

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

January 14, 2019

Approval of LED Streetlight Conversion

The board approved a labor contract with Standard Utility Construction, Inc. to convert BTU streetlights to LEDs.

Purchase of a 2020 Freightliner Digger Truck

The board approved the purchase of a 2020 Freightliner M2-106-70 digger truck from Houston Freightliner.

Renewal of an Underground Unit Services Contract

The board renewed a contract with Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc. for 2019 underground services.

Renewal of an Overhead Unit Services Contract

The board renewed a contract with LineTec Services, LLC. For 2019 overhead services.

Presentation of Professional Architectural Services for a Distribution Service Center

Executive Director of Energy Delivery, Randy Trimble, presented an evaluation of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) responses for architectural services for a Distribution Service Center.



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Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Mr. Carl L. Benner
Mr. Pete J. Bienski, Jr.
Mr. A. Bentley Nettles
Ms. Rosemarie Selman
Mr. Paul Turney
Mr. Buppy Simank, Ex-Officio
Mr. Jason Bienski, Ex-Officio

GENERAL MANAGER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Randy Trimble
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James Bodine
Shawndra Curry
Ken Lindberg
Clay Lindstrom
David McIntyre
Kristi Nash
Vicki Reim

Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer
Wes Williams, Regulatory Compliance Officer

CITY OF BRYAN

Kean Register, City Manager
Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer
Bernie Acre, Chief Information Officer

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Collections/Connects
(979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down
(979) 822-3777

Distribution/Line Design
(979) 821-5770

Breakfast • Egg Hunt • Pictures with the Bunny • Train Ride • Inflatables



BLUE Bunny

BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 13

9 AM – 11 AM

Travis B. Bryan Municipal Park

206 W. Villa Maria Road in Bryan

FREE to the public

A morning of fun in the park with a light breakfast, Easter Egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, a visit from the Bryan Police Department and train rides – fun for the whole family!

Egg Hunt Ages:

0 – 3 years / 4 – 6 years / 7 – 9 years

Presented by the Bryan Police Department
& Bryan Parks and Recreation Department





BTU RECEIVES CREDIT RATING UPGRADES



This past November, Bryan Texas Utilities received three credit rating upgrades. BTU receives credit ratings from Standard and Poor's and Fitch's bond rating agencies on its City and Rural Electric System revenue bonds. BTU's Rural System Revenue Bonds were upgraded from A+ to AA- by both Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings. BTU's City System Revenue Bonds were upgraded from A+ to AA- by Fitch Ratings and the Standard & Poor's A+ rating was modified from stable to positive.

The change from the single A to double A ratings category moves BTU from "upper medium grade" into the "high grade" investment range. "Moving up to the high-grade category means more buyers and more competition for BTU bonds, resulting in lower borrowing costs," City of Bryan Chief Financial Officer Joe Hegwood said. The plus or minus designations are subcategories within the broader rating with minus, no minus or plus, and plus indicating entry level, midrange, and top of the category, respectively. Ratings agencies also provide an outlook, which is defined as either stable, positive, or negative. This outlook generally indicates the possibility of future ratings changes.

The rating agencies cited BTU's expected improvement in financial metrics resulting from reductions in commitments associated with Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA)

generation debt, strong financial management policies and practices, and the acquisition of long-term power supply until 2028. BTU's robust service area economic indicators, reflecting a stable local economy, were also cited.

The higher credit ratings translate to a cost savings for the utility and ultimately its customers. BTU has taken note of the exceptional growth the Brazos Valley has experienced lately, and factors this growth into future planning. The utility has made it a priority to improve aging infrastructure around the service territory. To improve infrastructure, BTU must invest in the design and construction of new facilities and equipment. This in turn improves reliability for the customers.

"Our jobs as finance managers is to ensure that BTU has access to the bond markets at the least cost possible and at the volume needed to fund major upcoming capital projects. With BTU's significant customer and infrastructure growth, this amounts to about \$50 million every other year," Hegwood said. "The newly upgraded credit ratings result in a \$3 to \$4 million savings on a \$50 million bond issuance."

The BTU Board of Directors and the staff work diligently to pursue ways to improve reliability and provide competitive rates to customers now and in the future.

Pictured left to right: Doug Lyles, BTU Chief Risk Officer; Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer; and Will Smith, Assistant Finance Director, review rating agency documents for Bryan Texas Utilities.

SPRING INTO SUMMER

*Lake
Bryan*

BRYAN, TEXAS

**SPRING INTO SUMMER
AT LAKE BRYAN**



EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT LAKE BRYAN!

To go along with all of the great activities visitors have enjoyed for years like camping, fishing, boating, hiking, and biking, Lake Bryan has partnered with a paddleboard and kayak rental company to bring on-the-water adventures to patrons. Paddle-EZ will be installing a self-service rental station this month. Each kayak and paddleboard is stored in a locker that also contains a personal flotation device for the user(s). Paddleboards can only accommodate one user at a time, but kayaks can support two adults, or one adult and one child, so bring the family for a paddling trip! Both the kayak and paddleboards can be rented online at paddleez.com for \$18 per hour. Paddle-EZ has experience providing a fun family outing with more than ten locations across three states.

Lake Bryan will also play host to many events this spring including a triathlon, an obstacle run, and our inaugural Spring into Summer event on May 18. BTU is excited to invite all ages to enjoy free admittance, bounce houses, games, a face painter, popcorn, food vendors, and a movie on the lawn overlooking the lake after sunset.

We hope you will join us soon to test your skills on the paddleboards and kayaks, and to celebrate summer with our **Spring into Summer at Lake Bryan** event!



LEARN MORE AT:
lakebryan.com



SPRING INTO SUMMER EVENT
MAY 18 / 5:30 PM - 10 PM

FEATURED MOVIE ON THE LAWN AT 8 PM





Meet Your Elected City Officials:

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL



Andrew Nelson

Mayor
(November 2016 – Present)

Serving presently as the CEO and Co-Founder of Lisam America, Mayor Nelson has managed large budgets, created private sector jobs, and met a payroll. Mayor

Nelson has served as a mentor to veterans at the May's Business School Entrepreneur Veteran Boot Camp and is a guest speaker at May's Business School and the College of Engineering. A member of the Aggie Class of 1992, he graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and studied abroad at King's College, University of London.

Mayor Nelson has served on the Bryan Business Council, on the board of the Research Valley Innovation Center, and as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee for the City of Bryan. In addition, Mayor Nelson has been active in a number of charitable and civic causes throughout our community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Bryan; is a Founding Trustee and Officer of Brazos Valley Cares, which provides grants and emergency funds to meet local needs of veterans and their families; and raises funds for the Warrior and Family Support Center at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Mayor Nelson has lived in the Brazos Valley most of his life, moving to Bryan to raise his family and build his business. He and his wife of eighteen years, Shelley, have a daughter attending Bryan High School and a son attending St. Joseph Catholic School. They attend St. Joseph Catholic Church where his father Gary is a Deacon. They have been supporters of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph Catholic School, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Habitat for Humanity, The Children's Museum, The Community Foundation, the Queen Theatre, Hospice Brazos Valley, the Salvation Army, the Hispanic Forum, Bubba Moore Memorial, OPAS and the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra.



Reuben Marin

Councilmember,
Single Member District 1
(November 2016 – Present)

Reuben Marin is a third-generation citizen of Bryan. He was born and raised in SMD 1, where he still resides on the west side

of Bryan. A 1992 Graduate of Bryan High School, and Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Class of 1996, Mr. Marin is a product of the Bryan Independent School District with Texas Aggie Values.

Reuben works for Mizkan America, Inc. managing a robust sales budget. He was recently named Salesman of the Year, understands the importance of ensuring that our local economy remains strong, and has experience managing complicated budgets.

As a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Marin has first-hand experience working with residents to maintain the integrity of our neighborhoods. As a former Vice President of the Hispanic Forum of Bryan/College Station, Mr. Marin understands the importance of a solid educational foundation. He is proud to be a member of an organization that actively raises money for local scholarships. Mr. Marin is also a graduate of the City of Bryan's Citizen Police Academy, 50th Anniversary Class and attends Santa Teresa Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Prentiss Madison

Councilmember,
Single Member District 2
(November 2016 – Present)

Prentiss Madison is a fourth-generation Bryan resident. He was raised on the West of the city and currently lives in West Bryan.

Mr. Madison is the son of past Bryan City Council Member, Paul Madison, and is a member of Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ.

A 1995 graduate of Bryan High School, Councilman Madison began his public service duties for the City of Bryan in 2001 as a member of the Bryan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He

has also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley, and served as a UIL Basketball official. Councilman Madison most recently served the previous six years as a Commissioner of the City's Planning and Zoning Board.



Greg Owens

**Councilmember,
Single Member District 3
(November 2012 – Present)**

Greg Owens, City Councilmember Single Member District Three, was elected to the Council in November 2012. Mr. Owens is an award-winning business owner and holds a degree in Business Management from Texas A&M University. He served on the City's Building and Standards Commission and as Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Owens has served as a guest lecturer at A&M's Mays Business School and has a strong record of philanthropic support of many organizations such as the Junior League, the Children's Museum and the Bryan Breakfast Lions Club. He is a member of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce.

He and his lovely wife, Julie, have four children. They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan.



Mike Southerland

**Councilmember,
Single Member District 4
(November 2014 – Present)**

Bryan has been home to Mike Southerland and his family since 1984. Before entering the service, he was a resident of Louisiana.

A 22-year Army veteran, Mike retired from active duty as a Corps of Engineers Lieutenant Colonel in May 1989. While in Vietnam – Feb. 1969 to Feb. 1970 – he logged more than 900 combat hours as a helicopter pilot, and later served in many leadership positions, one of which was in a military community located in Germany.

He owned and operated two insurance agencies in Bryan for 20 years – from 1990 to 2010.

Mike has donated his time and energies to the Bryan Rotary Club and Habitat for Humanity as president. He has been a volunteer for Elder Aid, the Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and the American Red Cross. As a director of the Bryan Development Foundation, he helped with Blinn College consolidation and furthered plans for a state prison development in Bryan.

He has been on the board of Keep Brazos Beautiful. He chaired the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall exhibited at the Bush Library and created and chaired an annual veteran's parade in Downtown Bryan. He has been Bryan Rotary President and Treasurer, and President and Treasurer of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 937.

Mike holds a bachelor's degree in computer science with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi. Mike has done some graduate course work at Texas A&M University. Mike and Tana, a retired schoolteacher, have been married for 48 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. Their son Ty and his family reside in Corpus Christi; Mick and his family reside in College Station; and the youngest son Matt and his wife reside in the Dallas area.



Brent Hairston

**Councilmember,
Single Member District 5
(November 2018 – Present)**

Brent Hairston graduated from Texas A&M University in 1990 and began business in Downtown Bryan in 1992. He owns and

manages Perry Properties which has overseen the renovation of three significant buildings in Downtown Bryan, and the recent construction of a fourth building, Perry Place, a 30,000-square foot building which is the largest built in downtown Bryan in nearly 50 years.

Brent has served on a variety of city boards, including the Bryan Brazos County Economic Development Foundation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Historical Landmark Commission, and the Building and Standards Commission. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Bryan Rotary Club.

Brent's passion is barbershop chorus and quartet singing. He has directed multiple choruses and sung in a number of quartets. He is a 30-year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

He and his wife, Krissie, were married in 1997 and have three children, all of whom attend public schools in Bryan.



Buppy Simank

**Councilmember At-Large, Place 6
(November 2015 – Present)**

Buppy Simank has called Bryan his home for almost 4 decades. He is a graduate of Bryan High School, played football for the Bryan Vikings, and continues to follow

Bryan Football today. Buppy attended Blinn College in Bryan while working at the restaurant and catering company that he now owns.

At the age of 21, Buppy had the opportunity to purchase the catering company that he had bussed tables in at the age of 15. Now, over 25 years later, Buppy's Catering is known for great food and service across the Brazos Valley.

Buppy is married to Jennifer Yerrington Simank, and they have one daughter, Brittany. Shortly after Buppy and Jennifer were married, Buppy's life was placed in the hands of Bryan First Responders as they responded to render aid to Buppy crushed by a trailer in front of his house. If not for the speedy and skilled work of Bryan First Responders and skilled Trauma Specialists at St. Joseph's Hospital, Buppy would not be here today. Buppy and his family are eternally grateful for all that Bryan First Responders do daily throughout our community, and in their time of need.