



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2024

### 1. Call to order

Mayor Tobbe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Director Michael Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to remove item 11 from the agenda to be placed on a future agenda. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the consent agenda as amended with the corrected date for the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of January 23, 2024**
- b. **Approval of Resolution #2024-03, Social District License Application for Authentic Entertainment, LLC, aka Captains on Main, located at 423 W. Main Street**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:34 p.m.

Mike Bignell thanked everyone for their dedication to making the City of Brighton such a delight.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:37 p.m.

### 7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown stated that all voters who asked for an absentee ballot for the upcoming Presidential Primary should have received it by now. If you have not received your ballot, please call the Clerk's Office.

Chief Pirochta stated that school will be closed for Brighton Area Schools on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, due to secondary road conditions.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated the former Big Boy restaurant will be demolished soon to make way for the MSUCU.

City Manager Gomolka noted that the city has partnered with OLHSA to ensure residents who qualify for the OLHSA water affordability program are able to utilize the services and relief. Residents in arrears may sign up by email or call 517-546-8500 to find out more information. Also, the city still has free radon kits available at the front counter

at city hall during normal business hours.

#### **8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions**

Councilmember Gipson stated the Downtown Development Authority met on January 16, 2024, to elect its new officers for the year. Tim Corrigan will serve as Chair, Scott Griffith will serve as Vice-Chair, and Steve Pilon will serve as Secretary. It was also noted that the DDA is looking into additional parking.

Councilmember Gardner attended the January 18, 2024, HRWC meeting. This group is made up of local government officials and historically has 35 members. The next meeting is April 18, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn stated the Planning Commission reviewed and adopted the 2024 Capital Improvements Plan. And the Planning Commission elected its officers for the year. Matt Smith will serve as Chairperson, Dave Petrak will serve as Vice-Chair, and Chuck Hundley will serve as Secretary and liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Pettengill was a guest at the Farmers Market Committee meeting prior to City Council. The Committee is working on gearing up for a great season.

Councilmember Schmenk noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals has not met but he wishes to give a shout out to Officer Bell and Sergeant Meldrum for shoving a driveway to a resident in need.

#### **9. Proclamation: Girl Scouts**

Mayor Tobbe presented Girl Scouts Troop 40227 with a proclamation in recognition of achievement of the Bronze Award for their contribution and maintenance of the Imagination Station food pantry.

#### **Discussion**

#### **10. EV charging**

Management Assistant Gaikema provided a brief presentation on electric vehicle charging. City Council discussed locations, pricing, and necessity. A more in-depth look as well as representatives from the early charging company will be scheduled for a future meeting.

#### **New Business**

#### **~~11. Appointment to various boards and commissions— Planning Commission (to be brought back for future discussion)~~**

#### **12. Approval to award the contract for the rehabilitation of the Pine Creek Lift Station to Comprehensive Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$496,305.50**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to award the contract for the rehabilitation of the Pine Creek Lift Station to Comprehensive Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$496,305.50. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### **Other Business**

#### **13. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:58 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding electric vehicle charging stations.

Caleb Jenkins spoke about his experience with electric vehicle charging stations.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 8:04 p.m.

#### **14. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. **The**

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**motion carried (7-0).**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk