

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
January 14, 2016  
6:00 PM**

PRESENT:	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Kirk Morgan	City Attorney
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator

ABSENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
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Ruth Jensen, as Mayor Pro Tem, conducted the meeting in the Mayor's absence and excused him due to a family emergency. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked the Council to discuss what they felt were the top priorities of the City.

Councilmember Peterson said he did not feel that the Council's role is very defined. He would like to have some goals that the Council is working toward. His top priority has been the power plant, with the 1100 West intersection as number two. Both are progressing, but not at the speed he would like to see. The intersection is based on UDOT's timeline, but the power plant seems to have died. He also thought there was an opportunity to develop the sports complex in 2018 when the pool and golf course bond is paid off. He would like the City to plan ahead to place a bond on the ballot. The revenue that is being used to pay off the pool and golf course bond could be rolled into a new bond for the sports complex. This way it would not increase property taxes. Mr. Roberts will work on the numbers for the bond.

Councilmember Farr said the golf course infrastructure needs to be replaced/updated. There are a lot of water leaks. This could be very expensive. He recommended looking into using secondary water instead of culinary water. It could possibly come from the waste treatment plant. This is also something that could be bonded for in 2018. Councilmember Peterson said he will bring this up to the Golf Commission at their next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked what happens to the water leaving Proctor & Gamble. Mr. Roberts said this goes to the Black Slough. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen felt there should be some way to reuse it to create energy.

Councilmember Peterson said another project he'd like to see come to fruition is a pressurized secondary water system. This is not really needed now, and it may never be with the water sources Brigham City has, but it is the responsible thing to do. He recommended that a Public Works Standard be created that any time a new road is constructed or new development that the pipe be installed. It is currently in Cottonwood Grove. He added that it should at least be to the sports complex. Mr. Roberts suggested fiber optic infrastructure also be added the Public Works Standards.

Councilmember Farr said he talked to some directors to see what they felt the priorities are. One was replacing the water infrastructure. Councilmember Peterson suggested budgeting money each year for this. Councilmember Bott suggested using the sidewalk money that is allotted every year.

Councilmember Thompson felt it would be easy to do the sports complex, but he wondered about also doing a recreation/community center. Councilmember Bott felt that this is something that has to be done at some point. It is a growing population. Mr. Roberts added that there is concern with the City continuing to lease the Bunderson Building.

Councilmember Peterson said the Council has all agreed that their priority is the power plant. If the proposed 2018 bond is going to be for the sports complex, he recommended using the excess money toward the Council's number one priority – the power plant. The main reason to do this is for emergency preparedness. Mr. Roberts added that additional power sources are also very important.

Financing of the power plant project was discussed. An option is to do a revenue bond.

Alternative power sources were discussed, such as methane from the waste treatment plant and a solar park at the old landfill. These things would make Brigham City power more independent.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen expressed concern that the Council is not informed. She hears things in the grocery store about employees that she did not know anything about, such as family deaths and hospitalizations. Councilmember Peterson agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen said she would especially like to know about employees that were terminated, so if a family member approaches her about it she is not surprised. Councilmember Bott did not feel that he needed to know what was happening with the employees because it is administrative. Mr. Morgan said the Council cannot do anything about the termination. If a family member talks to a councilmember about a termination the councilmember should tell them to talk to the Mayor and that the Council is the legislative branch of the government and has nothing to do with hiring and firing. There should not be any communication to the Council on why an employee was terminated. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen said she does not want to know the reason, only that they were terminated.

Mr. Roberts said he will put a process in place to notify the councilmembers of appropriate events.

Councilmember Thompson asked about the parking lot at the Academy Building. Mr. Roberts said staff is getting the final cost estimates on how much the restaurant has cost. When these actual costs are known there are a few things that need to be prioritized. Staff's top priority is the pavers on the roof. The next two priorities are the pergola on the roof and the parking lot. When the final numbers are in he will come to the Council and discuss the priorities.

Mr. Roberts summarized the Council's discussion:

Primary Action Items:

1. Power Source Information – Including high level information related to gas fired (peak) generators within the City limits.
2. Expiring General Obligation Bond – Present additional information to the Council related to possible options for both improvements to the sports complex and a community center. Also bonding estimates related to the amount that may be financed and the timing of possible projects.
3. Public Works Standards – Look at adding provisions requiring infrastructure for secondary water and telecommunications.
4. Better communication between administration and the City Council. Specific items discussed were employee issues (i.e. deaths, promotions, termination), and critical business decisions.

Other Items Discussed:

1. Possible sewer plant upgrades (i.e. reusing water, preparing for new standards). It was determined we would wait for more information on new standards prior to moving forward.
2. Secondary irrigation throughout the City.

A motion to move into a closed session was made by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Bott. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 8:20 PM and adjourned.