

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
HELD ON MARCH 3, 2011
AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL, 200 N 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bandkau called the Budget Worksession to order at 6:02 p.m. There being present were Mayor Bandkau, Councilmembers Roblee, Cooper, Bohn, Schillinger and Pipoly. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Jennifer Piasecki, Amy Cyphert, Matt Modrack, Kelly LaLonde, Matt Schindewolf, Tom Wightman and an audience of 5.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 6:03 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

DISCUSSION

Finance Director, Kelly LaLonde discussed the proposed increase in the Utility Rates, bi-monthly billing, Utilities Debt service payments, connection fees, user fees, debt fees, operation rates, and commodity rates. She stated the debt payments are from previous improvements to the Water, Sewer and Stormwater systems and future debt service requirements. She stated if the furlough is extended one day a month, the rate increase would drop approximately 5%.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated we are trying to find a way to keep the Utility rate increase close to 5%, with operating and capital needs as it relates to utilities.

Council discussed the following:

- Offer to process waste water for the distillery on Old US 23 for Green Oak Township.
- Debt service.
- Bonding while the rates are low.
- Additional employee furlough days.

Councilmember Muzzin arrived at 6:22 p.m.

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf stated the facility in Green Oak would need a Industrial pre treatment permit and we could offer our services. The cost and installation of the lift station would be at the expense of the user. He explained how the Water division personnel is structured and Wastewater personnel are cross-trained and fill-in when needed.

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed OPEB with the Utilities Fund. He handed out a sheet on Future IT Projects for the City of Brighton. He stated there would be a meeting with the City of Howell to discuss shared IT Services. He discussed the County's recent Fiber Optic project and what we can do to take advantage of the service.

Human Resource Director, Jennifer Piasecki discussed Sharepoint and stated we could eliminate work stations by using this service.

There was Council discussion regarding:

- Cost savings by eliminating lines
- Scanning
- Hire a consultant to assess benefits and needs

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 6:57 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bohn to adjourn the Worksession at 6:58 p.m. Motion passed.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor