

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
September 7, 2017**

PRESENT:	Tom Peterson	Mayor Pro Tem
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Joseph Bach	Fire Chief
	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Paul Larsen	Community Development Director
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Director
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator
EXCUSED:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Peterson called the meeting to order in the Mayor's absence. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Thompson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, August 3, August 17, 2017 Council Meetings; August 3, 2017 Work Session; August 24, 2017 Special Meeting was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously approved as distributed.

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Proposed of \$9,500,000 Issuance of Water, Sewer and Electric Revenue Bonds to Finance a New Electrical Substation and Transmission Line, a New Culinary Water Main Line and other Improvements to the City's Water, Sewer and Electric System  
Consideration of Resolution Adjusting the 2017-18 Budget of the Various Funds and Departments to Reflect the Changes Recommended by the City Council to Said Budgets

**CONSENT**

Request for Variance to the City's Noise Ordinance on September 9, 2017

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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Mr. Oyler came to the table and explained that this bond will be used to build a new electric substation on West Forest Street and a transmission line from the south substation. This will create more capacity for growth on the west side of the tracks and will provide redundancy for the 46kV loop line.

In addition, a new water line will be constructed to replace the waterline under Mantua Reservoir. This line provides over 5,000,000 gallons of culinary drinking water. This was built in 1960 and staff has been concerned about the health of this line.

The bonds will be paid off in ten years at 2.3% interest rate. No property tax increase nor utility rate increases are being proposed. The annual payment will be \$1,050,000 per year. A 2006 storm drain bond will be paid off; this will provide an additional \$640,000 that can go toward the payment. In addition, there is an estimated \$100,000 additional revenue from economic development. The net effect on capital projects compared to the 2017-18 budget would be a negative \$309,000. However, there would still be \$2.4M available for projects in the 2018-19 budget.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Farr and unanimously carried.

Lee Johnson, Brigham City – Mr. Johnson did not question the need for the waterline; however, he asked if there was a schedule and if this was brought before the Council so they can prepare ahead of time instead of from crisis to crisis.

Mike Shoell, Brigham City – Mr. Schoell asked who else will be using the substation and what results will come from the substation being constructed. If the substation is from the same power grid, he asked what redundancy there would be. He also asked how often the lines go down.

Councilmember Peterson replied that no other municipality will be using the substation. It will be used to provide power to future development by 1100 West and 1100 South. It will also provide redundancy for the northwest area of the City, including major power users in the area.

Mr. Burnett stated that the 138kV lines that come from the north and south are under regulations so the City is mandated to keep these lines reliable, but they can go down. When one goes down they can be switched from one side to the other.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Peterson responded to Mr. Johnson's questions. Regarding looking at the future rather than going from crisis to crisis, the Mantua waterline has been a concern since at least 2005. Regarding the substation, Mr. Burnett has a master plan, and part of that plan is facilitating power needs west of the City. These have not been crisis decisions. They have been something that needed to be done when funding is available.

**Consideration of Resolution Adjusting the 2017-18 Budget of the Various Funds and Departments to Reflect the Changes Recommended by the City Council to Said Budgets**

Mr. Oyler reviewed the following changes to the budget:

	Revenue	Expense
<b>PUBLIC UTILITY FUND</b>		
Mantua Reservoir Waterline and West Forest Substation	Bond Proceeds \$1,943,390	Projects(s) Construction \$1,943,390
Cooley Well Repair	Retained Earnings \$140,000	Well Repairs \$140,000
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		

Donations for Fire Dept Workout Equipment	Donations \$7,6000	New Workout Equipment \$7,600
Donations for Tour of Utah	Donations \$2,000	Transfer to Capital Project Fund \$2,000
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</b>		
Tour of Utah	Retained Earnings - \$15,000 Transfer from General Fund - \$2,000	Tour of Utah Expenses - \$17,000
Rifle Suppressors for Police Dept	Retained Earnings - \$9,100	Rifle Suppressors - \$9,100

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Thompson and unanimously carried. There were no comments from the public. A motion to close the public hearing was made Councilmember Farr, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously carried.

**MOTION:** A motion to open the public hearing was made Councilmember Farr, seconded by Councilmember Thompson and unanimously carried. There were no comments from the public. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Farr, seconded by Councilmember Bott.

Roll Call: Councilmember Bott – aye  
Councilmember Farr – aye  
Councilmember Jensen – aye  
Councilmember Peterson – aye  
Councilmember Thompson – aye

Motion unanimously carried.

### CONSENT

#### **Request for Variance to the City's Noise Ordinance on September 9, 2017**

Desiree Perry from the Fraternal Order of Eagles came forward and explained that they will have bands outside on the night of September 9 and they requested a variance to allow the bands to play until midnight.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Johnson, Brigham – Mr. Johnson disagreed with the Council's comment that the projects being funded by the bond is not a crisis. If the Council has been discussing it for 12 years and has struggled to find the money, that is a crisis. To some of the citizens, this is a financial crisis.

Mike Shoell, Brigham City – Mr. Shoell said there has been discussion on social media regarding the \$3.5 million transfer from the utility fund to the general fund. He felt it would be helpful to have some kind of explanation so the citizens will know what is being done and why it is not in the form of property tax.

Anna Asay, Brigham City – Ms. Asay said if Brigham City is only producing 4% of the electricity, why can't the citizens have power through Rocky Mountain Power so they don't have to pay so much? Her house is energy efficient. She was not only concerned about her, but also her mother's and her neighbor's bills because they are on fixed incomes. The citizens should have an option. She did not understand the 3-tier rates.

Chief Nelsen, Brigham City – Chief Nelsen announced that on September 21 the Citizens Academy will start up again. It will be held every Thursday at 6:00 pm for the next eight weeks.

Christy Ball, Brigham City – Referring to the high bills, Ms. Ball said some people have said they have been given options to pay the bill, others have not. She asked how they are supposed to pay their bill. If this is going to continue, there has to be another way the City can do this.

Julianna Larsen, Brigham City – Ms. Larsen agreed that the projects being funded by the bonds are important, but she wondered why this information can't be shared better with the public, explaining how it is going to be funded. There needs to be more transparency. She was also concerned about what would happen if the City ran short of money to make the payment.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Farr attended a CERT meeting where donations were made by the county and others to help with supplies for an emergency. He also attended a meeting of the Utah State University Board where there were positive comments regarding planning and providing additional education for those looking for certification in macrobiotics.

Councilmember Jensen has been working with a committee on how to prepare, promote and protect businesses regarding social media. She will be handing out fliers regarding this as well as on social media. The Boys & Girls Club will be working with STEM again on the Career and Education Fair in November. There will be a discussion on “Do You Speak Millennial” for business owners at the Egyptian Theater.

Councilmember Thompson reported on the Mosquito Abatement Board Meeting. They placed mosquito traps throughout the year, and so far they have found 13 mosquito traps that had mosquitos with West Nile Virus. There have been nine cases in Utah so far this year, including one death. The Plein Air competition begins mid-September at the Museum.

A motion to adjourn to a Redevelopment Agency meeting was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded and unanimously carried.

*The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the September 7, 2017 City Council Meeting.*

*Dated this 21st day of September 2017.*

*Mary Kate Christensen*  
*Mary Kate Christensen, Recorder*