



Brighton City Council Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 19, 2018

1. Call to Order

Mayor Muzzin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Gardner, Pettengill, and Tobbe. Absent was Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Senior Community Development Associate Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Human Resources Director Michelle Miller. There were 15 persons in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn, to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly from tonight's meeting for personal reasons. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill, to approve the Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The following items were approved:

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of April 5, 2018
6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 5, 2018
7. Approval of Minutes: Closed Session of April 5, 2018
8. Approval of Amendment to the City Council Approved Agreement with the Charter Township of Brighton to Exclude the Shepherd of the Lakes Parcel from the City's Water Service Area as Outlined in the 2008 Water Service Contract
9. Approval of Agreement with St. Paul's Church for the Construction of the Millpond Band Shell and Amphitheater

Correspondence

10. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public was made at 7:37

Ms. Susan Alles stated that Republic Garbage Collectors picks up the morning trash at local business near her home at 4:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, it is very loud. She stated that after Republic was contacted by Tim Corrigan trash was picked up later but has now reverted to the usual 4:30 a.m. She asks that the City look into creating an ordinance to prohibit early pick up. Ms. Alles distributed letters to Council and Staff that she has sent in the past.

Ms. Susan Bakhaus stated that she tried to attend the Brighton Veterans Committee but was denied entry because she did not have an agenda item. Ms. Bakhaus further commented that Councilmember Emaus, who is on the Brighton Veterans Committee Director and as a liaison to City Council, cannot make financial decisions. She asks that Councilmember Emaus resign.

Jim Vichich of the Brighton Historical Society wanted to let Council and residents know about two upcoming events: The Vintage Jewelry Show Fundraiser on April 28, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the CoBach Center and the 10th Annual Village Cemetery cleanup is scheduled for May 5, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pat Cole is concerned about the City budget process and learned that there will be an increase in water, sewer, and trash pickup. Ms. Cole asked that residents have a say in the rate increase. She feels that there is no consideration for single homeowners on a fixed income. Ms. Cole also asked if the inclusive play structure would be for all to enjoy.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:53 p.m.

Manager Geinzer spoke briefly about the early morning trash pickup. He noted that efforts have been taken to remedy the situation, which stopped the early pickup for times but revert back. Councilmember Pettengill clarified that the inclusive play structure would be open to all.

Councilmember Emaus noted that the Brighton Veteran Memorial Committee is a private nonprofit with a closed board meeting. Anyone who wishes to address the board can submit an agenda item. The individual trying to attend the last meeting did not have an agenda item. It is a private organization and often speaks about financial aspects of the Committee which are private. Councilmember Emaus clarified that he does not received a pecuniary benefit; he receives a fifty dollar stipend to attend the meeting as a City Council liaison.

Mayor Muzzin spoke about the budget process and how it is adopted. The budget booklet is available to all for inspection on the website and at the front counter at City Hall. Mayor Muzzin noted that all Councilmembers are residents of the City and as residents would be affected by a tax or utility increase.

11. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford noted that April 24, 2018 is Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Utilities Director Tim Krugh stated that hydrant flushing will begin May 7, 2018 and finish May 10, 2018.

DPW Director Goch stated that CSX will be out during the spring and will update Council as soon as information is available. He also noted that there will be some closures this summer on Brighton Lake Road. Director Goch will update Council as soon as information is available.

Manager Geinzer stated that the second annual Millpond Cleanup is scheduled for April 21, 2018 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed with an Arbor Day tree planting and special dedication at 2:30 p.m.

12. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Pettengill stated that during the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting there were several variance requests for 765 S 3rd Street, none were granted due to lack of hardship. She also noted that the annual Imagination Station Spring Kickoff is on May 12, 2018.

Councilmember Emaus noted that the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met on April 11th during which the Brighton Garden Club presented their spring planting intentions. During some of the upcoming events the Committee will showcase era specific battle field crosses. There will be a Committee member present to educate the public on those battle field crosses.

Mayor Muzzin attended the April 12, 2018 BAFA meeting and received updates on benefits summary and tuition reimbursement to full time firefighters. BAFA awarded a one-year lawn care contract to Clear Water Properties on the five stations. Mayor Muzzin also attended the DDA meeting on April 17, 2018 where the DDA portion of the Budget was adopted. Arbor Day is on Saturday, April 21, 2018 with activities at City Hall and a special tree planting dedication to Darian Locklear.

Public Hearing

13. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Approval for the Vacation of St. Paul Street Right of Way as Described

Senior Community Development Associate Mike Caruso gave a brief overview of the vacation history.

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:09 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

Councilmember Tobbe asked Utilities Director Krugh if there was any potential use for utilities, storm water, electric, or any other utility that could be affected by this right away. Director Krugh stated that there is absolutely no use for that property for a utility easement. Councilmember Tobbe asked that it be noted that there would be no future use for that property based on Utility Director Krugh's assessment.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve Resolution 18-05 to Approve the Vacation of St. Paul Street Right of Way as Described. **The motion carried by roll call vote.**

New Business

14. Consider Approval of Contribution to the Brighton Community Center in the Amount of \$7,000

Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka introduced Nancy Blumenthal, Director of the Brighton Senior Center. Ms. Blumenthal gave a brief overview of the Senior Center and budget. She is proud to report that there were over 7,600 visits to the center. Currently there is no member fee but she has asked for a donation of twenty dollars. Nearly 40% of the members reside in the in the City. The Center provides a free flu shot clinic, blood pressure and skin cancer screening, as well as foot care. Hot lunch is provided Monday through Thursday. Transportation is provided to its members. Ms. Blumenthal reported that Busch's donates every day and Panera donates once a week. The Director is visiting other municipalities to ask for similar donations.

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the contribution to the Brighton Community Center in the amount of \$7,000.00. **The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Consider Approval of Tetra Tech Proposal for North Second Street Road and Utility Improvements Construction Phase Engineering in the Amount of \$183,000

Manager Geinzer gave a brief overview of the project. The project is funded by Utilities and General Fund and is in the current budget.

Councilmember Tobbe expressed concern over the timing of the project considering all of the current projects. Gary Markstrom from Tetra Tech noted that the project will be completed in three phases. Councilmember Tobbe stated that traffic on Main Street is very thick especially with the Challis Road closure. Mr. Markstrom stated that every effort will be taken for construction to be the least intrusive as possible, noting that some utilities will be interrupted intermittently.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to Approve the Tetra Tech Proposal for North Second Street Road and Utility Improvements Construction Phase Engineering in the Amount of \$183,000. **The motion passed unanimously.**

16. Consider Staff Direction on Upcoming Approved/Budgeted Maintenance Projects

a. City Hall Roof

Manager Geinzer presented a brief picture narrative on the difficulties flashing that the roofing company would needs to address and is asking for Councils approval for an additional \$17,000.00.

Council discussed color, loss of light, and potential problems that could arise during the project. DPW Director Goch stated that he believes that staff and the contractor have done their due diligence to anticipate additional issues but were confident with the roofers assessment.

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Emaus, to make the necessary changes to the City Hall Roof altering the look of the building and windows around the atrium for needed weatherproofing and roof flashing. **The motion passed unanimously.**

b. City Hall Shoreline Restoration

Manager Geinzer presented a power point photo presentation on the erosion of the shoreline necessitating the restoration along with a plan drawn by the City's landscape engineers. A request for proposals by the end of April would be the target.

There was a discussion by Council about the coir logs recommended by Manager Geinzer and a landscape architect with Giffles Webster. Manager Geinzer asked if Council is comfortable with the direction of this project and would like feedback. Council asked about an alternate seawall but looking at budget, the coir logs were most economical and are an encouraged treatment by the MDEQ and the Huron River Watershed Council. Councilmember Pettengill asked if the decomposing coir logs would emit a bad odor. Landscape Design & Associates owner/operator, Karleen Shafer present in the audience, noted there is no smell as the coir logs deteriorate.

Mr. Geinzer thanked Council for the feedback and noted he would be back to Council on this project once proposals are received and a recommendation is ready for Council action.

Other Business

17. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public was made at 9:12 p.m.

Karleen Shafer, Landscape Design & Associates, reminded Council and Staff that if the intention is to deter geese and other water fowl, it would be best not to plant blueberries and strawberries as outlined in the presentation. She recommends a taller grass as a deterrent.

Pat Cole asked if the Veterans Memorial Committee is private, should it be meeting privately on City property paid for by tax dollars. She further asked if the Committee is a 501c3.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 9:16 p.m.

Councilmember Bohn stated that the Veterans Memorial Committee meeting on City property is not an issue for him since no tax dollars are going to fund the maintenance of the Memorial. The Committee has enhanced the Millpond area with the Memorial.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**