

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2011**

PRESENT:	Dennis Fife	Mayor
	Bruce Christensen	Councilmember
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Bob Marabella	Councilmember
	Tyler Vincent	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Paul Larsen	Economic Development Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director

Mayor Fife called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by President Craig Smith, Brigham City LDS West Stake.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 18, 2011 and September 1, 2011 Council Meetings were unanimously approved as distributed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
CONSENT**

Request to Write off Accounts Due to Customer Taking out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

Request for Approval to Purchase Property Located at 79 North 100 East

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Discussion on Proposed Mountain Bike Trails

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Purchase Demo Salt Spreader for Existing 5-Ton Plow Truck

Request for Approval of Resolution Establishing a Net Metering Tariff and Credit Method

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Cost Savings of New Phone and Internet System

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT

Request to Write off Accounts Due to Customer Taking out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

A list of accounts was presented to be removed from the City's billing system. These accounts will be sent to collections.

Request for Approval to Purchase Property Located at 79 North 100 East

Councilmember Marabella said he understands the long-term vision of the City; however, he was concerned about purchasing more property. The Mayor recommended the Council discuss this further in a closed session at the end of the Council meeting. *(See motion following the closed session)*

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the write-off accounts, and discuss the property purchase item in a closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Discussion on Proposed Mountain Bike Trails

Mr. Jack Leavitt, Chair of the Bicycling Committee, came forward and stated that the Committee is ready to begin Phase II of the Mantua Trail. He presented picture slides of some of the trails they would like to go forward with.

Councilmember Ericson asked about the liability with the proposed trail, which includes jumps, etc., and if the liability would be different than the skate park. Mr. Leonard did not think the liability would be different. He felt this should go through URMMA to see what liability the City has.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the trail, pending approval from URMMA. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vincent and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Purchase Demo Salt Spreader for Existing 5-Ton Plow Truck

Mr. Leonard explained that the Public Works Department has the chance to purchase a salt spreader for the City's 5-ton plow truck. This spreader has been used as a demo and would be \$13,000. There is \$15,000 in the budget for this purchase.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and carried unanimously.

Request for Approval of Resolution Establishing a Net Metering Tariff and Credit Method

Mr. Burnett came forward and explained that this resolution establishes rates and credits for customers that have their own renewable generating facility, such as solar, hydro or wind energy. It sets the rate at the City's wholesale cost. It is currently 3.7¢ per kilowatt hour. At the end of the fiscal year, if the customer has excess credit, the City would pay them out at the wholesale cost.

MOTION: Councilmember Marabella made a motion to approve the resolution establishing a net metering tariff and credit method; seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

MAKING LIFE BETTER – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cost Savings of New Phone and Internet System

Mr. Roberts came forward and explained that over the last year the City's phone system was updated to a voice over IP system. This cut down the number of lines for phone and internet to all City buildings and consolidated connections. Before it was installed, Mr. Roberts projected the monthly cost savings would be almost \$3,000. When the City cancelled with Qwest, they immediately increased rates for their lines, so the City is trying to get rid of as many Qwest lines as possible. Some of the equipment will not work on the voice over IP lines; for example, SCADA and data lines. The net savings has been \$2,887 per month. He projected that the savings will be well over \$3,000 once the SCADA equipment is upgraded.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor scheduled a work session for October 6 at 6:00 PM. Sunrise Engineering will present their feasibility report for renewable energy.

A motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the purchase, lease or exchange of real property was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded and carried. The Council adjourned to a closed session at 7:50 PM.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 8:40 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to purchase the property at 79 North 100 East. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion. Councilmember Christensen, Councilmember Ericson

and Councilmember Vincent voted aye. Councilmember Jensen and Councilmember Marabella voted nay. The motion carried 3-2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.