



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 11, 2025

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tobbe led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll call

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

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Superintendent Josh Bradley, Superintendent Brad Shrader, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of February 25, 2025**
- b. **Approval of resolution #2025-08, Local Government Unit Approval for Social District License for Kim & Felisha Inc., D/B/A Sushi Zen located at 114 W. Grand River**

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 noted that the statewide tornado drill will take place on March 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Notice will go out on city social media and alarms will sound, weather permitting.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated that Burlington and Ross retailers will be coming to the City of Brighton. Their location will be the Brighton Mall.

Director Goch stated the Pine Creek booster station will be connected to the water system by June/July provided that all inspections and testing are complete. A main water break near the Pound is being repaired.

City Manager Gomolka recently spoke at the Senior Men's Club, discussing Headlee and Proposal A, which are key to understanding property taxes. She was also interviewed on the Chamber of Commerce podcast, where she talked about civic events, the I-96 interchange reconstruction, AMP rentals, and more.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Pettengill stated that the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission met on March 10, 2025. In celebration of Arbor Day, the city will plant a double crabapple tree at St. Paul's Pocket Park on April 25, 2025. The park's grand opening is scheduled for June 6, 2025, with more information and event details to be shared on the city's social media. The Children's Summer Series will kick off on June 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and continue every Wednesday through the end of July. Last year, the series was a big hit as a free event for all. Additionally, the Imagination Station kickoff is set for May 17, 2025, with further details to be announced on the Imagination Station Facebook page.

9. Mayoral Proclamation: Eagle Scout Jesse Ruby

New Business

10. Consider approval of the purchase of two surveillance cameras for downtown trash enclosures from Essential Electric, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$11,438.27

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of two surveillance cameras for downtown trash enclosures from Essential Electric, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$11,438.27. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

11. Consider approval of the installation of seven DTE lights on Williamsen and Flint Road at a cost of \$38,893.28 and all necessary budget amendments

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve of the installation of seven DTE lights on Williamsen and Flint Road at a cost of \$38,893.28 and all necessary budget amendments. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider approving Northern Pump and Well to perform an overhaul/rebuild and well maintenance on well pumps #4 and #5 at the Challis Water Plant in an amount not to exceed \$140,000

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve Northern Pump and Well to perform an overhaul/rebuild and well maintenance on well pump #4 and #5 at the Challis Water Plant in an amount not to exceed \$140,000. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider approval of Resolution #2025-07, To Approve the Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve of Resolution #2025-07, to approve the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the same. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Other Business

14. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:21 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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