



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Minutes

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, Pettengill, and Tobbe, all of whom disclosed their respective locations in the City of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Attorney Paul Burns, and Attorney Jeff Alber. There were seven persons in the audience.

Mayor Pipoly added item 8a to the agenda, Approval to issue a purchase order for the purchase and installation of two Police Department furnaces and A/C units in the amount of \$16,795.00 and the related budget amendment.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of January 21, 2021
- b. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of January 21, 2021
- c. Approval of Minutes: Closed Session of January 21, 2021

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:35 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford noted a recent news story by WHMI that reported about a phone scam asking for donations for the Police Department. Chief Bradford stated the Police Department does not call for donations.

Director Gomolka updated Council and residents on the recent bond sale and the method in which the bonds were sold. The City was fortunate to receive a very low interest rate, ultimately saving City taxpayers over \$600,000.

Community Development Manager Caruso reminded all property owners to remove the snow on the sidewalks in a

timely fashion and in accordance with the recently updated ordinance, Ordinance Officer O'Connor will be out to monitor and issue notices.

Manager Geinzer thanked Director Gomolka for all the work involved with the bond sale and spoke briefly about the low interest rate attained.

Councilmember Pettengill asked Mr. Caruso to discuss the terms in the new ordinance language associated with snow removal.

Mr. Caruso stated the new ordinance allows 48 hours for removal if snow fall is more than 4 inches and if a snow emergency is issued, the property owner has until the snow emergency is lifted to remove snow from the sidewalks.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner noted that the Livingston County Health Department asks that residents sign up with their primary care provider, participating pharmacies, Meijer, and with the Health Department if they would like the COVID vaccine. It is best to sign up at all available locations to ensure the ability to get the shot if desired.

Councilmember Muzzin noted the Brighton Area Fire Authority will meet February 11, 2021.

Councilmember Bohn stated the Planning Commission will meet February 22, 2021.

Mayor Pipoly noted the Downtown Development Authority and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority met for a special meeting on February 2, 2021.

New Business

8a. Approval to issue a purchase order for the purchase and installation of two Police Department furnaces and A/C units in the amount of \$16,795.00 and the related budget amendment.

Chief Bradford introduced the agenda item noting the intent was to have the request on the February 18, 2021 meeting agenda; however, due to recent issues with the furnace, replacement is needed as soon as possible.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the issuance of a purchase order for the purchase and installation of two Police Department furnaces and A/C units in the amount of \$16,795.00 and the related budget amendment. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

9. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h)

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to enter into closed session at 7:54 p.m. to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to table items 10 and 11. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

10. Consider Approval of Resolution #2021-03 "Approving the 1010 State Street Brownfield Plan," with Clarification Being Added to Section 1.3 "Description of Costs to Be Paid for with Tax Increment Revenues" Per City Council Comments Made During the December 17, 2020 City Council Study Session (Tabled)

11. Consider Approval of Reimbursement Agreement and Performance Agreement Related to the 1010 State Street Brownfield Plan (Tabled)

12. Conduct a First Reading and Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Number 595: Amendments to

Chapter 22 and Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Community Development Manager Caruso introduced the agenda item, much of which was discussed during the January 21, 2021 study session. The text amendment public hearing is proposed for March 4, 2021.

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to set a public hearing for proposed ordinance number 595: Amendments to Chapter 22 and Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances for March 4, 2021. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Other Business

13. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:48 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public.

14. Consider Entering into Closed Session Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e)

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to enter into closed session regarding pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 9:06 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

15. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor