



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BIENNIAL ELECTION MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the special biennial election meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Muzzin, Councilmembers-elect Emaus, Pettengill, Tobbe, and Albert.

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Assistant to the City Manager Henry Outlaw, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Rob Bradford. There were ten persons in the audience.

4. State of the City

Mayor Pipoly gave the State of the City address, see attached.

5. Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Pipoly presented a Mayoral Proclamation to James Muzzin for his dedication and service to the City.

James Muzzin thanked fellow Councilmembers and Staff for their support, dedication, and hard work.

6. Oaths of Office of New/Re-Elected Council Members

Clerk Brown administered oaths of office to newly and re-elected Councilmembers Albert, Emaus, Pettengill, and Tobbe.

7. Nomination and Election of Mayor

Manager Geinzer asked for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Pipoly nominated Jon Emaus for Mayor. Councilmember Pettengill nominated Kristoffer Tobbe for Mayor.

City Council discussed in detail each of their decisions for their chosen candidate for Mayor.

There being no further nominations, ballots were distributed, voted, and read aloud.

The result was four votes for Kristoffer Tobbe and three votes for Jon Emaus.

Clerk Brown administered the oath of office to Mayor Tobbe.

8. Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Tobbe assumed the Chair and asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Emaus nominated James Bohn, Councilmember Albert nominated Jon Emaus, Councilmember Jon Emaus nominated Renee Pettengill, Councilmember Albert nominated Susan Gardner, Councilmember Albert nominated Shawn Pipoly. Councilmember Pettengill, Councilmember Emaus, Councilmember Pipoly, and Councilmember Gardner decline their nominations.

After much discussion, ballots were distributed, voted, and read aloud.

The result was a unanimous vote for James Bohn for Mayor Pro Tem. Clerk Brown administered the

oath of office to Mayor Pro Tem Bohn.

9. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the Call to the Public at 9:03 p.m.

James Muzzin noted that he will be happy to read War and Peace during the five-minute Calls to Public.

Ken Schmenk spoke against the recent Republican defund the police mailer that was sent from the Livingston County Republican Party that highlighted five City of Brighton non-partisan candidates.

Carrie Pipoly thanked all Councilmembers and staff for the support while Shawn Pipoly was Mayor. She spoke about the enormous time commitment being a Mayor was and asked that those newly elected in office understand the commitment.

Kate Lawrence thanked Mayor Pipoly and Mayor Pro Tem Gardner for their service. She also cautioned those in office of the large time commitment being Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem take to keep the community growing and thriving.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Kristoffer Tobbe, Mayor