

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
August 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:	D. J. Bott	Mayor
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Dave Hipp	Councilmember
	Matthew Jensen	Councilmember
	Ryan Smith	Councilmember
	Robin Troxell	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Christina Boss	City Recorder
	Mark Bradley	City Planner
	Mike Christiansen	City Attorney
	Chris Howard	Police Commander
	Tom Kotter	Finance Director
	Brandon Thueson	Fire Chief

Mayor Bott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the reverence period. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT

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

A list of accounts totaling \$2,019.71 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to customers taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

Reappointment to Board of Appeals

It was recommended that Jed Larsen be reappointed to the Board of Appeals.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent agenda was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Troxell, and carried unanimously. Councilmember Smith, aye; Councilmember Troxell, aye; Councilmember Hipp, aye; Councilmember Jensen, aye; Councilmember Farr, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Hoopes – Mr. Hoopes expressed concern with the property tax increase.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Bott – announced Council previously agreed to forego comments. He encouraged Mr. Hoopes to speak to the City's Finance Director, Mr. Kotter, regarding property tax increases and stated the proposed increase for Brigham City would go to fund the sidewalks to Golden Spike Elementary School.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 11.04, Public Safety Cost Recovery

Mr. Kotter came forward and explained the proposed ordinance would allow for qualifying customers to complete a hardship application concerning the patient's responsibility for ambulance billings. The maximum allowed credit would be 50% not to exceed \$15,000 and would be based on household income. He stated the average billing on an ambulance run is \$5,000 or below. Once a qualifying customer submits the application to the City's billing company and the income is verified, the billing company would use the prepared tables to figure the credit and apply it to the account. Chief Thueson approached the podium and explained the difficulty fire department administration faced with requests for financial hardship discounts. He felt the change was necessary to assist folks with hardships. There was a brief discussion on how customers would be notified about the application.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 11.04, Public Safety Cost Recovery, was made by Councilmember Hipp and seconded by Councilmember Jensen.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Jensen	Aye
Councilmember Hipp	Aye
Councilmember Farr	Aye
Councilmember Troxell	Aye
Councilmember Smith	Aye

Request for Approval of Agreement with Box Elder County Allowing the Annexation of a Contiguous Unincorporated Area Creating an Unincorporated Island, Concerning the Reeder Petition for Annexation of 203.702 Acres West of I-15 Between Forest Street and 800 North

Mr. Christiansen explained the Agreement was prepared by Box Elder County and approved by the County Commission. State Code allows for an annexation leaving an unincorporated area with the agreement of a county and a municipality. The Reeder Petition for Annexation would move forward once the Agreement is approved by the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Farr made a motion to approve the Agreement with Box Elder County allowing the annexation of a contiguous unincorporated area creating an unincorporated island, concerning the Reeder petition for annexation of 203.702 acres west of I-15 between Forest Street and 800 North. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hipp and carried unanimously. Councilmember Smith, aye; Councilmember Troxell, aye; Councilmember Hipp, aye; Councilmember Jensen, aye; Councilmember Farr, aye.

DISCUSSION

Power Purchase Adjustment Clause (PPAC) Update

Mr. Kotter stated the PPAC fee was included on customer billings beginning in March. He pointed out the negative balance of the rate stabilization fund in January and the \$2.9 million collected in PPAC revenue thus far. The PPAC catch up was to recover funds lost in 2023 and the PPAC forward was to take precautions against a possible future volatile wholesale market.

Month	kWh - Purchased	UAMPS	\$/kWh	kWh - sold	Built-in rate per kWh for power purchase (Dave Berg)	Revenue for wholesale power purchase	PPAC Catch Up	PPAC Forward	PPAC Revenue	Month Surplus/(Deficit)	Rate Stabilization Fund
July	20,868,750	\$ 1,866,846	\$0.08946	17,008,276	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,117,444			\$ -	\$ (749,402)	\$ (749,402)
August	19,545,483	\$ 1,847,180	\$0.09451	20,739,213	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,362,566			\$ -	\$ (484,614)	\$ (1,234,016)
September	16,510,446	\$ 2,028,667	\$0.12287	18,174,998	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,194,097			\$ -	\$ (834,570)	\$ (2,068,586)
October	14,185,979	\$ 774,799	\$0.05462	16,475,132	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,082,416			\$ -	\$ 307,617	\$ (1,760,969)
November	14,257,481	\$ 931,871	\$0.06536	13,933,156	\$ 0.0657	\$ 915,408			\$ -	\$ (16,462)	\$ (1,777,431)
December	15,094,134	\$ 1,661,026	\$0.11004	14,360,454	\$ 0.0657	\$ 943,482			\$ -	\$ (717,544)	\$ (2,494,975)
January	15,426,973	\$ 1,289,426	\$0.08358	15,255,436	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,002,282			\$ -	\$ (287,144)	\$ (2,782,119)
February	14,365,712	\$ 773,905	\$0.05387	15,272,619	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,003,411			\$ -	\$ 229,506	\$ (2,552,613)
March	14,812,646	\$ 768,615	\$0.05189	14,527,779	\$ 0.0657	\$ 954,475	\$ 273,236	\$ 242,304	\$ 515,540	\$ 701,401	\$ (1,851,212)
April	13,165,329	\$ 636,562	\$0.04835	14,444,106	\$ 0.0657	\$ 948,978	\$ 397,213	\$ 358,214	\$ 755,427	\$ 1,067,842	\$ (783,370)
May	14,334,113	\$ 526,168	\$0.03671	15,148,886	\$ 0.0657	\$ 995,282	\$ 416,594	\$ 375,692	\$ 792,287	\$ 1,261,401	\$ 478,031
June	15,588,219	\$ 871,220	\$0.05589	15,457,325	\$ 0.0657	\$ 1,015,546	\$ 425,076	\$ 383,342	\$ 808,418	\$ 952,745	\$ 1,430,776
YTD - Total	188,155,265	13,976,284	\$0.07428	190,797,380	\$ 0.0657	\$ 12,535,388	1,512,120	1,359,552	\$ 2,871,672	\$ 1,430,776	

Mr. Kotter said the revenue for the wholesale power purchase for July, August, and September is expected to be higher. The Power Director has seen market prices at \$400/MWh. Mr. Kotter displayed historical data showing the contract price of power purchased in 2020 compared to the contract price of power purchased in 2023.

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23
LLH kW	9,480	10,840	12,235	12,720	12,380
HLH kW	12,230	14,715	16,505	18,875	19,170
LLH Price	\$20.89	\$22.70	\$23.83	\$38.93	\$39.76
HLH Price	\$21.54	\$22.45	\$37.56	\$85.89	\$85.18

Month	Purchase Amount		Price	
	HLH kW	LLH kW	HLH \$/MWh	LLH \$/MWh
Apr-23	5,146	3,726	62.50	66.00
May-23	3,136	2,169	50.58	44.85
Jun-23	6,192	3,873	99.87	64.25
Jul-23	9,288	8,358	215.75	97.05
Aug-23	6,931	6,087	243.27	100.30
Sep-23	4,579	3,720	170.90	91.85

He explained when the City purchases more power than it needs, UAMPS sells that power on the open market. Often times, it is sold for less than what the City purchased it for.

Mr. Kotter noted the PPAC fee was reduced from \$0.0523 to \$0.0250 effective July 1st. There was a discussion on the possibility of the PPAC going to zero or negative, and where the City would like to see the rate stabilization fund balance.

At 6:43 p.m. the Council adjourned.

MOTION: Councilmember Troxell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jensen and carried unanimously. Councilmember Smith, aye; Councilmember Troxell, aye; Councilmember Hipp, aye; Councilmember Jensen, aye; Councilmember Farr, aye.

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the August 3, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Dated this 18th day of August 2023.

Christina Boss

Christina Boss, Recorder