

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Craig Walker, Commissioner Bo Griffin, and Commissioner Buzzy Bunch. VISITORS: John Taylor, Timmy Wilson, Camden Kittrell, Chris Collins and Randy Maxwell.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bo Griffin gave the invocation.

Commissioner Griffin made the Motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023, meeting to be amended at a later date if needed. Chairman Walker made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

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

Chairman Walker asked for the Manager's report. Manager Griffin gave details on the Manager's report. Manager Griffin said the Board continues to be focused on the SCAT Park and the issues that involve Swiss Krono and DHEC. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that the Board was awarded two grants for infrastructure projects. Manager Griffin stated that he attended a rate case hearing last week in Columbia involving lowering the rate hike. Manager Griffin stated that he has looked into a kiosk system for customers. Manager Griffin said the Board is busy with interviews and has two new employees and three summer helpers engaged at this time. Manager Griffin indicated that there were 3 strong candidates that will be offered positions in the coming days.

Manager Griffin asked Camden Kittrell for an update on SCWRA. Mr. Kittrell said RA projects were discussed at their last meeting, as well as how rural water can support local municipalities and small systems. Manager Griffin said the Board is in the final phase of executing the Pole Attachment Agreement with Spectrum.

Chairman Walker asked about the downtown lighting project. Commissioner Griffin stated that Clerk Chavis would probably be able to explain the matter. Clerk Chavis said the Board graciously provided \$50,000 to City to purchase parking lot lights and for the installation of those lights. Clerk Chavis said despite two requests for estimates, the electrician, who was also working with the County also at that time, went forward with the install and it exceeded the expected amount. Clerk Chavis stated the additional costs were due to some boring which took place in order to tie the lights into the underground infrastructure. Clerk Chavis stated that an additional \$17,500.00 was needed to complete the payment of the project. Commissioner Bunch made the Motion to approve the additional \$17,500.00 to the City to finalize the parking lot project. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that he attended a SCAMPS Board meeting in Columbia. Manager Griffin provided Commissioners with documentation regarding a membership agreement for its members. Manager Griffin also explained a Services Agreement involving the Municipal Association and SCAMPS that will be voted on at the Annual meeting. Manager Griffin told Commissioners that he felt the agreement was a means to get members more engaged and asked them to study it before the Annual meeting where it would be discussed in more depth.

John Taylor asked was there a specific matter as to personnel being discussed. Chairman Walker said a personnel matter was being discussed.

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

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There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Chairman Walker asked for a Motion. Commissioner Bunch made the Motion to enter into a Contract with Will Martin for consulting services for a period of 90 days or less to assist with areas of need. Chairman Walker made the Motion. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Walker asked if there were announcements. Chris Collins stated that he and his wife were expecting twins soon. Mr. Collins asked if the Board would be implementing paternity leave that was recently passed by the state allowing 2-6 weeks. Chairman Walker and the Commissioner stated that they would adhere to state laws and would further investigate a policy.

Chairman Walker asked for questions from the press or audience and there were none. Russell Hurst asked why with the change in management was a consultant being called back in. Manager Griffin said he needed Will to assist with the upcoming budget cycle. Chairman Walker further explained that with the recent changes, that help was needed with the budget and some year end items which would result in good continuity. Chairman Walker said that Timmy Wilson also needed Will to assist with the year end changeover with the Inventory. John Taylor asked when the budget was typically worked on. Clerk Chavis said it is due by June 30th. John Taylor stated more specifics needed to be given when entering executive session were not explained more on the agenda.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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