

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
January 31, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT:	D.J. Bott	Mayor
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Matthew Jensen	Councilmember
	Ryan Smith	Councilmember
	Robin Troxell	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Christina Boss	City Recorder
	Mike Christiansen	City Attorney
	Katia Hadfield	Youth City Council Mayor

A special meeting was called to interview applicants for the open Council seat due to Tom Peterson's resignation. Mayor Bott thanked the applicants for submitting their responses to the interview questions so that Councilmembers had an opportunity to review them. Mayor Bott asked the applicants to come forward when announced, give a brief introduction, and then answer Council's follow up questions. Below is a summary of each applicant's interview.

Kristina Lenderman

Q. Growth and development

A. Covered under State, County, and City Code; City can govern according to zoning; some issues must be negotiated with other governing agencies

Q. Level of City services and sources for payment

A. Residents choose level of service via surveys as long as it makes sense for the direction of the City

Q. Declaration of Candidacy for November municipal election

A. Would consider running

Pierre P. Burnier

Q. Rate increases

A. City has to evaluate services it provides; raising taxes should not be the first option when there is a need for more revenue for operations and services, should look at all alternatives; City could provide more information on financial assistance for customers who need it

Q. Level of service and sources for payment

A. Residents should not expect a service without a financial impact; make information available to residents so they can vote

Q. Ideas for citizen outreach

A. Resident participation in community comes from their desire to get involved

Kevin W. Lane

Q. Rate/Property Tax increases

A. Costs of services go up and sometimes difficult decisions have to be made; is City treating symptom or root cause

Q. Predetermined ideas for current issues

A. Get information out to residents so there are no misunderstandings; not really listening if approaching with predetermined ideas

Q. Development of 1200 West

A. Make sure fits with master plan; look at future needs

Jeannette Boggess

Q. Skills and background

A. Ability to disseminate information to balance best benefit for City and citizens

Q. Utility fund transfer

A. Understands the reasoning but did not agree with the timing of utility rate increases for infrastructure

Q. Biggest issue facing youth

A. Connection to and support from City; available through sports and activities

Daniel Kennedy

Q. Reasons for applying for position

A. Preserving history of City; bettering City and moving it forward

Q. Thoughts on budget

A. Services unsustainable without increasing prices; look at service to make sure it is a good investment

Q. Understanding of Carbon Free Power Project

A. Fully supportive; should be cheaper power due to timing of participation

Q. On preserving history

A. What is narrative City wants to push forward; does not support eliminating history for the sake of growth

Q. Rapid growth

A. Growth will happen organically, supports appropriate growth that does not disrupt flow

Dave Jeffries

Q. Academy Center

A. Market availability to public via market-wide campaign or banner on building; does not support redirecting funds for marketing

Q. Vision for Brigham City

A. Great chamber of commerce, youth programs, and city services for the size of the City; loves the small town feel and Main Street as is; growth inevitable if done right, ensuring infrastructure is in place for growth

Clark Funk

Q. Police Department Wages

A. Challenge to compensate and not raise taxes; losing officers to other cities; needs to be studied

Q. Keeping youth safe from social media

A. Believes government has right to limit amount of data harvested as well as educate and empower parents

Q. Working with other agencies to bring about change

A. Connecting resources is important; taking resources that already exist with passionate people who can work their strengths; it's the Council's job to tie those together

Mary Ann Barnett

Q. Brigham City greets

A. Small town feel, the church, 90% of needs are available locally

Q. Growth

A. Likes wide streets on a grid; believes alcohol should be permitted at Academy Center and that it attracts more people to events

Q. Youth issues

A. Youth needs positive reinforcement

Kristen K. Bogue

Q. Wide streets and green space

A. Wide streets on a grid for city limits; loves green space; recognizes some growth issues are within Council constraints and some are not

Q. Women in leadership roles

A. Successful women mentoring young women to fill the roles and give them confidence

Q. Diversity and city council

- A. Proven when political bodies are balanced with both genders, cities function better with better services

Dave Hipp

Q. Conflict resolution

- A. The biggest changes take place where there is conflict

Q. Young families and affordable housing

- A. State and federal government push for affordable housing and city compliance; be proactive; achieve balance through thought, negotiation, and time; find out what young families are looking for; set strong parameters in forward thinking way as to what is acceptable

Q. Experience with Forest Service and municipal negotiations

- A. Key element is listening to the constituency

Q. Emergency preparedness

- A. Folks won't take action on preparedness because they do a cost benefit analysis; overall citizens are not prepared

Richard Barnett

Q. Best way to raise taxes

- A. Supports gradual raises over larger less frequent raises; make sure residents know reasons for raising taxes

Q. How to educate residents

- A. Web page, ads in local newspaper, bulletin board at Smith's

Q. Best way and importance of involving youth

- A. Youth is future and needs to be involved; democrat and republican youth outreach programs

Q. Box Elder Creek Water Users Board

- A. Sits on Board which gives him insight into future water issues such as growth, power; future closed water system so culinary not used to irrigate; forward thinking with open ditch and installing secondary water lines

Q. Carbon Free Power Project

- A. Need combination of power sources; due to decrease in water level at Lake Powell and Lake Mead and no ability to generate power, price of power will skyrocket in the future

Solomon Carter Smith

Q. Brigham City compared to other Utah cities

- A. Last Wasatch Front small town in northern Utah; poised to have successful future with 10-year planning to maintain; there will be pressures to grow Brigham to the size of other larger cities; must protect the city with ordinances in place that prevent the wrong type of growth in the wrong places

Q. Development west of I-15

- A. Understanding of regulations protecting Bird Refuge for heights and densities; enticing to industrial development and high-density residential with access to I-15; what does master plan look like; what fits the 10 year plan and the culture of Brigham

Q. Sources of revenue

- A. Involves finding additional sources of revenue to cover costs and saving costs; analyze budgets and city resources, find unnecessary spending; what city is investing in now will bring better rates in future such as energy; mitigate higher expenses in future which will be impacted by inflation; revenue sources include taxes from industrial developers, land leases, tourism, activities and events with local services; enticing folks from area cities to spend their dollars in Brigham

Q. How to bring people here to spend money

- A. Strategy is to have a ten-year plan; provide an anchor for longevity of what we want Brigham to be

Michael Shoell

Q. Public response to recent City Council issues

A. Strong feelings lead to action; must have knowledge of subject matter

Q. Citizen Corps Council

A. Is about volunteerism, forming relationships, and supporting first responders

Q. Opposing viewpoints

A. People have a need to be heard; must listen to each-other; social media does not support this idea

Q. Carbon Free Power Project

A. Investment in future

Councilmembers scored and ranked the applicants, and the results were tabulated by Councilmember Jensen. Dave Hipp received the highest ranking.

MOTION: Councilmember Farr made a motion to appoint Dave Hipp to fill the vacant Council seat. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Roll Call:	Councilmember Troxell	Aye
	Councilmember Smith	Aye
	Councilmember Farr	Aye
	Councilmember Jensen	Aye

Mayor Bott welcomed Mr. Hipp and encouraged the applicants to serve on City committees or boards. Councilmember Smith commented on the quality of the applicants.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the January 31, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Dated this 17th day of February 2023.

Christina Boss

Christina Boss, Recorder