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Commissioner Griffin made the motion to approve the financial report for January to be amended at a later date if necessary. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Bunch turned the meeting over to Manager Griffin for the Manager's Report.

MANAGER REPORT

Manager Griffin called the Commissioners attention to the report provided. Manager Griffin stated that he and Camden Kittrell had kicked off the new website redesign. Manager Griffin said the staff was adding content, as well as pictures and biographies. Manager Griffin said he would be contacting the Commissioners for a picture and their biographies soon. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that the Phoenix project was finalized and everyone was happy. Manager Griffin also informed Commissioners that he would like to congratulate Camden Kittrell on his promotion as Director of Compliance and Technical Services. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that there was some other movement of other responsibilities within the organization and more was to come. Manager Griffin said there was a large electrical outlet on February 10, 2023, due to a car accident, which affected about 400 customers. Manager Griffin said crews were able to restore service long enough to allow customers to get ready for work and school and then began repairs to replace the pole and lines. Manager Griffin asked Camden Kittrell to share information on SCAT Park. Mr. Kittrell stated that there is some shared property at the SCAT Park where the Board sprays the fields. SCA owns this land. Mr. Kittrell states that SCDHEC has taken issue with the fact that BPW does not own this land. Mr. Kittrell stated that there have been discussion regarding a possible lease with SCA of these lands. Mr. Kittrell said he is working on an operations maintenance plan with SCA to rectify the situation. Manager Griffin said he felt the Board was in a good position to negotiate the matter to make it advantageous to everyone.

Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that he had been contacted by Genesis Digital Assets who are looking to expand their data center project which house their blockchain transactions. The project would be a 5 megawatt add to the Board's system. Manager Griffin said they are interested in property near substations. Manager Griffin said the property is actually owned by the City and they prefer an outdoor location.

Manager Griffin said that Comcast is considering coming to the region and he would be having some initial conversations with them in the coming weeks.

Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that there were 4 vehicles that needed to be retired and he would like to place those vehicles in an upcoming auction. Manager Griffin said those vehicles included a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado, #48, 2013 Chevrolet Silverado #49, 2013 Chevrolet Silverado #51, and 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab # 57 and would be sent to Cogburn. Commissioner Walker made the Motion to send the vehicles to auction. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Manager Griffin called Commissioners attention to an AquaLaw Memorandum regarding PFAS Manufacturers class action litigation. Manager Griffin stated that there were approximately 11 other utilities in South Carolina who have joined the class action suit. Commissioner Walker asked who some of the other utility companies were. Manager Griffin said he did not have that list with him, but he could make it available. Manager Griffin stated that the Commissioners could make a stipulation on the Motion if they would like. Commissioner Griffin said he would like to see the list as well. Commissioner Walker asked Manager Griffin to email the list of other utilities to the Commissioners. Camden Kittrell said there was an opportunity to join afterward even though there was a judgment coming soon and more entities would jump on soon. Manager Griffin said the matter could be tabled until the next meeting.

Manager Griffin asked Commissioners to consider adding the observation of President's Day and Juneteenth as holidays for the Board of Public Works employees. Manager Griffin provided a list of holidays offered by other local utilities. Commissioner Griffin said he was not opposed to adding the holidays. Commissioner Walker asked if the holidays would put us in line with the County's holidays. Manager Griffin said it would. Commissioner Griffin made the Motion to add President's Day and Juneteenth as holidays from this date forward for the Board of Public Works. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Camden Kittrell thanked the Commissioners for approving the holidays as some employees have to work nights and weekends and those extra days mean a lot to the employees and their families.

Manager Griffin provided Commissioners with information regarding the Bamberg Board of Public Works Tuition Assistance Program Guidelines and requirements for employees to further their education. Manager Griffin stated that the Board would cover the tuition and books for employees who wish to pursue a degree which would benefit the Board of Public Works. Commissioner Walker asked how grades would be tracked. Manager Griffin stated that the employee's supervisor would monitor performance. Commissioner Walker asked if an employee in water and sewer decided they wanted to become a lineman would they be allowed to pursue another area. Manager Griffin said they would be allowed to pursue any area that would benefit the Board and that employee would be sent to the lineman school that the Board is connected with for that training. Commissioner Griffin made the Motion to approve the Tuition Assistance Program Guidelines. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Manager Griffin provided Commissioners with an update on the Moore Street project. Manager Griffin said the Board would be assisting the County in providing the underground infrastructure to the buildings downtown. Manager Griffin also said the lettering for the upgrades to City Hall and the landscaping are in progress. Manager Griffin said he is getting a quote on a three-dimensional sign for the warehouse building.

Chairman Bunch asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Griffin made the Motion. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Bunch asked for a Motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Griffin made the Motion. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

There were no questions from the press or audience.

