

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
November 16, 2017**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Joseph Bach	Fire Chief
	Rick Bosworth	HR Coordinator
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Kristy Law	CAS Director
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Manager
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator
EXCUSED:	Tom Peterson	Councilmember

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Peterson who was out of town on business. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Farr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously approved as distributed.

AGENDA

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Jim Davis Award

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

New Hires, Administration and Police Department

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

Canvass of 2017 General Election

Consideration of Resolution Adopting Compensation Rate for Wildland Firefighting

Discussion on Bio Compost Sales and Temporary Product Price Reduction

Discussion on Location of Splash Pad

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Jim Davis Award

Mayor Vincent announced that Paul Braithwaite is this year's recipient of the Jim Davis Extraordinary Public Service Award. Mr. Braithwaite was nominated by several citizens. Mayor Vincent read a summary of the nomination letters.

Mr. Braithwaite has played a big role in shaping the lives of the youth of Brigham City for many years. Coaching and instructing the youth has been his passion. Years ago he was active in coaching basketball and soccer. He worked with many youth in this capacity. However, the biggest contribution to the youth of

Brigham City has been his involvement with tennis. In 1999, Paul started helping the high school boys and girls tennis teams. He has not missed a year since then. He volunteered numerous hours while patiently working with and teaching the youth to play tennis. He taught them the concept of team work, unity, honesty, being a good citizen, and many other important qualities. He has tennis intelligence, patience, and a desire to help the youth succeed in life. He is humble and kind. He is motivated by more than winning matches or championships. Through tennis, he teaches the youth life lessons about how to compete and do it fairly, how to win and how lose and have fun either way, to be honest even if it costs a match.

Mayor Vincent presented Paul Braithwaite with the 2017 Jim Davis Extraordinary Service Award.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

New Hires, Administration and Police Department

Cindy Fifield was introduced as the new Accounting Clerk/Accounts Payable position in the Administration Department. Susan Zecca was also recognized as the new Police Records Clerk Coordinator.

CONSENT

Approval of 2018 Employee Holiday Schedule

A list of 2018 holidays was presented for approval.

Appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission

It was recommended Mike Hollingsworth, Dave Johnson and Josh Musselman be appointed to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farr.

Councilmember Bott said he and Councilmember Peterson felt that the employees should also get Christmas Eve off in 2018, since it is on Monday. Councilmember Jensen said if City Hall was open it would allow customers to come in and make their payments. It is customer service friendly. For several years employees have had half a day off on Christmas Eve. Councilmember Bott did not think customers would come in on Christmas Eve. Councilmember Jensen said the Council could look into this later. Councilmember Farr felt it was better to maintain consistency with what has been done in the past. Mayor Vincent asked for a vote on the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

MOTION: Councilmember Bott made a motion to amend the Consent Items to appoint Greg Martz to the Recreation and Parks Commission. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Miller, Soda Springs Idaho – Ms. Miller came forward and stated that in 2013 the cemetery had 7,142 burial plots that had been purchased and not used. Although some of these will be used, thousands of them have been deserted. Either the children or grandchildren were not aware they had been purchased and buried their family in other parts of the cemetery, or they moved away and are buried somewhere else. She requested the City Council reclaim any deserted cemetery plots and resell them. Utah law allows this, and it has been done in other cities. They have to have been purchased 60 years ago or more before they can be reclaimed. If one-third of the 7,142 plots, or 2,381, are abandoned and were sold to residents at the current fee of \$600, the City would bring in \$1,428,600. If half of the plots are sold to residents and the other half to non-residents (\$1,200 per lot) it would be \$2,142,900.

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy said there are many citizens who do not want to pay for the splash pad. She asked the Council if they are protecting these citizens' rights as outlined in the constitution.

Juliana Larsen, Brigham City – Ms. Larsen agreed with Ms. Miller, although she hoped the City would look at policy before selling these lots.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Farr reported that the volunteer dinner was a great success. He encouraged citizens to volunteer for Meals on Wheels. He attended a CERT meeting and watched a video on the Great San Francisco earthquake. It was a good reminder that it is not a matter of if, but when.

Councilmember Jensen went to the Bar J Wranglers and the USO Celebration at the Senior Center; attended the ribbon cutting for the Gable's Assisted Living new addition; attended the STEM Fair at the Boys & Girls Club.

Councilmember Bott expressed concern with citizens not communicating with each other face to face. People are getting on social media and sending nasty grams. Things can be read into all caps in an email or text. He thanked Councilmember Jensen for doing a great job informing the public with her social media pages. There was a post that someone was concerned that Corbin's Restaurant was \$20,000 behind on their lease payments. He contacted City staff about this, and that is not correct. Councilmember Jensen said they weren't \$20,000 behind, but they have been behind on different occasions. Councilmember Bott referred to Councilmember Jensen's comment in the last Council meeting that it will cost \$5M to upgrade the waste treatment plant. He contacted City staff and he was told \$5M would be the Cadillac version. It will more likely be \$1.4-\$1.5M. Councilmember Jensen said the Waste Treatment Manager told her it would be \$5M. Councilmember Bott asked Councilmember Jensen to give posters on her Facebook page his contact information when they post something about him. She agreed.

Mayor Vincent also attended the volunteer dinner and Gable's ribbon cutting. He attended the graduation of the Police Academy classes.

NEW BUSINESS

Canvass of 2017 General Election

Ms. Christensen came to the table and reported that out of 8,450 registered voters, 2,629 voted, or 31%. She stated that this is the highest percentage she has seen. The results of the election were:

	<u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<u>Mayor</u>		
Ruth Jensen	823	31.91
Tyler M. Vincent	1,756	68.09
<u>Councilmember</u>		
Thomas W. Peterson	1,531	31.63
Dennis (DJ) Bott	1,705	35.22
Courtney Thompson	653	13.49
Becky Maddox	952	19.67

Tyler Vincent will continue as Mayor and Tom Peterson and DJ Bott will continue as councilmembers.

MOTION: A motion to approve the results of the 2017 General Election was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously carried.

Consideration of Resolution Adopting Compensation Rates for Wildland Firefighting

Chief Bach approached the table and stated that this resolution corrects the previous resolution he brought to the Council so those deployed on wildland fires are not making less than what they currently get paid. This resolution states they will receive the hourly rate approved in the memorandum of understanding or their current hourly rate, whichever is higher.

MOTION: Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution adopting compensation rates for wildland firefighting, seconded by Councilmember Jensen.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Bott – aye
Councilmember Farr – aye
Councilmember Jensen – aye
Councilmember Thompson - aye

Discussion on Bio Compost Sales and Temporary Product Price Reduction

Mr. Pugsley came forward and stated that the compost site has a surplus of bio compost. This is currently being sold for \$10 a cubic yard, screened and ready to go. After evaluating, staff determined that there is a three year surplus of this product. A farmer and others have expressed interest in this product after it has been mixed and gone through all the testing parameters He requested the Council authorize sale of this product at a discounted price of \$2.50 a cubic yard. When there is approximately 1200 cubic yard of product remaining, they will increase it to \$5.00 a cubic yard. He added that this takes up a lot of space and there is already enough to last a year.

MOTION: Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the temporary product price reduction request to sell bio compost sales as stated, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously carried.

Discussion on Location of Splash Pad

MOTION: Councilmember Bott made a motion to table this item until the first of 2018. Councilmember Peterson will not be at the next meeting, and some committee members have made some suggestions that he would like to look into before a final decision is made. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 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 16, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2017.

Mary Kate Christensen
Mary Kate Christensen, Recorder