



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 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, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Deputy Chief Craig Flood.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of November 26, 2024**
- b. **Approval of the agreement with Brighton Area Schools to collect their non-principal residence operating property taxes on the city's summer 2025 tax bills**
- c. **Approval of the agreement with Livingston Educational Services Agency to collect operating property taxes on the city's summer 2025 tax bills**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:32 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta thanked all who attended and participated in the Shop with a Cop event. The police officers were able to help sixty-four children shop at Walmart. Each child was given a \$200 spending limit.

City Manager Gomolka announced the launch of the Explore Brighton Howell Downtown shopping campaign, designed to support downtown merchants by promoting their businesses through advertising and dedicated webpage features on the Explore Brighton Howell Area website.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Gardner provided a summary of the newly revised Brighton Area Fire Authority Article of Incorporation changes and updates.

Councilmember Schmenk stated that on December 5, 2024, the Kiwanis Club Story Walk celebrated the formal ribbon cutting and was warmly attended by many community members. Councilmember Schmenk thanked Great Harvest for

providing treats for the attendees of the ribbon cutting.

Mayor Tobbe wished the outgoing Genoa Charter Township board well and welcomed the newly elected board. Mayor Tobbe also thanked the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce for such a wonderful Holiday Event with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

New Business

9. Consider approval to purchase Kenwood radios from Digicom Global 911 Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$141,147.62 and the related budget amendment

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of Kenwood radios from Digicom Global 911 Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$141,147.62 and related budget amendment in the General Fund. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

10. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:52 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk