

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
July 17, 2014**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent DJ Bott Ruth Jensen Tom Peterson	Mayor Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Mary Kate Christensen Paul Larsen Bruce Leonard Tyler Pugsley Jason Roberts Paul Tittensor	City Recorder Economic Development Director City Administrator Public Works Director Finance Director Police Chief
EXCUSED:	Mark Thompson	Councilmember

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Pastor Steve Barsuhn of the Rocky Mountain Bible Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Council meeting and June 26, 2014 Special Meeting was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously approved as distributed.

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES**

New Hires in Emergency Services Department

**CONSENT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Approval of Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Rural Business Enterprise Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Pre-Development Analysis of Properties for Possible Development of Business Parks

Request for Approval of Facade Grant at 93, 95 and 97 South Main

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol Waddoups, Brigham City - Ms. Waddoups applauded the Council on their concern for emergency services in Brigham City. One thing she learned as a single parent is that sometimes a person wants to say yes but has to say no. Priorities have to be the needs of the family and not the wants. She has heard of cities going bankrupt and she did not want Brigham City to be one of those. A few weeks ago she participated in a mock school shooting in another community. It was a great practice because it gave the community an idea of what works and what does not. She encouraged Brigham City to do something like this. Afterwards, there was a discussion with all participants on ways to improve.

DeAnna Hardy, County - Ms. Hardy asked the Council to explain to citizens how taking citizens' money to provide for facade loans to businesses benefits the citizens. She asked the

Council what will happen if the tax increment is not received from the hotel and Academy Building. She quoted President Lyndon Johnson and Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall.

Lee Johnson, Brigham City - Mr. Johnson said UTOPIA cities have already voted on whether they want to proceed. However, something struck him as odd because Macquarie has already said they are going to lay out a parallel network. As a business owner, he would not get into a venture if he did not know with surety what the outcome would be. Macquarie did not go into this blind and hoping the cities would participate. They set it up so when UTOPIA stops running, they will be the only ones to catch us when we fall, and the UTOPIA cities will have to pay whatever they set up.

Don Dunbar, Brigham City - Mr. Dunbar said in a recent issue of the News Journal it stated that the Academy Building will be completed for less than \$4M. This is misleading because there was \$70,000 spent to purchase the building in the late 1990s. There was also \$3.1M spent and another multimillion dollar figure, a promissory note, and more money, so the total cost of the Academy Building will be \$7,570,000. If it doesn't make a profit along with the Hampton Inn, the City will be holding the bag.

Mr. Dunbar continued by expressing his concern with a flurry of elected officials in neighboring City Council positions that have quit their job in the middle of their term. It doesn't look good for them to quit their job for something higher in government. They took an oath of office and they should have to stick it out.

Dave Hipp, Brigham City - Mr. Hipp presented a petition of citizens concerned about the number of historic buildings that have burned in recent years and now present a health hazard and a catalyst for vandalism and other criminal activities. They can also depreciate the value of surrounding homes. Mr. Hipp asked the Council to look into this situation.

Leslie, Brigham City - Leslie lives between both mills and is very concerned about the mills. She asked that something be done with them to preserve the heritage and history around the mills. These mills are part of Brigham City and mean a lot. They do not like to see them as they are, but they would like to keep the historical value of them.

John Webster, Brigham City - Mr. Webster said he loves Brigham City's pioneer history, the co-op and the sense of community. However, he feels like he lives in a pioneer ghetto. All of these buildings are adjacent to a park or on a primary route to a school. Mr. Webster said it is cost prohibitive to restore them; no one can afford to do so. They are dangerous to everyone. The City has power, through its zoning and other ordinances, to declare the property a public nuisance and therefore receive grants to restore them, or even grants to remove them.

Brent Johnson, Brigham City - Mr. Johnson said some people do not like a hotel across the street from their house, but they have them. Whenever he hears the power of government, he trembles. Some people want other people to take down buildings on a person's property. He agreed that there are concerns, but there are concerns with walking across the street and getting hurt with a car. This is not a perfect world and we cannot make it perfect. This community was built on cooperative effort. We should get together and help the owners of these buildings to bring back the historical value of these buildings.

Mayor Vincent reported that the City is in the process of looking at these buildings and discussing what can be done. City staff and the City Council are very concerned about the dangers of these buildings.

Councilmember Peterson asked if Brigham City participated in the mock drill. Mayor Vincent replied that the City was involved in it.

## RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

### News Hires in Emergency Services

There have been seven new hires in the EMS Department: Mark Burrup, Zachary Dean, Trent Jensen, Brandon McGregor, Raun Montgomery, Christopher Robinson and Sterling Wright.

## CONSENT

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

A list of accounts totaling \$3,085.11 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### Request for Approval of Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Rural Business Enterprise Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Pre-Development Analysis of Properties for Possible Development of Business Parks

Mr. Larsen came forward and explained that one of the steps in submitting an application for this grant is that the governing body must approve a resolution expressing their support for submission of the grant.

The purpose of the grant is to conduct pre-development activities on property that may be candidates for business park development. These activities would be Phase I Environmental Assessments, soil borings, topographical surveys, title reports, etc. that will allow the City to present the properties and have them be more qualified properties.

This project is a metal manufacturer and is looking for land that will accommodate a campus of four buildings. Usually companies have a very defined timeframe and the more work that is completed the more attractive it is.

The request is for up to \$50,000 and Brigham City's match is \$2,500. This can come from the Economic Development budget.

Councilmember Jensen felt that the property owners should help pay the \$2,500. Mr. Larsen said he has not talked to the property owners, but he could contact them. This is an economic development effort by the City and he did not feel they would be willing to participate.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bott made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing submission of a Rural Business Enterprise Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for pre-development analysis of properties for

possible development of business parks. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterson. Councilmember Jensen said she would like the property owners to participate in the cost of the match. Councilmember Peterson felt it was worth \$2,500 for the City to participate, but recommended that in the future the property owners be asked to participate. The motion stood as made by Councilmember Bott.

Councilmember Bott: aye  
Councilmember Jensen: aye  
Councilmember Peterson: aye

The motion carried.

#### **Request for Approval of Facade Grant at 93, 95 and 97 South Main**

Mr. Larsen explained that this is a request from the property owners for a facade grant. The grant can be up to 50% of the proposed upgrades up to \$10,000. Mr. Larsen invited the owners to the table, David and Donna Walker. Mr. Walker expressed his appreciation for a city that invests in their downtown. They have made a significant investment to the inside of the building. The UPS Store is currently located in 97 South Main. A consignment store and a boutique will be in the other two.

Mr. Larsen stated that there is an old metal plate that opens into a vault underneath the sidewalk. This has become a hazard. He requested that some of the funds from the facade grant and some from the sidewalk fund be used to replace this plate.

Due to the fact that there are three units in one building, there was a discussion on whether this request qualifies for a total of \$10,000, or \$10,000 or 50% for each unit. Mr. Larsen said there is \$33,000 in the grant fund. Councilmember Peterson expressed concern with depleting the fund by \$17,500 when there are other businesses that also would qualify for the grant.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Peterson made a motion to approve the façade grant for 93, 95 and 97 South Main as currently written as one property for \$10,000 and the City will fix the sidewalk. Councilmember Bott seconded the motion. Councilmember Jensen asked how money is generated into this fund. Mr. Larsen replied that the biggest source of this is sales tax. The grant is limited to commercial buildings which generate sales tax and property tax. In the past, property owners that use these grants experience an increase in sales, which in turn leads to increased sales tax revenue. Councilmember Bott, Councilmember Jensen and Councilmember Peterson voted aye. The motion unanimously carried.

#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of property was made by Councilmember Peterson and seconded by Councilmember Jensen. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting aye. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:50 p.m.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:05 PM and adjourned.