

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
October 4, 2012**

PRESENT:	Dennis Fife	Mayor
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Brian Rex	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
	Tyler Vincent	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Paul Larsen	Community & Economic Development Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Paul Tittensor	Police Chief

Mayor Fife called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Bishop Brad Barber of the Mountain View Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Fife announced that there was a public hearing publication on the recodification of the Brigham City Code. The Council has not had the opportunity to fully review this, so the public hearing has been postponed. There will be work sessions scheduled to review each area of the code. He invited anyone in attendance for that purpose to speak during the Public Comment period.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2012 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Jensen. Mayor Fife noted that the person who talked about the Heritage Arts Festival was Tory Jackman from Wal-Mart Distribution. During the discussion about the bond resolution, the Moody's Rating is written Aa3. Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Bywater – Mr. Bywater came forward and said Jared Johnson came to the last Good Landlord Association meeting. Mr. Johnson was under the opinion that the Council was going to discuss changing the Landlord ordinance and leaning toward doing away with it. Mr. Bywater said he was in favor of keeping the Good Landlord ordinance. A few months ago there was a poll of their membership and they were definitely in favor. They felt that the program has increased the quality of renters in Brigham City. In the meeting that Mr. Johnson attended, there were no votes to do away with the ordinance.

There were no further comments from the public.

CONSENT

Appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission

It was recommended Kyle Klein be reappointed to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

MOTION: A motion to approve the appointment of Kyle Klein to the Recreation and Parks Commission was made by Councilmember Ericson, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Annette McFarlane, Shauna Hunsaker Barfuss, Annette Dickamore and Dennis Abel came to the table. Ms. McFarlane stated that it has been a very busy year. The economy is definitely a factor in household tension and violence. This year they went to the hospital over 100 times. Last year they had 2,212 people

come to them for services; through September 30, 2012 they have had 1,902. Their shelter has been continuously occupied since November 2009. There have been times when they have had to double up, bring in cribs and sleeping bags to house everyone. She thanked the City for their support and Chief Tittensor for the partnership and relationship they have with the officers.

Officer Abel, Domestic Violence Officer, is the liaison between the Police Department and the New Hope Crisis Center. He explained that he investigates any case that is related to domestic violence, including child abuse. He works with the Division of Family Services in their investigation. He provides security to any victim of domestic violence who is frightened to go to court by escorting them to and from court. If there is a problem at the Crisis Center, they call him. This relieves the City of having a full-time officer there, eliminating a lot of the expense for both the Brigham City Police Department and the City.

Ms. Dickamore read the proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Month and the Mayor signed the proclamation.

Proclamation Declaring International Credit Union Week

Mr. Brad Barber from Members First Credit Union, Beth Ann Smith of America First Credit Union and Marilyn Yoshida from Box Elder Credit Union came forward. Mr. Barber said every year during October credit unions around the world celebrate International Credit Union Week. As not-for-profit, democratically controlled, 100% member owned financial institutions, they join together each year to showcase their joint motto of "People Helping People." This year's theme is "Members Matter Most." He asked for the Council's support in recognizing October 14-20, 2012 as International Credit Union Week, as well as the promotion of credit unions that have served the community for many years. He read the proclamation whereupon the Mayor signed it.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not More Than \$1,200,000 Water, Sewer and Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Relating to Such Bonds; Delegating Authority to Certain Officials to Approve the Final Terms and Provisions of and Confirm the Sale of Such Bonds and Providing for Related Matters

Mr. Leonard came forward and introduced Ryan Bjerke from Chapman and Cutler. Mr. Leonard said the original bond was for the newest 5-million gallon reservoir at the mouth of the canyon. The Mayor had discussed paying off the remaining balance, but this does not preclude the Council from voting on the parameters resolution which would start the process. If there is a decision to not go forward it can be stopped. The bonds are currently listed at 3.9%. It is estimated the bids could come in between 1.5% and 2.0%.

Mayor Fife suggested moving forward, then leaving the decision up to him or the Finance Director. There is sufficient cash flow in the Utility Fund to pay this off. He felt it would be better to pay it off and have the revenue go back into the Utility Fund rather than pay approximately \$20,000 to reissue it.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the resolution to begin the process and request the Finance Director to come back to the Council and discuss the pros and cons of both options. Mayor Fife said he would rather it be tabled, or not publish it until a decision is made.

AMENDED MOTION: Councilmember Ericson amended his motion to table this item until the Council has more information on the pros and cons of both options. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rex. Mr. Bjerke explained that the resolution can be passed, even though more discussion is desired. With an election coming up, it is never known how that will affect interest rates.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to withdraw his motion, seconded by Councilmember Rex.

MOTION: Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution as is, go forward with the publication and readdress it at the October 18 meeting to discuss the pros and cons of paying it off. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vincent. All present voted aye.

Report on Project Cogburn Field Trip

Mr. Larsen came forward and reported on the fact-finding trip of staff members and county representatives to Joplin, Missouri and Fort Smith, Arkansas. The purpose of the trip was to tour a dog biscuit company and chicken processing plant in anticipation of similar plants locating in Box Elder County. In Joplin they visited a dog biscuit plant. The consensus of the group at this plant was that not much odor was detected. In talking with businesses around the plant, they either did not even know there was a dog food plant nearby or they knew it was there but had never noticed an odor.

They also visited a chicken processing plant in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. They have approximately 2300 employees at this plant. The plant in Box Elder County will have roughly 360. The Ft. Smith plant processes about 400,000 birds per day; the Box Elder plant will process approximately 67,000 initially and eventually 120,000. As they walked around this plant they noticed a smell in two locations. One of the smells identified was the plant's own sewer facility. The other odor smelled like something cooking and was very faint. There was also a slight odor as the trucks loaded with chickens drove by.

Councilmember Jensen asked about the labor force. There have been some citizens that are worried that it will include a lot of immigrants. Mr. Larsen replied that there are state and federal regulations against that. If they hire illegal aliens and INS raids them, the plant would be shut down. In addition, they need employees that will stay and are trained on the technology of the equipment. He added that the lowest paid positions at the plants they visited start at \$14.50 per hour with full benefits. Mayor Fife clarified that the overall wages are higher than the average county wage.

Request to Allocate Funds to Purchase Webcam for the Council Chambers

Mayor Fife reported that the City's IT Department has looked into various methods to do a web broadcast of Council meetings. A webcam was found for \$600. The Mayor asked the Council to allocate \$600 for this purchase.

MOTION: Councilmember Vincent made a motion to allocate funds for the purchase of a webcam for the Council Chambers, seconded by Councilmember Rex. Councilmember Jensen asked if this will be broadcast live on the Brigham City channel. Mayor Fife replied that it takes more equipment to broadcast live. All councilmembers voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn to a closed session was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Rex and unanimously carried. The Council adjourned at 8:22 PM. The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:19 PM and adjourned.