

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING**

**November 18, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff A. Scott at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 260. Reverend Matalee Hall gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff A. Scott, Mayor	
Sarah Crocker, Alderwoman	
Melissa Sartain, Alderwoman	
Phillip Mathis, Alderman	
Jim Wyatt, Alderman	

**Others Attending:** Kinney Bridges, Brighton Fire Chief,  
Danny Hernandez, Building/Code Inspector  
Tammy McKinney, Town Recorder  
Matt Hall, Public Works Director  
Mike Durham, Brighton Police Chief

**Guests:** Ann Blackmon, Dawn Mooney, Echo Day (The Leader), Joseph Auger, Terry Alphin and Leslie Boberg

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes Approval: Regular Board Meeting October 14, 2014.** Alderwoman Crocker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wyatt. All approved. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT/PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The financial report was presented. Alderman Mathis made a motion to pay the Town's bills. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sartain. All approved. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS**

Dawn Mooney, who lives at 52 Hunters Ave, stressed concerns about the drainage problem near her home. The drainage pipe, which was put in by the Town of Brighton, has collected settlement and needs to be cleaned out so that it will work properly. Mrs. Mooney has contacted MTAS and three other State departments about this issue. She was told that it would be a decision by the Mayor and Board of Alderman on what the Town could and could not do to correct the drainage problem. After a brief discussion, Mayor Scott stated he would personally contact MTAS and ask for advice on how the Town of Brighton should handle this situation. Mayor Scott also suggested that MTAS may need to come out and take a look at the problem before advising us. In the meantime, the Public Works Department will make certain that any issue leading up to her personal property will be corrected.

Mr. Joseph Auger with Cub Scout Troop 260 wanted the Mayor and Board of Alderman to be aware of a situation that happened approximately three weeks ago. While a Cub Scout leader and some children were at the cub hut, a couple of firemen decided to discharge a weapon in between the scout building and the old high school. The Brighton Police Department was called to the scene. Mr. Auger would like to know what the Mayor and Board of Aldermen plan to do to reprimand these city officials for their misconduct. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Fire Chief Bridges and Police Chief Durham were unaware of this incident. Mayor Scott thanked Mr. Auger for bringing this to their attention. He assured him that the incident will be addressed.

Mr. Auger would like permission to use the same buildings as previously used in the past for their merit badge workshop. The workshop will be held on March 28, 2015, with a rain out date of April 11, 2015. The buildings to include the old high school gymnasium, public works maintenance shop and the senior citizens building. This request was approved by the Mayor and Board of Alderman.

Mrs. Boberg and her husband, Jeff, are coordinating the youth basketball league this year. They would like to implement some new fundraising/sponsorship ideas in order to make improvements to the old high school gymnasium. She would also like to use the IPAD square app for the concession sales. It was suggested that Mrs. Boberg bring these ideas to the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Bridges presented the monthly status report (see attached report).

**Police Department:** Chief Durham presented the monthly status report (see attached report). Halloween night proved to be a very successful community event. They are currently accepting donations to help families during the Christmas season. Officer Walls had an accident in his patrol car. He hit a deer in front of BCI on Hwy 51.

**Public Works:** Director Hall presented the monthly status report (see attached report). The bucket truck has been repaired. The Town will be purchasing a cover for the golf cart to help with the meter readings during the winter months. The zero turn mower must be replaced by spring. Mayor Scott wants to get a repair quote for the tractor from Wooten Tractor. Upon receiving the quote, the Board of Alderman can then make a decision to either repair the existing tractor or purchase a good used one. They will also consider purchasing a snow plow adaption for one of our Public Works trucks. Alderwoman Crocker made a request for a street sign at Portersville and Old Hwy 51 and a 30mph speed limit sign on Alexander. There are windows that need to be replaced at the old high school gymnasium.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT**

**Minutes Approval:** Regular Meeting October 27, 2014. The upcoming Christmas Parade was discussed.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

**Minutes Approval:** Regular meeting was canceled.

#### **MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS**

There was no new report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Scott discussed the new water rate change. Alderwoman Sartain made a motion to approve the first reading of the water rate ordinance with any adjustments to the rates to be finalized in the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crocker. All approved. Motion carried.

Alderman Wyatt presented an email from MTAS in response to his request concerning “electronic participation” during the regular scheduled board meetings since he will be working out of town for at least the next few months. The email states that upon Board approval, Alderman Wyatt would not be allowed to participate in the board meeting. Alderwoman Crocker made the motion to allow teleconferencing for any official who would like to connect to a board meeting for listening purposes only. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sartain. All approved. Motion Carried.

Alderman Wyatt presented a report concerning traffic light cameras and speeding radar cameras for Highway 51. American Traffic Solutions also completed a one day trial speed radar camera in front of Brighton High School in Highway 51. It included both the north bound and south bound lanes. The number of violators during this one day trial period was overwhelming. Mayor Scott suggested a work session between the Board and the representative of American Traffic Solutions before any decisions are made. Alderman Wyatt will be contacting American Traffic Solutions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderwoman Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sartain. All approved. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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**Jeff A. Scott, Mayor**

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**Tammy McKinney, Recorder**