Welcome and thank you for being here tonight
• This year we begin a new chapter for Brigham City.
• I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ruth Jensen and Mark Thompson for the work they accomplished while serving as councilmembers.
• I now look forward to working with our two new councilmembers, Joe Olson and Robin Troxell, along with Alden, DJ and Tom.
• I love serving the citizens of Brigham City
I have decided that our City-wide focus for the last two years of my term is ALL IN. We have asked all city employees what being ALL IN means to them and how we can do better at being ALL IN in our job duties, our homes and families and all other aspects of our lives. In order to be successful we need a good work/life balance.
Eagle Mountain Golf Course continues to attract golfers from all over northern Utah to visit Brigham City. We are known as one of the best courses Utah has to offer.
2019 was filled with obstacles, not the least of which was the completion of the new irrigation system. Through it all, we were able to keep the course open for individual play and tournaments.
In August we invited the public to a community party including a free hamburger or hotdog dinner and a concert. The cooks for the evening were our local officials. The food and drinks for this event were donated by Ferry Farms, Kent’s Market and Niagara Bottling. The entertainment was sponsored by Brigham City Community Hospital. I believe that getting people together to enjoy time with each other helps to build a better spirit of community.
Some of the projects of interest that are coming or have been completed in the Brigham City are: the True North facility, Café Rio, the new 7-11 store, the Quick Quack car wash, Brigham City Hospital’s expansion, IMT’s new office building and site improvements, the Maple Springs Skilled Nursing and Memory Care building and additional phases of the North Forty subdivision.

We are also working with UDOT and stakeholders to redesign the critical 900 North Main intersection.
Last summer we were approached by Ballet West to hold a 75 days before the 75th anniversary of the first Nutcracker Ballet. In September Brigham City residents were entertained by members of Ballet West along with local dancers at the Academy Center. This event, and many others, are making the Academy Center a much sought after site.
Brigham City Recreation continues to provide opportunities for residents and non-residents alike. All ages, ability levels and a wide variety of sports invite everyone to come and enjoy.
Along with these local activities, Brigham City Recreation also hosts numerous events for people from surrounding communities as well as from other states. The most prestigious of these is the Tournament of Champions pickleball event.
The Senior Center provides a variety of services and activities for seniors in Brigham City and surrounding communities. The center is a place where people can come and get a great lunch, meet other people with similar interests, engage in exercise classes or just sit and enjoy the entertainment and company. Each year we hold March for Meals fundraiser events for the Meals on Wheels program.
After 28 years of service Sue Hill retired as the library director for Brigham City. Elizabeth Schow has now taken on that role.

In April, the Library’s National Library Week activities featured a community scavenger hunt with 20 organizations from Brigham City participating. Patrons could visit locations during a two-week period and learn about the services offered by each organization.
We have set a goal to better educate users and Public Officials on Cybersecurity risks. We have implemented City wide phishing tests for all City Employees and Public Officials, a failed test automatically enrolls a user in a brief training to help them understand the importance of acting responsibly while using City computers and networks.

We also have a new server and web-based GIS which allows city staff to access and maintain city utility and other infrastructure information in the office or in the field, increasing efficiency and accuracy.
In October public power held it’s first ever open house. The public was invited to come to the power station, tour the facilities, participate in activities and watch demonstrations put on by our public power staff.
It is estimated that 60 to 70 percent of customers don’t know who provides their electric power. This open house helped introduce the public to the dedicated staff that works hard to keep the lights on
Because of pipe expansion caused by cold temperatures, we experience water leaks throughout the winter. Typically, these leaks are not as large as this one on the northeast side of town. Thanks to the quick response of our public works crews, the break was repaired and cleaned up with little disruption to surrounding homes.
This past year we completed installation of backup power generation to two wells and a power substation. This redundant backup power is critical and helps maintain a high level of services to our customers. We also obtained some grant funding to help mitigate and repair areas of concern along Box Elder Creek. These repairs will help protect our community during the next Spring runoff event.
Dennis B Vincent Memorial Park (formerly known as Playground Park) is currently under construction. We are adding a memorial sign along with playground improvements including the transcontinental railroad trains which were previously located at John Adams Park. Contractors are also working on 7 new Pickle Ball courts at Rees Pioneer Park. These additional courts are being constructed to accommodate demand created by the Tournament of Champions.
This past year we completed a Master Plan for the Cemetery. We have recently bid phase I of this plan which includes a new roadway on the West portion of the Cemetery. The expansion will tie into the existing south roadway. Anticipated completion of this project is the Summer of 2020.
Ongoing Street maintenance keeps Public Works Departments busy during the summer months. This last year we spent approximately $600,000 repairing roads within our community. This equates to 4.3 miles of roadway repairs.
I am happy to report we completed the Mantua Loop Line Water project. This project replaced an existing water line that was installed in the early 1960’s that ran under Mantua reservoir. The new line provides a better location for maintenance and greatly reduces potential contamination to our drinking water supply. It is our goal to provide safe and dependable water to our customers and this new line improves our ability to do this.
Over the past couple of years we have been preparing for some big changes at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The necessary upgrades are a result of more stringent requirements imposed by the Division of Environmental Quality. Brigham City has been proactive on our approach to this and has been planning and setting aside monies over the past two budget years to pay for the improvements. Anticipated completion of this project is Fall of 2020.
The fire department continues to provide around the clock response to emergency situations. Over the past year we have been able to staff the station with a full time fire marshal and 5 full time fire-fighters. Pictured here are our A, B and C shift members along with the Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant and Fire Marshal.
In 2019 we responded to 2,845 emergency calls. We also received a new brush truck for wildland fires and replaced one of our ambulances.
Public outreach and education is important to our firefighters. There are many tours of the station given to school and church groups throughout the year. This event helped raise money for the Utah Burn Center.
The Brigham City Police Department currently has 28 sworn officers. In 2019 the Police Cross medal was given posthumously to the Vincent family for Assistant Chief Dennis Vincent and our own Levi Tarver was awarded the Utah Animal Control officer of the year.
The Brigham City Police Department works hard to let citizens know they care. These photos show some of the things officers do to engage with the community.

I am proud of our police department. They have a tough and often thankless job to do and they do that job to the best of their ability to maintain our quality of life.
Thank you