

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
December 4, 2014, 7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Farr. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Thompson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes - Councilmember Bott noted that in the minutes from November 6, the gentleman's name who spoke regarding the USU Bond is Jason *Yerka*. Also, in the November 20 minutes, he was excused but it shows he voted aye on one of the motions.

Councilmember Peterson noted that in the minutes of November 6 under Councilmember Comments when Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a comment, the paragraph should state Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, not Councilmember Peterson.

Councilmember Peterson questioned the motion that was made regarding the sidewalk deferrals in the November 6th meeting. The motion made by Councilmember Farr reads, *"defer sidewalk on both properties indefinitely until the City determines that sidewalk is needed in that area, at which time the residents would be required to install sidewalk."* Councilmember Peterson thought the Council's intent was to defer the lot that has the home on it indefinitely, but sidewalk would be required on the empty lot when they built the home. He felt this motion needs to be clarified.

Due to Councilmember Farr's absence, this will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

A motion to table the November 6, 2014 minutes was made by Councilmember Bott, and unanimously carried. A motion to approve the November 20, 2014 minutes was made by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

Recommended Changes to Field Use Agreement (*tabled*)

Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Mayor to Sign Interlocal Agreement with Perry City for Fire and Ambulance Service (*tabled*)
Presentation of 2013-14 Audit Report
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Johnson, Brigham City - Mr. Johnson said he has done some historical research and, as he stated previously, Brigham City is basically a church; it is the church of the social gospel. It started in the 1840s. Although Brigham City was not founded at that time, the movement was on and picked up steam in the Gilded Age, the secondary Industrial Revolution. There was a movement called the Good Government Movement which brought about the National Municipal League with a lot of policies. Brigham City's original charter follows the Constitutional model laid out by the federal government. However, when Utah became a state, the state legislature took over and messed up what was a system of checks and balances to identify corruption. Without checks and balances there is rampant corruption in the City, but people do not know it because there is no opposition in government. The Mayor is actually a member of the Council and there is no Justice of the Peace, it has to be taken to the State Circuit Court. They look at it from the point of view of state laws as opposed to the will of the people.

Becky Maddox, Brigham City - Ms. Maddox explained some of the reasons she and others are concerned about some of the things happening in the City and in state and federal government. There have been some push backs from the Executive Orders issued by President Obama. These Executive Orders are unconstitutional. In Article 1 Section 1 of the Constitution it states, "*All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.*" Therefore, when presidents try to get Congress and the House of Representatives to pass bills he wants, he is out of line. An Executive Order should be something like declaring that federal employees get the day after Christmas off, for example. When government steps out of their proper role there are unintended consequences. An example is when cities, counties or states take money from the federal government that the federal government has no business controlling. There are those in the federal government who want to get rid of private property so they can control the people. This only gets them in trouble. The City needs to start saying no to federal money.

Deanna Hardy, County - Ms. Hardy felt that video recordings should be done in-house because it is cheaper and would save the taxpayers money. Regarding smart meters, Ms. Hardy said the City should follow the money. In October 2009 the U.S. Department of Energy announced \$3.4 billion in stimulus grants. They say they have all this money, but they don't have the money because they are printing money. Her smart meter was installed in November 2009. She was unaware at the time of the health, property, privacy and security dangers. Now that she is informed, other citizens need to be warned. It is a responsibility everyone should be involved in and protect our neighbor's health, property, privacy and security. She believed greed has taken priority instead of choosing to do no harm. The majority of the public has no clue what is happening to them. The mass media is being compliant to the elite and their secret plans. No one has told the truth. She asked the Council to reconsider the agreement with AT&T to put smart cells on poles because it will bring even more electromagnetic radiation. Our bodies cannot tolerate all of this. Most medical professionals and veterinarians have no training in electromagnetic radio issues and the damages it causes, so often the

symptoms are misdiagnosed. The analog meters need to be kept and where they have been replaced with smart meters, they need to be brought back at no charge to the citizens.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Peterson - Councilmember Peterson said he walked through the new Hampton Inn and it is a beautiful building.

Councilmember Jensen - Councilmember Jensen said she enjoyed listening to the Children's Choir and seeing Santa come to town Saturday morning. She also attended a grassroots meeting at Hansen Chevrolet. It was an eye opening experience and very interesting. She also attended a Women's Community Club meeting. A lot of their members are senior ladies but they are trying to recruit younger ladies.

Councilmember Thompson - Councilmember Thompson met with the Mosquito Abatement Board where they reviewed their budget. They lowered it by \$30,000.

Mayor Vincent - Mayor Vincent announced that last Tuesday state representatives came to Brigham City and discussed what the City is doing with CERT, VIPs and Citizen Corps. He explained to them that the City is trying to make them more adequate for the City and make sure everyone can work together. The state representatives commended the City for looking at these groups. They offered resources to help make these groups more adequate and to make them work properly.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of 2013-14 Audit Report

Mr. Roberts presented the 2013-14 audit report (see attached). The City is in good financial condition. The City could finance operations for 132 days without receiving any cash from operations. This is a decrease of seven days from 2013. Days cash in governmental funds is increasing primarily due to cash being received in RDAs from tax increment.

Property tax provides the most governmental revenue at 20%; sales tax provides 19%. In fiscal year 2013 tax revenue was \$72,000 more than collected in the prior year. In fiscal year 2014 the City collected \$371,000 less than what was collected in 2008. Sales tax for fiscal year 2014 was \$184,000 higher than last year.

David Rogers from Davis & Bott came forward and reviewed the Management Report and the Single Audit Report. They found one material weakness during the audit. The City purchased property for approximately \$375,000 for the watershed project which was double booked on the financial statements. Capitalization of fixed assets is done manually at the end of the year. This \$375,000 was lumped in a group and capitalized and then capitalized separately as well. This caused the assets to be overstated by \$375,000 and expenses understated by \$375,000. When this was brought to Mr. Roberts and his staff's attention they immediately came up with a reconciliation procedure that they will apply in the future.

The auditors also looked for compliance with the state compliance audit guide. Brigham City complied with the compliance requirements of the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Jensen asked about the Council retreat that was supposed to be scheduled. Mayor Vincent explained that this will be rescheduled to sometime in January. The Council discussed the options available and all agreed that January 8, 2015 would be the best day.

A roll call vote was taken to adjourn to a closed session. All councilmembers voted aye. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:00 PM. The Council returned to an open meeting at 8:22 PM and adjourned.