



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 22, 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, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Liz Gaines, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Superintendents Josh Bradley and Brad Shrader, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

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 Albert, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the corrected consent agenda.
The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of July 8, 2025**
- b. **Approval of minutes: special meeting of July 15, 2025**
- c. **Approval to refurbish sludge mixer #5 by Kennedy Industries in an amount of \$14,995**
- d. **Approval of the purchase of a 2024 John Deere Gator 590M side-by-side utility vehicle from Hutson Inc. in an amount not to exceed ~~\$22,208.68~~ \$22,909.68**
- e. **Approval of resolution #2025-20, A Resolution Approval the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor to Kruz Industries, Inc. dba Kasi and Elite Golf of Brighton located at 265 W. Main Street, Suite 201 and 300, Brighton, MI 48116**

Correspondence

6. Councilmember updates

Councilmember Albert noted that Jim Muzzin provided a Brighton Area Fire Authority update to City Council from their June 10, 2025, meeting where the authority reviewed renovations to the Grand River station. The renovations are projected to start in the fall and estimate about six months for completion.

Councilmember Gardner noted the Huron River Watershed Council met and listened to speaker Dr. Martinez about the effects that data centers have on infrastructure which includes water and energy.

Councilmember Pettengill stated that Flame will be installed in front of Jezebel's and Cat Tails will be installed near the St. Paul Pocket Park shortly after. Councilmember Pettengill thanked the DPW for washing the Three Fish sculpture in the Mill Pond and big thanks to Mike Lawrence for painting Spiral and Sancho Panzo.

7. Staff updates

DPW Director Goch stated that crosswalk striping will begin soon and the Reclamite treatment on the stub streets off Grand River has been completed.

Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas provided an update on Destination Stars Hollow. The event will have added bathrooms, five shuttles location and four buses with ample parking, trash services will be hired out to a known vendor who has worked in the city previously, seventy-five volunteers will be on hand to ensure the event runs smoothly, a cooling station, first aid station, security, and the Farmers Market will be in the municipal lot all day on Saturday.

City Manager Gomolka reported that the Lindbom development is moving forward and that all mitigation efforts by the developer have been reviewed and are constantly reviewed by EGLE to ensure compliance.

8. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:56 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

9. Mayoral Proclamation: Eagle Scout Simon Bunin

Discussion

10. Branding and next steps

City Manager Gomolka presented options for moving forward with a potential logo redesign and placemaking examples.

City Council discussed options, and it was a consensus that more work still needs to be done to ensure the city has vetted all options.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to form a subcommittee to review continued redesign efforts and explore additional options. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to appoint Councilmembers Albert, Pettengill, and Gardner to the logo redesign subcommittee. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

New Business

11. Consider appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to reappoint Alicia Urbain and Caitlyn Perry Dial to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider appointments to the Planning Commission

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to reappoint Chris Passeri, and appoint Caleb Jenkins to the Planning Commission and as it pertains to the appointment of Caleb Jenkins to establish the following procedures for his remote participation in his absence due to military duty that the City Clerk provide for two way communication for each Planning Commission meeting attended remotely by Mr. Jenkins for his participating in his voting, for each meeting attended remotely by Mr. Jenkins; the Community Development Manager shall ensure that he announces prior to each meeting that Mr. Jenkins is attending remotely, but he does not need to disclose his physical location due to his military duty; and for each meeting attended remotely by Mr. Jenkins, the secretary shall ensure that the minutes reflect that he is attending remotely and that the City Clerk shall ensure that the public notice for each Planning Commission meeting where Mr. Jenkins will be attending remotely that he announces his remote attendance and includes an email address where public comments may be provided to Mr. Jenkins prior to the meeting and that the City Clerk shall forward such comments to Mr. Jenkins sufficiently advanced of such meeting. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider an appointment to the Brighton Arts & Culture Commission

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to appoint Michael Monroe to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

14. Consider approval of CSM Mechanical LLC's proposal for the replacement of the grit room sewer force mains at the wastewater treatment plant in an amount not to exceed \$69,138

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve of CSM Mechanical LLC's proposal for the replacement of the grit room sewer force mains at the wastewater plant in an amount not to exceed \$69,138. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

15. Consider approving the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 1575 multi-use utility tractor from Hutson Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$47,134.87

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 1575 multi-use utility tractor from Hutson Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$47,134.87

16. Consider approving the purchase of a 2025 John deere 5090E tractor with implements from Hutson, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$130,279.19

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 5090E tractor with implement from Hutson, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$130,279.19. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

17. Consider the purchase of Smartpoint Meter Transceivers from ETNA Supply

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the purchase of 3,200 Sensus Smartpoint Meter Transceivers from ETNA Supply in an amount not to exceed \$518,000 along with a budget amendment of \$268,000 to use fund balance of the Utilities Fund. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Closed Session

18. Consider entering into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976, § 15.268(1)(d), Michigan Compiled Laws

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into closed session at 8:38 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976, § 15.268(1)(d), Michigan Compiled Laws. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 9:32 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

19. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

20. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**