

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
April 20, 2017**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Paul Larsen	Community Development Director
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Manager
	Marge Porter	Deputy City Recorder
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator
EXCUSED:	Tom Peterson	Councilmember

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Pastor Eric Sitterud from the Alpine Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 Council meeting and the April 10, 2017 Special Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously approved as distributed.

AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

New Hires – Fire Department, Library and Administration

CONSENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Arbor Day Proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

The following individuals were recently hired as part-time employees: 1) Rachelle Johnson, Paramedic; 2) Trevor Mortenson, Firefighter/Advanced EMT; Melissa Cunningham, Library Clerk; Judy Loveland, Finance Clerk.

CONSENT

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

A list of accounts totaling \$4,386.81 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

Appointment to Advisory Council on Aging

It was recommended Marci Haycock be appointed to the Advisory Council on Aging.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Arbor Day Proclamation

Mr. Pugsley came forward and invited the Council to the Arbor Day Celebration at the pickleball courts on April 28th to plant trees. There will also be two nights of service, one on the 25th where they will plant trees at the sports complex. The big event is an Eagle Scout project on April 26th at the sports complex where they will plant more trees. The City has 80+ trees to plant this year.

Mr. Pugsley read and signed the proclamation declaring April 20, 2017 as Arbor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Johnson, Brigham City – Mr. Johnson discussed Greek mythology.

Juliana Larsen, Brigham City – Ms. Larsen acknowledged the Council for taking the time to rework the proposed general plan with intent to make it a more accurate, understandable and meaningful document. Also for not hiding, refusing to release, or allowing public input and awareness of the general plan. She also thanked the Council for still allowing citizens to comment during Council meetings. It would be a disrespect and disregard to the community if this was ever removed. She questioned how quickly the Council provided a variance for alcohol licenses at the last Special Council meeting held April 10th. The State Legislature recently revised the State Liquor Law, but the Council decided to move forward before the new law took effect. She also expressed concern that only three councilmembers attended the meeting. She added that when a proposal comes forward, if it comes with any kind of modification on behalf of the people that are asking, that makes it much easier for those people to ratify it and pass it.

Kaitlyn Ford, Brigham City – Ms. Ford said in March they met with the Mayor and Jason Roberts and presented them with over 300 signed petitions and data collected to request a flashing and/or a crossing guard for Mountain View Elementary. They felt good about the meeting and they seemed very concerned about the safety of their children and families. They had also discussed possible police presence at the school to help enforce the law by parking illegally and/or speeding. The Mayor and Mr. Roberts agreed the City would survey the area on March 17th. They did as promised. After seeing the speeding and hazardous conditions, they felt there was a need for something more. Ms. Ford was also informed that they could not get a police officer to the area because it would not be safe to pull people over due to the traffic congestion. She questioned this because it is safe enough for their children to walk? They were told the City would follow up the following week. When they heard nothing back, she tried to meet with Mr. Roberts and the Mayor on March 27th. They were in a meeting so she decided to leave the office and saw them in the parking lot of the City Office Building. They spoke with them briefly about what had been decided. She was told the signs would be \$5,000 and they would need to talk to the School District and the Chief of Police. On March 31st she met with Dr. Tolman, the Superintendent of the School District. He provided them with an approval letter for the placement of the signs. She then took the letter to the City Office Building and gave it to an employee in the Planning and Zoning Department. She spoke with Chief Nelsen on April 5th and he informed her that he had no issues if the City placed the flashing signs. They had given the City 46 days to give them an answer as to whether or not they have approval for either a flashing sign or a crossing guard. They are worried about the safety of their children and families. Every day that passes without additional assistance from the City, the higher the risk for a child to be hit or killed. They understand that \$5,000 is a high price, but is there a price for a child's life? Based on data they collected, there is a 50/50 chance a child will be struck while in a crosswalk. They are trying to correct a longstanding problem before another child is hurt.

Rachel Romney, Brigham City – Ms. Romney is a parent of a kindergarten student at Mountain View. They moved to Brigham City less than a year ago. She walks her children to school and was appalled when she was walking to and from school. There are two different crosswalks and she originally crossed at the one furthest away from the school. They would have to wait for 5-6 cars before anyone would stop. They moved to the crosswalk closer to the school, thinking drivers might not be aware it was a school

zone, even though there are signs. She felt it was more dangerous there because drivers park in the red zone and it is hard to see oncoming cars. After the police officer started warning drivers about parking in the red zone it has been better. However, drivers still do not stop. It is a dangerous area.

Mike Phillips, Brigham City – Mr. Phillips apologized he was late and was not able to give the Arbor Day presentation. He commented regarding a splash pad. He felt that having one in Brigham City would be wonderful. They have grandkids and they have to go to other places for the kids to play in a splash pad. These are the small, little things that cities do that make living in their City a great thing. There has been some talk that Brigham City should not do these kinds of things, but Mr. Phillips felt it was part of society; part of a good cultural to provide for citizens to do activities together. There are a lot of things he pays taxes for that he does not participate in, such as the golf course, but he doesn't begrudge someone that does. These all make for a very healthy City and the kind that people want to move to.

Christy Zito, Brigham City – Ms. Zito is a mother and PTA member at Mountain View. The school has been an important part of her life, and seeing the kids safe is a big thing. She has two kids and they are her everything. One of her children is autistic and it is a different world. She has to worry every day that her youngest son will run across the parking lot into the street.

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy asked the Council if the revitalization program is working. She was concerned when Mr. Walker from the Downtown Historical District stated that the Academy Square Convention Center was struggling and asked for more money. She said regarding the splash pad, that this was not given donations on a voluntary basis. Some of the money came from the tourism tax. It is a forced tax and an unconstitutional tax. She asked the Council to meet with the state representatives and ask them to do away with this program. It is not constitutional principled.

Billie Clawson, Mantua – Ms. Clawson thanked the Council for acknowledging their problem at Mountain View School. She felt that the Mayor and Mr. Roberts listened to them. She has been volunteering to help the students cross the street. It is very dangerous.

Mr. Roberts came to the table and stated that government sometimes has to sacrifice efficiency for transparency in a governmental process. Staff has researched the options and costs before taking this to the Council, which is what the Council wants staff to do. The City is concerned about the cost because this past winter overextended the budget in the Street Department covering the cost for snow removal. He said \$5,000 is a good sum of money for a project. Staff updated their projections for the end of the year, which are very tight in the Streets budget, to see if there was \$5,000 available to move forward immediately; there was not. He met with the Mayor and the Finance Director to find another source in the capital project fund. However, this will need to be approved by the Council after a public hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Farr attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference. It was very productive and informative. He came away with some ideas regarding the roles of the City Council and Planning Commission, and making sure they are serving the citizens and representing the City. It was very beneficial.

Councilmember Jensen said she has been to ribbon cuttings and the rehearsals for the Sesquicentennial Pageant. They are still working on the Vietnam Event. She participated with Meals on Wheels. She attended the Land Use Training in Logan. Even though she has attended this training many times and it is basic land use training, there are always questions that are asked that she would not have thought about. One of the things she learned is that in the general plan, it seems like the beginning is the easiest way to be able to change it, either add to it or take away from it. Once it has been adopted it is harder to remove anything or add to it. The reason is because there has to be proof, evidence, or finding of facts of why it

should be changed. It is important that the Council work hard on the general plan. She also attended the Box Elder Economic Development Agency. They discussed summits for economic development, both in the Brigham City area and Logan City. The first rehearsal for the Interfaith Sesquicentennial event will be held April 30 at 7:00 PM. All faiths are invited. Councilmember Jensen asked the employee over business licenses for a list of new businesses within the last three months. She did not realize this was a big deal. Now when a councilmember wants information they have to go through the SpiceWorks site, then it gets ticketed. Staff looks at it and then assigns it to a staff member. She was not aware that was what she was supposed to do. The employee also told her if she were a citizen requesting the information, she would have to ask for it through a GRAMA request. She said there are other cities that put this information on the City's website. This would also advertise new businesses coming in. She asked the Council if they agreed that this should be on the website.

Councilmember Thompson said regarding the Mosquito Abatement Board, that due to the extra moisture we've received, there are going to be a lot of mosquitoes this year. The ULCT Conference was very impressive. He really appreciated the legislative update.

Councilmember Bott stated that since the Chamber of Commerce has become the Box Elder Chamber of Commerce, it has been fun to see the Mason/Dixon line erode between red and purple in the County. He thought it was interesting that the free market has done this, after many years of trying with religion, high school and education. It is going well. There have been a lot of businesses in Tremonton that have joined, and it has been good for Brigham City businesses to have this association. The Youth City Council is gearing up to recruit members at the high school and middle school.

Mayor Vincent responded to the comments regarding the school crossing. He stated that this did not go on deaf ears, and apologized if they felt it did. When the City discusses funding, they have to be very transparent. On Monday, he told Mr. Roberts that the City should move forward with this and to find the money. He said he is very concerned about the students getting hurt. It is not just at Mountain View. There are several schools that the City is concerned about. The City is working closely with the Board of Education. He was not aware that Ms. Ford had spoken to Dr. Tolman. He is usually at City Hall every Tuesday, but was out of town the first of the week. He met with staff on Monday to discuss some items and one of them was the school crossing. He said the City will be vigilant and apologized if they felt he and City staff were not listening to them, because that was not the case.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of property was made by Councilmember Bott and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting aye. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:55 p.m.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 8:15 p.m. and adjourned.

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the [Click here to enter a date.](#) *City Council Meeting.*

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mary Kate Christensen, Recorder