

**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL**  
**200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN**

**STUDY SESSION**

The Council conducted a Study Session at 6:31 p.m.

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers: Bohn, Pettengill, Gardner, Emaus, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Brad Maynes, Chief Tom Wightman, Deputy Chief Rob Bradford, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Assistant DPW Director Patty Thomas, Management Assistant Jessica Reed, Deputy Clerk Kelly Haataja, and an audience of none.

Tom Tolen from WHMI, from the media was also present.

**LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT TROUBLED CALLS**

Chief Wightman and Deputy Chief Bradford presented Council with an analysis of written reports dating 2014 thru 2016, of the incidents related to alcohol intoxication, involving the patrons of The Pound, Lu & Carl's, and Stout. Disorderly conduct, operating under the influence, assaults, larceny, trespassing, and damage to properties are some of the incidents occurring.

Bradford advised Council that the Brighton PD continues to hold meetings and training sessions with the owners, managers and bartenders of these establishments, to implement communications and techniques on how to better manage patrons being over served. However the amount of incidents, particularly involving The Pound, continues to rise.

Chief Wightman recommended developing a methodology for Council to have an annual review/renew process to maintain liquor licenses perhaps at a Public Meeting, for those establishments where incidents are occurring. Attorney Maynes mentioned checking in to the procedures for requesting revocations and objections to renewals. Manager Geinzer advised that staff will draft ideas for a formal process and ordinance, to present to Council for further direction.

**UTILITIES DIVISION STAFFING NEEDS**

Utilities Director Krugh presented a Utilities Succession Plan to Council, which outlined current and future staffing needs for the water and wastewater facilities. Increased infrastructure, new standards and regulations, and meeting the increased administrative requirements, have increased the work load at these facilities.

Manager Geinzer added that water and wastewater are critical services. Allowing adequate time for hiring and training is necessary to support the current and future needs and changes of these operations. Staff recommended looking at lifting water rates and/or fees in order to support the hiring of additional staff in utilities to fill the current need. Krugh mentioned that a sewer and water rate study has not been done

since 2006. Geinzer suggested obtaining current data and hold a Special Work Session in the future to provide more feedback to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0.

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Kelly Haataja, Deputy Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor