

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
April 2, 2015**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource Manager
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by President Craig Smith of the LDS West Stake. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Work Session was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously approved as distributed.

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**CONSENT**

Reappointments to the Public Utilities Advisory Board

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

Presentation on Mobility Management

Bear River Health Department Report

Proclamation Declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reprioritization of Capital Project and Authorization to Pave 1200 West from Forest Street to the Sports Complex

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lee Johnson, Brigham City - Mr. Johnson said the UTOPIA presentation at the last Council meeting was an excellent presentation.

Carol Waddoups, Brigham City - Ms. Waddoups said she recently read a definition of leadership. Leaders should always listen and value employees' or community citizens' input because a group of people sitting around a table will always come up with a better answer than one person. They also suggested that leaders should never say "someone works for me" or "somebody lives in my City," but rather say "we all live here." Just because not many come to Council meeting doesn't mean there aren't more citizens in the City that have the

same attitudes and values as those who come on a regular basis. She asked the Council to consider whether Brigham City would survive an economic collapse. As she reads about bankruptcies in Chicago, she does not want that to happen to Brigham City. She expressed concern when different organizations approach the City Council with a wonderful plan. The City needs to be careful what they buy into because it is the citizens' money they are spending. Grants are wonderful, but they are her money too.

Becky Maddox, Brigham City - Ms. Maddox said someone said they had successfully done a RDLG loan. She said they have successfully done half of a RDLG loan, the other half is paying it back. The City hasn't done that. Taxpayers are to the breaking point, so the City needs to be careful and cautious on how much indebtedness the City takes on.

Karen Hone, Brigham City - Ms. Hone is the President of the Northern District of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Utah, of which the Ladies Community Club and the Civic Improvement Club are members. They held their 2015 convention last Saturday at the Community Center. In the middle of January, Lorraine Peterson, President of the Civic Improvement Club, reserved the Community Center for this convention and one other event. She returned twice to check on the dates. She was never told about a charge for the building. Four days before their event, she again went to the Center. It wasn't until that time that she learned of the \$20/hour charge. If they had been advised earlier of the charge they could have chosen another venue because they had other alternatives. She felt the fee should be waived because they were not told up front about it. Their club has used the Community Center many times and has never been charged.

DeAnna Hardy, County - Ms. Hardy said at the last Council meeting the Council continued to throw good money after bad. UTOPIA is an unconstitutional program and even if participation is increasing, it is still forcing all citizens to pay for a service they neither have nor want. Regarding the Caribbean Pacific Foundation presentation, it is unconstitutional to use taxpayer's money to fund this company. Ms. Hardy continued that the City's economic development is not sustainable because the City will eventually run out of people's money. She recently heard a report from South Stockton California where a truck crashed into a utility pole which created a power surge that blew up people's smart meters. Eight thousand homes lost power. Some of the homes' electrical sockets were fried. She spoke about the dangers of smart meters and the invasion of privacy.

DeLoy Mecham, Tremonton - Mr. Mecham said DeAnna Hardy says a lot of things at Council meetings, and he agrees with her, and he thought a lot of people agree with her, but they don't like to hear it; he doesn't like to hear it. He does not like to hear that our Constitution is falling apart. We should be worrying about freedom of religion. This freedom is being attacked from every direction. He felt that the Council does a good job. They do the best they can and they don't realize that they are being tricked into all of these things. He did not know about the smart meters; he did not understand how one meter can affect 8,000. If the smart meters are bad the City shouldn't use them. He said citizens are wasting their time coming to Council meetings because it's not up to them, it's up to the Council. He also said there should be a committee that welcomes new businesses to town. There have been a few businesses that went out of business after a few months and they said they never heard anything from the City. He said he is against BRAG because he had to compete against them and they can do it for free and he has to charge.

## COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Farr stated that he attended the Airport Advisory Board and they have done a lot with staff to get some rules and regulations in place to look out for the City and their interests. One of the Board members stated that with these new regulations he hoped the airport would still be user friendly.

Councilmember Bott said the Chamber of Commerce does a very good job of welcoming businesses into the City. They have ribbon cuttings and they now have a new program where they take selfies of businesses.

Councilmember Jensen said she and Councilmember Farr attended the Boys & Girls Blue Door Event. She said the Blue Door would like to make a small presentation to the City Council. She is on the Museum and Cultural Board and they are working on the Historical Home Show on June 20, 2015. She read a quote from Rochelle Redford in the Senior Center newsletter, *"Volunteering is at the core of being human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help. Without community service we could not have a strong quality of life. It is important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It is the way in which we ourselves grow and develop. Alone we can do a little; together we can do so much more."* Councilmember Jensen said volunteering was one of the things that made her want to be a councilmember. It is important that everyone volunteer.

Councilmember Thompson reported that some of the councilmembers will be attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns next week to see if there are any nuances with any laws and make sure Brigham City is in compliance. There are usually quite a few areas on how cities can better manage. He also announced that the City is going out for a new police chief.

Mayor Vincent agreed with Councilmember Jensen's comments regarding volunteering. One of the greatest things to do as a volunteer is to deliver Meals on Wheels. He thanked the councilmembers for all they do.

## CONSENT

### Reappointments to the Public Utilities Advisory Board

It was recommended Jeff Anderson and Alan Wright be reappointed to the Public Utility Advisory Board.

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

## SCHEDULED DELEGATION

### Presentation on Mobility Management

Ms. Allison Richman from the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) updated the Council on some of their new programs. One is the Medical Voucher Program, modeled from a program in California. The Utah Department of Transportation approached BRAG about seven years ago and said mobility, especially in rural areas, is a problem and keeps people from being able to access medical appointments and even go to work and school. They set criteria for eligibility for those that are elderly or disabled that live outside the area where buses and other transportation are available to get to medical type appointments. BRAG reimburses

drivers that get these qualified people to medical appointments. They currently have 20 clients on the program.

They also have a similar program called Mobility Voucher for families. This just started in the fall and comes from the Department of Work Force Services. This is for younger families that are struggling and have made efforts to being more independent; such as working and going to school or they have been incarcerated but are trying to get their lives together.

Ms. Richman explained their Bear River Heritage Area office. This office focuses on preserving the heritage in the Bear River Area. This office can help people designate their home as a historical home. They have put together a map and a directory of cemeteries throughout Northern Utah and parts of Idaho and Wyoming. They also have a book of scenic barns throughout Northern Utah.

Ms. Richman reminded the Council that BRAG is an extension of Brigham City staff.

#### **Bear River Health Department Report**

Ms. Allena Pierce reviewed some of the programs the Health Department provides:

- 1) Offers low cost radon tests.
- 2) Health promotion and education.
- 3) Cache Valley Unplugged to encourage kids to get away from the electronics and go outside and be active.
- 4) Immunizations - there has been an outbreak of whooping cough and measles this year.
- 5) Substance abuse treatment
- 6) WIC program

#### **Proclamation Declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Ms. Katy Bond from the Family Support Center came forward and stated that there were 9,854 Utah children that were victims of abuse; 433 child abuse cases in Box Elder County with 569 victims. There are many other instances of child abuse that do not get reported.

Based on a recent research project, there is a strong relationship between adverse experiences for children such as physical, emotional or sexual abuse, domestic violence, living in a home with substance abuser, having an incarcerated family member, having a mentally ill person in the home, or not having both biological parents in the home and Having real negative outcomes as adults. These outcomes include chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, heart diseases, lung and liver diseases, sexually transmitted diseases, addictions, mood and personality disorders, homelessness, prostitution, further transmission of child abuse, victimization of abuse of trauma, teen pregnancy, long-term use of health, mental health and correction and social services.

The Family Support Center focuses on preventing child abuse. They will have an open house on April 24. She read the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Mayor signed the proclamation.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Reprioritization of Capital Project and Authorization to Pave 1200 West from Forest Street to the Sports Complex

Mr. Pugsley came forward and requested Council's authorization to reprioritize their capital facility plan in order to pave 1200 West from Forest Street to the sports complex. This past winter was a very mild winter so they saved \$80,000 on road salt in addition to savings on fuel which could be used on this project.

With the development of the sports complex there has been an increase in traffic on 1200 West. Having this paved is part of their long-term goal. The City's right-of-way is a prescriptive right-of-way (66'). The future ROW is 106' so additional property will have to be purchased for the alignment and to accommodate wider walkways, bike lanes, two-way traffic and larger park strips.

Mr. Pugsley recommended that this be paved 24' wide going down to 1200 West. This would accommodate two lane traffic and a shoulder. There is money in this year's Class C budget to pay for this roadway.

Mr. Pugsley added that the City is spending a lot of time and money maintaining this dirt road. The road has to be graded often and they have to apply dust guard every year. Now that there is more and more traffic they will have to grade it more often, which brings the dust back up. They are applying several thousands of dollars a year of dust guard on this road.

Councilmember Jensen felt that if the speed limit between 1200 West 400 South was 40 mph it would help with safety vehicles responding quicker when trying to cross the railroad tracks. She explained that she drove the route from West Forest to Watery Lane, then east on 600 North, which is posted 25 and 30 mph. This route is the same distance as going from West Forest to 1200 West and then to 400 South. If this was posted 40 mph it could save 1.5 minutes for emergency vehicles trying to getting around the tracks when it is blocked.

Councilmember Jensen asked how much it would save the City if the road did not go all the way to the sports complex, but ended at the corner of 1200 West and 400 South. Mr. Pugsley said he had not calculated that yet, but will do so.

Mr. Pugsley said the engineer's estimate for this project is \$186,000. This estimate also includes 100 yards of pavement on 400 South by the stop sign and 150' of paving on each side of the railroad tracks. They have also considered paving 400 South with 22' of asphalt instead of 24'.

Councilmember Peterson asked if the railroad will require the City to improve the crossing if 400 South is paved. Mr. Pugsley said not at this point if the road is just asphalted, if it is fully developed with a 66' right-of-way the approach to the tracks will have to be modified.

Councilmember Peterson said he did not want to have 400 South paved until the sports complex parking lot is completed.

Mr. Pugsley said with the sale of the property to the developers of the Orange Grove Subdivision, there is \$300,000 available that could be used to construct the road into the sports complex, pave it and pave the two parking lots and still have money left over. Another option is to use Class C funds starting in July to pave 400 South.

Councilmember Jensen felt that if it would alleviate some of the traffic on Forest Street it would be prudent to asphalt 1200 West and 400 South. Councilmember Peterson said if the primary concern is safety, 1000 West to 400 South should be the priority. Councilmember Jensen said more people complain about the railroad than anything else. Councilmember Peterson said then 950 West should be completed from 100 South to 400 South. Mr. Pugsley said the problem with doing 950 West is that the City does not own any of the property so it would cost significantly more.

Mr. Pugsley recommended moving forward with 1200 West and then get the utilities in on 950 and get the property acquired, then move forward with that roadway.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the reprioritization of the capital projects to authorize pavement of the 1200 West from Forest Street to the sports complex, and look at the other options discussed. Councilmember Peterson asked that the motion include utilizing the \$380,000 to complete the parking lot and drive approach to the sports complex. Councilmember Thompson agreed to add this to his motion. Councilmember Peterson said 1200 West in Perry is 21'. He did not feel comfortable cutting Brigham City's street to 22'. He felt it is too narrow and should be 24' on 1200 West.

Councilmember Jensen said the City needs close to \$800,000 to complete the ball diamonds. She would rather keep the \$300,000 from the property sale to use toward this because it would bring in revenue. She felt it was imperative that the City find a way to connect 400 South because it is one of the biggest traffic problems. The only way to make sure this happens is that Valentine Lane be completed. Mr. Pugsley said if the Council authorizes it in the budget they can get it started in July. If the \$300,000 is used for the ball parks the parking lot and roadway would remain gravel. There was further discussion on the best use of the money. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterson. Councilmember Bott, Councilmember Farr, Councilmember Peterson and Councilmember Thompson voted aye, Councilmember Jensen voted nay; motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

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

A motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual was made by Councilmember Peterson. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting aye. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:50 p.m.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 10:10 PM and adjourned.