Commissioner Walker said he wanted to thank Commissioner Griffin for spearheading and representing the Board in the meeting with the Mayor regarding the changes to the building, as well as Manager Griffin and Chairman Bunch. Commissioner Walker said he thought the changes would go a long way in the community in recognizing those who have done outstanding things in the past. Chairman Bunch reminded everyone of Commissioner Griffin's retirement reception on Thursday at Copper Oak Plantation. John Taylor said he appreciated the work of the lineman in working to get the power on for people to get ready for work on February 10, 2023. Russell Hurst thanked the Board of Public Works for their support during Phoenix's expansion. Commissioner Griffin thanked Phoenix for being such an asset for Bamberg and its citizens.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Buzzy Bunch, Commissioner Bo Griffin, Commissioner Craig Walker and Manager Gregg Griffin. VISITORS: Camden Kittrell, John Taylor, Timmy Wilson, Randy Maxwell and Russell Hurst.

Chairman Bunch called the meeting to order. Commissioner Griffin gave the invocation.

Commissioner Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022, meeting to be amended at a later date if needed. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Commissioner Walker made the motion to approve the financials reports for November and December to be amended at a later date if necessary. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Bunch turned the meeting over to Manager Griffin for the Manager's Report.

MANAGER REPORT

Manager Griffin called the Commissioners attention to the report provided. Manager Griffin stated the Human Resources candidate that was chosen had rescinded his offer to take the position. Manager Griffin also informed Commissioners that he and Camden Kittrell were working on picking up the duties of Alan Merzhad who had recently resigned from the Board. Manager Griffin said he wished Alan the best in a his new position and he has been helpful in providing assistance in answering any questions when needed. Manager Griffin thanked Chairman Bunch for the Christmas luncheon and said it was enjoyed by everyone. Manager Griffin said the ribbon cutting at Phoenix was exceptional.

Manager Martin informed Commissioners that some new assets had recently been acquired to include a high vacuum excavator pot holer and two new pickups. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that Anna DeRienzo passed her Class C water treatment exam.

Manager Griffin stated there had been some cold spells that had presented issues from December 23rd through December 26th, which included electrical and pipe infrastructure challenges. Manager Griffin said the team worked together to get those issues corrected. Manager Griffin said the liability insurance with Gallagher had actually netted a 13% reduction for the annual renewal. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners there was an upcoming inspection with DHEC at the SCAT Park on Wednesday and there were no issues anticipated. Manager Griffin said he had issued a notice to Rockland that they are delinquent in turning in their annual backflow test results and a deadline of February 17, 2023 deadline was given before issuing a disruption in service.

Manager Griffin provided Commissioners with a picture of the proposed lettering for the renaming of City Hall and the Board of Public Works Warehouse pursuant to the Resolution previously passed by the City

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Buzzy Bunch, Commissioner Bo Griffin, Commissioner Craig Walker and Manager Gregg Griffin. VISITORS: Russell Hurst, John Taylor and Camden Kittrell.

Chairman Bunch called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Commissioner Griffin made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Commissioner Walker made the Motion to approve the October Financial Reports to be amended at a later date if necessary. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Griffin called Commissioners attention to an attachment in their packets with highlights of the previous month. Manager Griffin stated that the Board was gearing up for the holiday season by putting up Christmas decorations in the City. Manager Griffin informed Council that he attended his first City Council meeting to introduce himself and discuss his plans and ideas for the Board. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that he was misquoted in the paper regarding rates, and he was asking for a reprint. Manager Griffin said he would like to see a Master plan for any future developers that involves the Board, City and County. Manager Griffin said this would help businesses in determining why they should locate to the area. Commissioner Walker said there is a definite need for industry in our area. Manager Griffin said he had a conversation with Victor Johnson today about the downtown area and there is the possibility to place infrastructure underground and perhaps there can be a cost share with the County in that project.

Commissioner Bunch asked if there had been any more progress on the sale of the Rockland property. Camden Kittrell informed the Chairman that there was an industry looking at the property, but that deal had fallen through.

Chairman Bunch asked for a Motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Walker made the Motion. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Bunch asked for a Motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Griffin made the Motion. Commissioner Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Bunch asked for a Motion to adjust the General Manager's salary to increase in lieu of his cost-of-living increases until July 2025. Commissioner Walker made the Motion. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Manager Griffin announced the Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday December 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Bunch said that the tree lighting would be held downtown and there would be food trucks as well. Manager Griffin also reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting at Phoenix Specialty on December 8, 2022.

During announcements, Russell Hurst stated that he wanted to thank the Employees, Commissioners and Manager Griffin and tell them they he appreciates them for what they do in supplying utilities to the

community. Commissioner Walker thanked Manager Griffin for the job he is doing. Commissioner Griffin thanked Camden, and the other Board employees for their work and efforts on behalf of the Board of Public Works.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Robin C. Chavis

Clerk

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