



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly and Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Muzzin, and Pettengill. Councilmember Tobbe was absent. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, Police Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were four persons in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to excuse Councilmember Tobbe for personal reasons. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve the consent agenda as amended, removing item e and moving item f to New Business. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of October 22, 2020
- b. Approval of Minutes: Closed Session of October 22, 2020
- c. Award of Bid for Pest Control Services to Griffin Pest Control in the Amount of \$281 Per Month (\$3,372.00 per year), Plus as Needed Services
- d. Approval of Remote Meeting Rules as Recommended by the City Attorney
- e. ~~Approval of Resolution #20-18 Relating to Affirm the City's MERS Plan Provisions~~
- f. ~~Authorization for City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement (moved to New Business)~~

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus inquired about the public hearing, fence, and fund balance for the Cemetery.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Pipoly asked Attorney Burns if a public hearing for the Cemetery is a charter requirement. Attorney Burns stated a public hearing for the cemetery is not a charter requirement.

Councilmember Pettengill asked why not have the public hearing since a resident would like to have one.

Councilmember Bohn stated that the number of complaints have diminished since his first years on City Council to

virtually none so he asked why continue if there is no need. There are no changes to the rules and regulations so he felt it unnecessary to continue unless there are changes needed.

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford stated the generator project has started, the pad has been laid. Officer Bauer is in phase three of FTO. Election night only brought one incident and that was at City Hall with a disorderly person.

Director Goch noted leaf pick up is in full swing, residents should note their pickup week as noted on the City website and Facebook page. Consumers Energy is moving along on Grand River but is completed with their work on Third Street and Rickett Road. Also there was a water main break on Third Street in front of the Police Department and one on Summit.

Mayor Pipoly asked if the City had a say in when the gas line repair was done. Director Goch stated the repair was completely Consumer Energy's choice.

Councilmember Pettengill inquired about the leaf pickup schedule and if DPS is on track. Director Goch stated the weather has been an issue but the DPS is on schedule with the map.

Director Gomolka stated Livingston County has invited municipalities to submit for additional CARES Act funds. Ms. Gomolka also noted the cemetery perpetual care fund is in the City of Brighton annual budget book and noted its specific page for FY 20/21.

Community Development Manager Caruso noted in an effort to be precautionous, rental inspections have been suspended due to the increase in COVID-19 cases within the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked about the status of dining igloos. Mr. Caruso stated that four establishments are getting final inspections on dining igloos in the City.

Mayor Pipoly asked if the policy for government meetings end this year. Mr. Geinzer stated yes, the policy for remote meetings ends on December 31, 2020 however there is speculation that the date may be extended.

Management Assistant Outlaw updated City Council on the Patronicity venture to fund the Downtown lights which launched November 5, 2020.

Clerk Brown discussed election day and expressed gratitude for all election workers who worked tirelessly during the very busy day and in spite of the pandemic.

Manager Geinzer thanked the election workers for all their hard work and thanks to Clerk Brown for her leadership and Henry Outlaw and Patty Thomas for stepping up and helping with the election. Manager Geinzer also noted that with the increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the County, that residents call or email to conduct business to reduce the number of customers inside City Hall for the health and safety of residents and employees.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Bohn remarked in response to the Call to the Public that fencing around the cemetery is unnecessary for public cemeteries, it is only required for private cemeteries.

Clerk Brown confirmed Public Act 211 of 1911 states fencing is for private cemeteries mainly due to livestock trampling cemetery plots back when the act was adopted but is not a requirement for publicly owned cemeteries.

Councilmember Pettengill noted the successful Halloween event SELCRA hosted during the Farmers Market and thanked all who participated.

Mayor Pro Tem stated the County has lifted its moratorium on hiring, therefore, if anyone is interested in a County position, please visit their website for openings.

Councilmember Emaus thanked the economic recovery committee who are dedicated to cultivating and fostering new enhanced shopping events to spur shopping and dining like the SELCRA event. Further he thanked Steve

Pilon for his continued dedication to Brighton and new business generating and growth ideas.

Mayor Pipoly noted Meijer Pharmacy is looking to add some help to administer flu shots this season, if interested please contact Pharmacist Alicia Trail at the Brighton Meijer for more information.

New Business

f. Authorization for City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement.

Councilmember Emaus asked that more information regarding the purchase agreement be added to the agenda item.

Manager Geinzer remarked that the language was from City Attorney and deferred to Mr. Burns for additional verbiage.

Mr. Burns stated that the agenda item should read, Authorization for City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement with Patricia Lynn Bond fka Patricia L. Parkey and Marc Mercier and Sheryl Mercier for Road Right-of-Way and Public Utility Easement as Described in the Agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Patricia Lynn Bond fka Patricia L. Parkey and Marc Mercier and Sheryl Mercier for road right-of-way and public utility easement as described in the agreement. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Other Business

9. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:02 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus addressed City Council about supplemental documents on the agenda.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 8:05 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor