



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 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: Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, City Clerk Tara Brown, Superintendents Josh Bradley and Brad Shrader, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

Councilmember Albert was absent.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Councilmember Albert for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda items as presented. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of September 9, 2025**
- b. **Approval to purchase a new Flygt recycle pump from Kennedy Industries for a cost not to exceed \$17,993**
- c. **Award the contract for the Pine Creek water house inspection to Dixon Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$14,950**

Correspondence

6. Councilmember updates

Councilmember Schmenk stated the annual Tour de Livingston will be held on October 5, 2025, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Registration opened on August 23, 2025, on the GoLivCo website and is open to all.

Councilmember Pettengill thanked the DPW crew for all their work conducting the biennial sealing of the Imagination Station. She noted that the playground looked fantastic.

Mayor Pro Tem noted that the Planning Commission met on September 15, 2025, and approved the Brighton Area Fire Authority renovations to station 31 which is on the agenda.

Councilmember Gardner thanked all involved with the Gilmore Girls celebration. It was well attended and a great event overall.

Councilmember Gipson stated the Downtown Development Authority met and discussed getting water and irrigation at

Grand River and Main Street and looking into getting music at the AMP and ways to foster more use which may include reduced or waived fees for AMP rental, but the DDA will be working with 2 Stones to evaluate options.

Mayor Tobbe thanked the organizers of the Gilmore Girls event, Destination Stars Hollow, and thanked all the volunteers and participants for a great weekend and successful event.

7. Staff updates

City Manager Gomolka reported that the Gilmore Girls event was very well attended, and merchants provided great feedback complementing the event. Veterans Connected Ruck to Live event is September 27, 2025, with registration at the Veterans Memorial by the Millpond. There will be various ruck lengths for participants of all skills.

DPS Director Goch stated the annual leaf pick up will begin October 6, 2025, work has already begun on the 2025 Roadway Projects, and the Pine Creek booster station is up and running.

Chief Pirochta introduced and swore in new officer Derek Burkamper.

8. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to public at 6:44 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

Public Hearing

9. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of ORD 611, amendments to the zoning ordinance permitting temporary outdoor storage

Mayor Tobbe opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adopt Ordinance 611, amendments to the zoning ordinances permitting temporary outdoor storage. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

New Business

10. Consider an appointment to the Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Tobbe recommended Andrea Banfield's appointment to the Downtown Development Authority considering her background as an attorney and business owner within the district.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmek to appoint Andrea Banfield to the Downtown Development Authority. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

11. Consider approval of Site Plan 25-04, addition and renovation of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Fire Station located at 615 W. Grand River

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve Site Plan 25-04, addition and renovation of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Fire Station located at 615 W. Grand River. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

12. Consider approving the purchase of three new 2026 trucks from Lunghamer Ford for the Public Works and Wastewater divisions for a total amount not to exceed \$161,044 and the related buildouts by Truck and Trailer for an amount not to exceed \$81,944

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of three new 2026 trucks from Lunghamer Ford for the Public Works and Wastewater divisions for a total amount not to exceed \$161,044 and the related buildouts by Truck and Trailer for an amount not to exceed \$81,944. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

13. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to enter into closed session at 7:20 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976, § 15.268(1)(h), Michigan Compiled Laws. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 7:56 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Other Business

14. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to public at 7:56 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk