

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Emaus, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, Attorney Brad Maynes, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Acting Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Management Assistant Reed and an audience of eighteen.

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly moved and Emaus seconded to excuse Councilmember Gardner for personal reasons.

Motion passed 6-0-1

From the media, Tom Tolen from WHMI and Laura Colvin from the Livingston County Press & Argus were also present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pettengill to approve the agenda. The motion passed 6-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly seconded by Tobbe to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of February 2, 2017

Regular Session Minutes of February 2, 2017

Approved the Quarterly Investment Report

Approved the adoption of Ordinance Amendment 576

Roll call: Yes: Emaus, Muzzin, Pettengill, Tobbe, Bohn, Pipoly No: none Absent: Gardner

Motion passed 6-0-1

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

Mayor Muzzin, joined by Representative Lana Theis and Senator Joe Hune, presented Eagle Scout Proclamations to Adam Zaborowski and Logan Niswander.

Mr. Niswander stated his final Eagle Scout project consisted of building an outdoor enclosure for recovering turtles at the Howell Nature Center

Mr. Zaborowski stated his final Eagle Scout project consisted of relocating and rehabbing four cabins at the Howell Nature Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:40p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the call to the public was closed at 7:41 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Manager Geinzer thanked the DPW and Police for the speedy response to the water main break on Washington Street.

Utilities Director Krugh talked about the water main break. With the support of the DPW crew and Todd Bennet crew leader only 300,000 gallons of water were lost.

Acting Police Chief Bradford mentioned that the police were starting a program called Cops and Coffee at Starbucks on Grand River on March 7, 2017 from 9:30-11 a.m. and March 9, 2017 from 7-8:30 pm for open discussion with the public about any items of concern. He also mentioned that Officer Gibbard would be returning to work after an extended medical leave. The Acting Chief also attended Project Opiate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly reported that the PSD had a special meeting to review suggestions from the professional marketing company they had hired to review the branding of the PSD and the City.

Councilmember Bohn reported that at the Planning Commission had a special meeting to review a request for Brighton Commercial Center's parking lot.

Councilmember Tobbe reported that the BACC met and were reviewing grant opportunities.

Councilmember Pettengill reported that the ZBA approved TG Fluids expansion and approved redevelopment of 317 W. Main.

Councilmember Emaus reported that the Livingston County Transportation Collation submitted a grant request to MDOT including a letter of support from the City of Brighton.

Mayor Muzzin reported that the Brighton Area Authority met and approved a Master Plan and started the process for a national station accreditation which could take about six months.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

Representative Lana Theis and Senator Joe Hune attended the City Council meeting and fielded questions from the councilmembers concerning revenue sharing.

Senator Hune talked about the Governor's new budget, ACT 51 monies, a proposed income tax cut, and dealing with unpaid unemployment benefits.

Representative Theis spoke about revenue sharing, income tax cuts, and insurance.

The Council thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and suggested they return on a more regular basis.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CEMETERY RULES

Clerk Stewart stated that the updates were minor and would help with maintenance and running of the cemeteries.

Mayor Muzzin closed the regular meeting and opened the hearing for the cemetery rules at 8:27 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pipoly to adopt the updated cemetery rules.

Motion passed 6-0-1

WATER SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

Manager Geinzer stated that a large retaining wall was constructed over the top of a City water main in Genoa Township to facilitate the construction of a sidewalk. The wall could pose certain risks and/or maintenance challenges for the City. The proposed revisions to the water service agreement with Genoa Township clarify future financial liabilities for related maintenance and repair within the subject area.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Bohn to approve the proposed draft water service contract amendments with Genoa Township and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement following approval by the Genoa Township Board of Trustees.

Motion passed 6-0-1

DISCUSSION OF USER REFUSE FEES

Manager Geinzer spoke about the issue of the clerical error that occurred on the fee schedule which had been addressed at the February 2, 2017 Council Meeting. A one-time recoupment of refuse fees of \$2.52 was determined to be appropriate and within the City's ability.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Bohn to approve the adjustment to the utilities bills.

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Motion passed 6-0-1

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8: 35 p.m. Hearing and seeing none the Mayor closed the Call to the Public at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0-1

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor