

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
November 15, 2018**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Kristy Wolford	CAS Director
	Kaia Michaelis	Museum Manager
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Director
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator
EXCUSED:	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Peterson and Councilmember Thompson. The Reverence Period was given by Pastor Mike Galica of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2018 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously approved as distributed.

AGENDA

**PRESENTATION OF JIM DAVIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD
RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES**

New Hires, Public Works

CONSENT

Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Request for Acceptance of an Alan Houser Painting Donation

Consideration of Ordinance to Include the Brigham Academy Center in the Facility Rules – Regulations and Minimum Standards for Use and Fee Schedule

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on Refurbishment and Placement of Playground Trains

Report on SAA Liens

PRESENTATION OF JIM DAVIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Vincent announced that Rene Cedillo, Supervisor in the Water Department, was the recipient of this year's Jim Davis Award. He was nominated by Tyler Pugsley. His nomination read,

“Rene has time and time again been recognized, both by citizens and employees of Brigham City, as an employee who goes above and beyond what is expected to get the job done. Rene’s dedication and service to the people of Brigham City is second to none. It doesn’t matter if it’s weekends, holidays or after hours, he responds to help maintain our safe drinking water. One day, he was working for his church and showed up for a water leak in his suit and tie and stood knee deep in water to make sure everything was being taken care of properly. Rene is an example to the Water Division employees, showing them how to give great customer service, never considering issues as ‘not their problem.’ We have received many compliments from senior citizens about Rene has giving them ideas and help on how to fix water lines on their property. He will do whatever he can to help. He has found over the years that some companies will try to take advantage of seniors and he gives them options to obtain second opinions. Rene is always willing to help in other areas where he is not assigned: snow removal, airport maintenance, cemetery, or wherever help is needed. Rene’s continual work toward excellence in maintaining and developing our water system is a true testament to the purpose set forth in the Jim Davis Extraordinary Service Award. He is truly deserving of this award. Rene works each and every day to make life better in our community.”

The Mayor presented him with an engraved clock.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

New Hires, Public Works

Skyler Ketsdever was recently hired as a Water System/Equipment Operator, and Lizzy Lasley was hired as a Senior Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory Technician.

CONSENT

Proposed 2019 Holiday Schedule

The holiday schedule for 2019 was presented for approval.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Councilmember Farr, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Lane, Brigham City – Mr. Lane requested the Council consider changing the parking ordinance to be at certain times of the year rather than just when it snows. It is difficult for City employees to clear the roads when cars are parked on the road. When there are cars at his neighbor’s house they lift the plow by his driveway to get around the car at his neighbor’s house. The car was there for 3-4 different storms. He finally called to get it towed to get it taken care of.

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy referred to the story of Solomon in the Bible and how he was stricken with pride after he built many beautiful buildings. He had to heavily tax the people. After his death his son became king, the people pled with him to reduce the taxes, but he increased the taxes. This caused the tribes of Israel to separate. Ms. Hardy said pride destroys, as well as coveting. Brigham City, along with other cities, has been stricken with pride and covetness. For example, other cities have splash pads, so Brigham City had to build one; other cities have convention centers, so Brigham City had to have one. This increases the tax burden on the people. Both pride and coveting eventually lead to collapse.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Jensen announced that the Boys & Girls Club is starting a program called Mini Miracles. They hide ornaments throughout the City. When someone finds it, they will take it to the Boys & Girls Club and ask for a mini miracle for someone.

ACTION ITEMS

Request for Acceptance of an Alan Houser Painting Donation

Kaia Michaelis came forward and stated that Alan Houser was an Apache artist and is very famous. He was the art teacher at the Intermountain Indian School from 1950 to 1962. The two pieces being donated were done while he was at the school.

MOTION: Councilmember Bott made a motion to accept the paintings into the museum's collection. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

Consideration of Ordinance to Include the Brigham Academy Center in the Facility Rules – Regulations and Minimum Standards for Use and Fee Schedule

Mr. Roberts approached the Council and stated that this has been an accumulative effort by staff, the Mayor, and the City Council to determine the best way to move forward now that there is no longer a third party running the Academy Center. They looked at possible third parties that could run the Center, and considered whether the City could run it more efficiently in-house. When it was run by the previous third party the City was supplementing the Center approximately \$190,000 and the restaurant \$45,000 per year. Staff felt that managing the Academy Center in-house would save money. This does not include the restaurant. Third party caterers would provide catering.

The ordinance under consideration includes the cost to rent the Academy to the Use and Fee Schedule based on a six-hour use rate:

Entire Building (excluding kitchen)	\$1,0000
Grand Ballroom	600
Entire Lower Level	300
Brigham Room	150
Half of Brigham Room	75
Conference Rooms	50
Additional Labor Charge (per hour)	15-50
Video Screen	50
Projector	100

Anything over six hours, such as a conference, would be charged the additional labor charge of \$50/hour. No fee waivers will be allowed for any event, with the exception of the annual Brigham City Corporation employee party. Non-profit service organizations may schedule any part of the Center one time per calendar year at a 50% discount, Monday through Wednesday, January through November.

MOTION: Councilmember Farr made a motion to approve the ordinance to include the Brigham Academy Center in the Facility, Regulation and Minimum Standards for use and Schedule as outlined. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bott. Councilmember Jensen said the citizens of Brigham City help pay for these things. She asked how it could be more balanced to also accommodate citizens. Mr. Roberts said they could look at a revised rate for citizens on certain days of the week when the demand is lower. He added that the supplemental money going into the Academy Center is coming out of the general

taxpayer funds. Charging people will bring down the amount of general fund money being used. Councilmember Jensen agreed, but it seemed unbalanced that non-profits, who don't pay any taxes, are getting a discount and Brigham City citizens who do pay taxes have to pay full price. Mr. Roberts said as they gather more data on usage, etc., this can be looked at.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Bott – aye
Councilmember Farr – aye
Councilmember Jensen – aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on Refurbishment and Placement of Playground Training

Mr. Pugsley and Ms. Wolford came forward and said there has been some interest from councilmembers as well as the public about the trains that were removed from John Adams Park. Staff discussed this and recommended that the trains be restored and placed at Playground Park. This park is designed for younger ages and the trains would fit with that age group. There will need to be some concrete poured and a few other accommodations, at an estimated cost of \$15,000. There will be grants available in January to commemorate the 150th year of the driving of the Golden Spike that the City will apply for.

Ms. Wolford said they have been approached by the County, Willard Bay, Corinne City and other local entities interested in the trains if the City decides not to keep them.

The Council authorized staff to pursue options to restore the trains and place them at Playground Park.

Report on Special Assessment Area (SAA) Liens

Mr. Oyler reported that there were 1,201 original SAA liens for fiber optic connection; 303 were paid in full up front. Seventeen were written off without any payment per Council authorization or invalid contracts. Six hundred and sixty-six have paid off their SAA and the liens were released. There are currently 552 active liens. Of those, 402 are delinquent, which amounts to \$202,973 (73%) of the total current liens. Forty-six accounts have never made a payment.

Mr. Oyler presented the following financial analysis as of June 30, 2018:

Assessment Receivable	\$1,436,979
Debt Service Due	<u>(1,337,000)</u>
Difference	99,979
SAA Fund Balance	(238,420)
Debt Service Reserve	<u>316,717</u>
Total Estimated Surplus	<u>\$ 178,276</u>

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the November 15, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Dated this 15th day of November 2018.

Mary Kate Christensen

Mary Kate Christensen, Recorder