

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
January 5, 2012**

PRESENT:	Dennis Fife	Mayor
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Brian Rex	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
	Tyler Vincent	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Jim Buchanan	Emergency Services Director
	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Nancy Green	Senior Center Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Tyler Pugsley	Acting Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police
	Tyler Vincent	Police Lieutenant

Mayor Fife called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Pastor Galica from the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 1, 2011 Council meeting were unanimously approved as distributed with a motion by Councilmember Vincent.

**SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT**

- Appointments to the Economic Development Board
- Appointments to the Heritage Cultural Arts Board
- Appointment to the Neighborhood Pride Council
- Appointments to the Fire Prevention Bureau

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

- Entrepreneurial Assistance Website, DooBizz.com
- Utah State University Campus Plan and Academic Building Plan

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Amendment to the City's Six-Year Capital Project Plan to Add Two Projects to be Funded by CDBG Funds: 1) \$100,000 for Neighborhood Improvement Projects: \$100,000 for Box Elder Family Support Center building Renovations

**MAKING LIFE BETTER – DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- Update on Fire Division

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ericson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Vincent as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmember Ericson, Councilmember Rex, Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Vincent voted aye. Councilmember Jensen voted nay. Councilmember Jensen commented that she was going to nominate Councilmember Ericson, as he is the senior member of the Council. Councilmember Ericson explained that he has a new job that will take up a lot of his time and did not feel he could take on the additional duties of Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried 4-1 in favor of Councilmember Vincent as Mayor Pro Tem.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

## **CONSENT**

### **Appointments to the Economic Development Board**

Corbet Austin was recommended for appointment to the Economic Development Board. Jason Yerka and Joan Hammer were recommended to serve as ex-officio members to the same board.

### **Appointments to the Heritage Cultural Arts Board**

Joan Hammer and Dave Kafton were recommended to be appointed to the Heritage Cultural Arts Board.

### **Appointment to the Neighborhood Pride Council**

It was recommended Joanna Blaylock be appointed to the Neighborhood Pride Council representing the Bunderson District.

### **Appointments to the Fire Prevention Bureau**

The following were recommended for appointment to the Fire Prevention Bureau: Elmer Yates, T.J. Reeder, Brock Peterson, Jack Stark and Kent Brailsford.

## **SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

### **Entrepreneurial Assistance Website, DooBizz.com**

Mr. Berkeley Geddes from Grow America Ventures came forward and stated that there are three main options for economic growth: 1) strengthen existing businesses; 2) promote the area to attract new business, and 3) encourage, support and endorse local entrepreneurship.

The top economic driver in Box Elder County is Utah State University. He encouraged the City to make sure it is a 4-year university.

- 1) Identify the catch basin
- 2) High school student vision for college – associates minimum, then transfer
- 3) Full service – most popular programs
- 4) Attract USU community investment dollars

State wide system key objectives for entrepreneur's economic growth:

- 1) Encourage good people to pursue good ideas.
- 2) Help the best ideas surface to the top as quickly as possible.
- 3) Link the best ideas to funding sources.
- 4) Improve deal flow to known funding sources.
- 5) Become extremely funding friendly... attract new capital.
- 6) Educate the masses on entrepreneur principles and processes.
- 7) Continually create an army of young entrepreneurs.
- 8) Leverage a structured system – track macro and micro data.
- 9) Analyze the data – solve known issues – continued improvement.
- 10) Keep the system focused on generating results – startups and jobs.
- 11) A clear path to knowing, doing and funding.

DooBizz.com has helped 200,000 entrepreneurs in Utah. It is currently the only online system that can meet the needs of entrepreneurs. They strengthen the entrepreneur associations at all academic institutions in Utah. They teach core concepts and principles of entrepreneurship to students. As long as the entrepreneur is willing to pursue their idea, DooBizz.com will be available to support, endorse and encourage.

Mayor Fife said the Council will consider the offer by DooBizz.com and get back with them.

### **Utah State University Campus Plan and Academic Building Plan**

Dean Tom Lee explained that one of the biggest changes in the plans is the incorporation of Mayor Fife's suggestion to face the Academic Building toward Main Street. This will attract more attention to the campus and be more aesthetically pleasing. The City's support of this expansion has been key to the future plans and has moved the project higher up the capital facilities priority list.

The growth at the Brigham City campus has continued. The parking lot and classrooms are full every night of the week. Enrollment has grown from about 200 students in 1995 to 1,150 in the fall of 2010. Full-time faculty has grown from three to 14 in the last four years with new positions planned.

Dean Lee stated that after USU moves to their new facilities, Bridgerland Applied Technology will move into their space on 1100 South.

Kelly Gillman from Cooper Anderson Architects displayed the campus plan for the first building and future phases as the campus is built out over several years. The new Academic Building will be 60,000 square feet and will house classrooms, faculty and staff offices and student support spaces such as study space and a bookstore. It will also include a large multi-use room and large lecture hall for university and community uses.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Amendment to the City's Six-Year Capital Project Plan to Add Two Projects to be Funded by CDBG Funds: 1) \$100,000 for Neighborhood Improvement Projects: \$100,000 for Box Elder Family Support Center building Renovations**

Mr. Roberts came forward and explained that the City will be applying for 2012 CDBG funds and will be sponsoring the Family Support Center's grant application. In order to apply for CDBG funds, these projects must be on the City's six-year capital projects plan. The projects include \$100,000 for neighborhood improvements projects and \$100,000 for renovations at the Family Support Center Building.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the amendment to the six-year capital project plan to add the two projects as discussed. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **MAKING LIFE BETTER – DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Update on Fire Division**

Mr. Buchanan reported on the Fire Division since all the changes have been implemented. The purpose behind all the changes was to ensure safety requirements are met, reduce potential liability against the City, improve efficiency and reduce costs. He reported that service has not dropped since the changes were implemented.

Brigham City now has a Fire Division that is in compliance with OSHA requirements. All active firemen have removed their facial hair to be in compliance with safety requirements for respiratory protection.

All but five members have passed the physical agility test and medical review. The medical review includes a nine page medical evaluation form which was reviewed by Dr. Bryce. The problems with the five that did not pass include heart issues, knee and back problems and thyroid issues.

The division has been divided into three platoons, each consisting of a captain, an advanced firefighter, two engineers and nine firefighters. One platoon is on standby from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. With the pay adjustments that the Council approved on December 15, this costs the City \$175.00, a savings of \$85.00.

Additional changes include:

- All disciplinary actions are now done through the HRN program.
- New firefighters are assigned mentors and have a one year probationary period and receive quarterly reviews.

- There is a trained incident commander on duty 24/7.
- They are developing a "Reserve Program" for coverage during the day to ensure proper manpower.

The City has realized cost reductions due to:

- Fifteen firefighters resigned; ten for personal reasons and five for medical reasons.
- \$4,836 was saved from insurance restructure.
- Less salary costs.
- Reduction in one fleet vehicle and ongoing maintenance costs.

Mr. Buchanan reported that morale dropped drastically when these changes were first introduced. However, it is rising. The members have platoon competitions. They have created a 12-month training calendar and a 12-month calendar indicating the direction the department is going.

Mr. Buchanan added that surrounding fire departments are watching Brigham City to see what the results are and are taking notes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council scheduled a training Work Session for January 19 at 5:30 on redevelopment areas and another work session at 6:00 on February 16 to discuss the capital projects the Council would like in the upcoming budget.

Councilmember Ericson made a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of property, seconded and carried. The Council adjourned to a closed session at 8:22 PM. The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:23 PM and adjourned.