



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2019

1. Call to Order

Mayor Muzzin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Gardner, Pettengill, Pipoly, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, Chief Rob Bradford, Gary Markstrom, Attorney Paul Burns, and Labor Attorney Gregg Schultz. There were six persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the agenda as amended, moving items 5 and 8 to New Business. **The motion carried without objection.**

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried without objection.**

5. ~~Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of July 18, 2019~~ (moved to New Business)

6. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 18, 2019**

7. **Approval of the Civic Event Application for LACASA's Shine the Light Lighting Ceremony**

8. ~~Approval of the Brighton Police Department to Purchase 17 Level IIIA Ballistic Vests and Helmets in the amount of \$11,423.00~~ (moved to New Business)

9. **Approval of the Purchase of a 2019 Ford F-250 Pick Up Truck with Snow Plow Equipment in the amount of \$40,862 from Signature Ford**

Correspondence

10. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:34 p.m.

11. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford updated that he recently completed a three-day training along with Deputy Chief Flood with the Emergency Operations Center and both are now certified to work in the operations center and run portions. Officers are continuing their distracted driver effort along Main Street focusing on pedestrian safety. Chief Bradford will report the distracted driving findings back to City Council.

DPW Director Goch updated that Consumers Energy will be working in the area of Church and Grand River during the week of August 5, 2019 ahead of Rickett Road repairs. City contractors have completed the bridge painting, they still have work at to do at City Hall but are waiting for dryer weather. Storm brush pickup will be back out on

Monday, August 5, 2019 for a final pass through the City to collect any limbs under eight inches thick and brush from the storm. The Reclamite asphalt rejuvenator has been completed their work in the City. This additive is placed on new roads to extend its life. The storm response by the DPS crew and staff was fast and efficient. Over 200 hours of overtime were logged due to the storm, City departments worked hand-in-hand to solve issues that came up in the aftermath of the storm. Director Goch thanked City employee Ron Hoyer for leaving his vacation time to assist in the storm action efforts. He thanked all of the employees who spent several hours tending to the many generators throughout the City that powered critical utilities and traffic lights. Mr. Goch noted that DPS staff is working to address the reoccurring pothole along Grand River.

Mayor Muzzin asked if a large metal plate could be placed over the pothole in the interim. Director Goch noted that using a metal plate is possible but due to the location, it may be difficult to access. Mr. Goch stated that there is a twelve-inch line under the pothole area so a deeper investigation is necessary.

Manager Geinzer expressed his appreciation to the staff for their top notch work during the storm and cleanup.

Councilmember Pettengill asked Chief Bradford what it takes for the sirens to sound and why did the sirens not sound for the storm that passed through recently. Chief Bradford noted that Central Dispatch has the capability to switch the sirens on and will inquire for a definitive answer.

Councilmember Tobbe praised the Herculean efforts by the staff and DTE Energy for their work during the storm.

Mayor Muzzin noted that the Brighton Area Fire Authority received sixty-five calls the evening of the storm.

12. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Pettengill updated that the WAM festival, Wine, Arts, and Music Festival is on August 2, 3, and 4, 2019. The hours of the event are Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other entertainment will follow on Sunday. Ms. Pettengill also thanked the DPW staff for their quick work during the storm, two large trees came down along Third Street by her home and were cleared quickly.

Councilmember Gardner also thanked the DPW staff and also residents. Citizens banded together to help others and cleared congested storm drain grates.

Councilmember Emaus also thanked the DPW staff for all their work during the storm and afterwards. He stated that he heard from residents all over the City for the DPW efforts and attention to the storm action and aftermath.

Mayor Muzzin stated that the Brighton Area Fire Authority was able to conduct live training at the former John Conely owned homes along Flint Road, now owned by developer Roberson Brothers. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly was on site to photograph the live training and met Michelle from Robertson Brothers who was also on site to video the training. Both Mayor and Pro Tem thanked Robertson Brothers for allowing the Brighton Area Fire Authority to conduct the training.

New Business

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of July 18, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the Minutes: Study Session Meeting July 18, 2019 with corrections. **The motion carried, Councilmember Tobbe abstained.**

8. Approval of the Brighton Police Department to Purchase 17 Level IIIA Ballistic Vests and Helmets in the amount of \$11,423.00

Councilmember Tobbe asked for the agenda item to be moved to New Business to clarify how many police officers will benefit from the new vests and helmets. Mr. Tobbe also asked what type of fire power the vests will withstand. Chief Bradford stated that the entire police department will be outfitted with new vests and helmets. Mr. Tobbe asked if the vests are custom fit. Chief Bradford stated that each officer will be measured and the vests will be custom fit.

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the Brighton Police Department to Purchase 17 IIIA Ballistic Vests and Helmets in the amount of \$11,423.00. **The motion carried without objection.**

13. Consider Approval of Base Bid and Alternates 1 and 3 for the Rickett Road and Utility Improvement to Dunigan Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$979,159.70

Director Goch introduced the agenda item noting that Rickett Road has been on the forefront of list of roads that need to be addressed now rather than later. He noted some areas of concern and the importance of being ahead on repairs. Council and staff discussed the particulars with the project while referring to the map associated with the project. It was also noted that some capital purchases will be put on hold to help move this project along. Mayor Muzzin asked if Consumers Energy will be completed with their work before City contractors begin. Director Goch stated that his team was able to coordinate with Consumers Energy to allow access before other utility and roadwork is done.

Councilmember Bohn asked about the road closure and the expected timeline for the project, he also asked where traffic will be directed. Director Goch stated that traffic will be directed up Oak Ridge. Mayor Muzzin noted that there will be a posted detour but he understands that there are other ways to navigate around Rickett Road. Director Goch stated that letters have been sent to residents and if the agenda item is approved, more information will go out to residents to convey the project details and the expected timeline. Councilmember Bohn asked if there will be total road closure. Director Goch stated there will be a complete closure but residents will have more access. Councilmember Emaus, in light of the Second Street project, asked if there were any lessons learned and if any measures have been taken to guard against Rickett Road facing the same challenges. Mr. Goch noted that he and the City's superintendents will be on duty during the course of the project and this project is not as extensive as the Second Street project, he also noted that the contract does have a limited damages clause.

Councilmember Tobbe asked if St. Pats has been kept informed about the proposed roadwork as this project will have a significant impact on their school and church. Director Goch stated that he has been in contact with St. Pats almost daily. Mr. Tobbe asks if there is anticipated dewatering that will take place and if there were any borings that Tetra Tech has taken. Mr. Markstom noted that there will be dewatering but not to the extent of Second Street and there were three soil borings taken, every five hundred feet on center. Councilmember Pettengill asked if there is an alternate route into the St. Pats parking lot. Mr. Goch said there is access off of Grand River and that if this project is approved the schools will be contacted.

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly asked for clarification, why the first road addressed after the successful millage vote is Rickett. Manager Geinzer stated that the millage is not funding the Rickett Road project.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to Approve of Base Bid and Alternates 1 and 3 for the Rickett Road and Utility improvement to Dunigan Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$979,159.70. **The motion carried without objection.**

14. Consider Approval of Tetra Tech Proposal to Perform Construction Engineering Services for the Rickett Road Street Rehabilitation and Utility Construction in the amount of \$72,000

Director Goch introduced the agenda item relaying that capital items will be held until next fiscal year in an effort

to reallocate those funds to the Rickett Road project. Mr. Goch feels very strongly that holding off on this project would be very dangerous and could lead to a collapsed sanitation line and further road damage.

Councilmember Emaus asked for clarification that the Tetra Tech engineering proposal is for alternates 1 and 3. And if there will be a coordinator from all three entities on site: Tetra Tech, Dunigan, and a City superintendent. Mr. Goch confirmed that there will be oversight and supervision from all three entities on the project site.

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve of Tetra Tech proposal to perform construction engineering services for the Rickett Road Street rehabilitation and utility construction in the amount of \$72,000. **The motion carried without objection.**

15. Consider Entering Closed Session for Strategy Session Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to enter into closed session at 8:12 p.m. for strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Brighton City Council reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

16. Consider Approval of TPOAM – Public Services Collective Bargaining Agreement and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute All Necessary and Related Documents

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve of TPOAM – Public Services collective bargaining agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute all necessary and related documents. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Other Business

17. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:51 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 8:51 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor