

October 6, 2025  
Brighton Council Meeting

The Brighton City Council met in regular session at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Melvin Rich at 5:30 pm. Council members present were: Jaynes, Green, Farley, and Hughes. Council member Emry called in via phone at 5:55 pm. Also present was City Clerk Michelle Talley, Maintenance Supervisor Phil Krochak, Stephen Pedrick with French-Reneker, Patrol Lieutenant Ellis and members of the community.

Hughes moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Farley with all council in favor.

Motion by Hughes at 5:31 pm to go into a closed session pursuant to Section 21.5, Subsection (1) Paragraph (i) OF THE CODE OF IOWA to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to the individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. A closed session was requested by the individual. Seconded by Farley. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaynes, Green, Farley, Hughes. The review was completed. Farley motioned to come out of closed session and return to an open meeting at 5:48 pm. Seconded by Hughes. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaynes, Green, Farley, Hughes.

Jaynes moved to approve September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by Hughes with all council in favor.

Jaynes moved to approve September 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes. Seconded by Green with all council in favor.

Jaynes moved to approve September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and to include the findings of the hearing. Seconded by Hughes with all council in favor.

Farley moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Hughes with all council in favor.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A & E AUTOMOTIVE	REPLACE BATTERY	\$208.10
ACE N MORE	EPOXY/CABLE TIES	\$43.57
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$70.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$2,965.28
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF IA	HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	\$2,463.08
BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL GAS YSTEM	GAS	\$70.71
CASH & CARRY CHEMICALS	TRIUMPH	\$15.00
ELLIOT OIL COMPANY	FUEL/GAS	\$664.64
GLEN LOWE	REFUND CHECK	\$76.51
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	AUGUST WET	\$661.38
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	AUG SALES/USE	\$538.08
IMPRESSIONS COMPUTERS INC	COMP MAINT/SOFTWARE	\$779.74
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,395.25
IOWA DNR	FY26 ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	\$115.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$1,167.42
J MARIE ELECTRIC LLC	TORK PHOTOEYE	\$54.52
LIBERTY	OCTOBER INTERNET SAGR	\$45.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	LEGAL	\$20.00
MICHELLE TALLEY	IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$127.20
MIKES PARTS AND SERVICES	EMS VEHICLE	\$135.79
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	REDI CLAMP	\$422.50

NELSON INDUSTRIES	ODORIZER	\$3,570.96
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$6,003.49
PAYROLL VENDOR	PAYROLL TRANSFER	\$8,802.60
SHERWOOD COMPANY	AWNING ABOVE CITY HALL DOOR	\$2,184.00
T. H. E. COMPANY	SEAT/FUEL TANK LAWNMOWER	\$758.93
THE WATER SHOP	SALT	\$939.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	\$132.81
VISA	GRAB HOOKS/SUPPLIES	\$2,388.56
WAPELLO RURAL WATER	METER READING	\$105.41
WINDSTREAM	LANDLINE	\$164.68
WITHHOLDING TAX PROCESSING	STATE TAXES	\$236.44
WMPF GROUP LLC.	9/2 MINUTES	\$99.54
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$37,425.19

Public comments were made in regards to nuisances in town and the fire department report.

The city clerk gave the fire report. There were two calls in September making that 51 calls so far for the year.

Patrol Lieutenant Ellis was present for sheriff's report. There were 28 calls in September and 44 calls last year in September.

Hughes moved to approve the engineering agreement amendment with French-Reneker for the repairs on S Benton St. Seconded by Farley with all council in favor.

Emry moved to set a public hearing for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm for the proposed street patching on Benton St. Seconded by Hughes with all council in favor.

Hughes moved to attend the pre-application STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) workshop via zoom. Seconded by Green with all council in favor.

Farley moved to give a variance at 205 W Madison in regards to railroad ties being used to enclose the driveway within the alley. Seconded by Emry with all council in favor.

Farley moved to purchase a dump truck for the city for \$18,000. Seconded by Emry with all council in favor.

Maintenance Supervisor Phil Krochak gave the maintenance report.

Farley introduced Resolution 950-Gas Certificate Pay Raise. Seconded by Green. Roll call: Ayes: Jaynes, Green, Farley, Emry, Hughes.

Farley introduced Resolution 951-Water Treatment 1 Pay Raise. Seconded by Hughes. Roll call: Ayes: Jaynes, Green, Farley, Emry, Hughes.

Green moved to table if a maintenance pickup could be taken home outside of city limits until the insurance company was contacted to make sure the pickup would be covered. Seconded by Hughes with all council in favor.

Cathy Rich gave an updated report regarding the 941-tax status. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, she gave an update stating that the IRS placed a 180-day hold on the city's account so that collection proceedings would not begin. That hold expires November 9<sup>th</sup>. Taxes for the second quarter of 2023 have been changed from \$741 to zero balance. Senator Grassley's office that the first quarter taxes of 2019 and first quarter of 2020 have

been resolved which is close to \$18,000. In regards to the solar tax credit, the city has requested \$70,000. The city's tax year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for the return is November 15<sup>th</sup>. The IRS will not even look at the return until then.

Nuisances were discussed.

Green moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Seconded by Hughes with all council in favor.

Michelle Talley  
City Clerk

Melvin Rich  
Mayor