

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

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City Council Regular Meeting July 5th, 2017

(These minutes are unofficial until approved by the City Council at the next meeting)

Mayor Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Jan Ball, Gene Crabtree, Carol Larick, Becky Wollenburg
City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith, City Clerk: Adria Vargas,
and Police Chief: Carley Grunewald, City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner
Public in attendance: Ken Petzold, Loren Swanson, Mary Oakland, Raughn Oakland, Mike Rumsey,
Tanya Rumsey, Bruce Frandel, Eric Campbell, Craig Byram, Deidra Burke and Michael Johnson.

June 5th, 2017, Minutes stood approved as written

Floor Opened for Public Comment:

Mike and Tanya Rumsey spoke about the plans for BrownsdaleFest that will be held August 5th, 2017, from 12-4 pm At Gerbig Park. They asked for Council approval to block off part of Grove St. around the park, also the section of California St. that runs behind the bank. Approval was granted for blocking off these sections of street provided that any affected property owners are notified that their driveways may be blocked. They stated that anyone who would like to volunteer or make a donation to let them know. The Rumsey's mentioned that the games are free at the park.

Two community Members discussed some civil matters with the council and the Police Chief through public comment. The matters addressed will be handled through the Police Chief.

Deb Library Report: Deb reminded the Council that National Night Out will be held on August 1st, 2017 at the park.

City Engineer's Report: None

City Public Works Report: Wayne discussed with the Council the continued difficulty with the control panel at the lift station. After much discussion a **Motion was made by Council Member Crabtree to accept the lowest bid from Quality Flow to replace the control system at the Lift Station for \$19,680. Council Member Wollenburg seconded the motion. 5 yeas 0 nays. Carried.**

Wayne discussed a bid from Blackstone for patching the water shut off issue at the Methodist Church. Blackstone to do patching work and the larger projects can wait for a later date due to cost conservation.

Wayne and Council Member Crabtree will do drive arounds to assess what boulevard trees and stumps need trimming or removal.

The Regular Meeting was suspended at 7:59pm to hold the first of two Public Hearings. The Public Hearing scheduled for 8:00 pm was to formally discuss and to take action on the tax abatement of the former Brownsdale School.

Craig Byram opened the discussion describing the project. The former Brownsdale School and its conversion to an assisted living facility. The County agreed to a 15year tax abatement on June 27th, 2017 and this hearing is for the city to decide on the Abatement of the City's portion of tax. Mayor Foster asked for public comment on this topic hearing none for or against. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the tax abatement resolution 2017- 16. of 15 years for the former Brownsdale School. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5years, 0 nays Carried.**

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:10pm and reopen the regular meeting. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 years, 0 nays. Carried.

City Police Officer's Report

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

The confiscated cars in storage were discussed. No one has come forward to retrieve their vehicles to date. The Council agreed that the vehicles would be towed to Austin to the impound lot instead of involving the City Attorney and incurring more cost.

Police Chief Grunewald also reported that the time line for receiving the new squad is off. The vehicle originally was said to be delivered in between 6-8 weeks, will now be between August 4th -10th.

Police Chief Grunewald also reported to the Council that the outfitting of the New Squad will take 7-10days max. The outfitting will be done at CAS. She asked the Council how she will patrol without the squad. The council suggested that she ask CAS if she could take the squad to them to work on and if they would release the squad at night. If that is not an option that she would have to work Administration or training until the squad would be ready and the City would rely on Mower County at that time to answer calls.

Hazardous Building report: This matter has been tabled until next month.

New Business

Police Chief Grunewald approached the Council for approval for monies to purchase handout items for National Night Out August 1st,2017. **Council Member Larick made a motion to approve \$200.00 dollars for handouts for National Night Out. Council Member Wollenburg seconded the motion. 5 years, 0 nays. Carried.**

Police Chief Grunewald approached the Council with a training opportunity that she would like to attend in St. Paul MN. Given by the St. Paul Police Dept.in regard to Arrest and Control Tactics for female officers. The cost is \$249.00 dollars. Officer Grunewald stated that she would take care of her own lodging. **Council Member Larick made a motion to send Chief Grunwald to the training in St. Paul MN. At the end of July called Arrest and Control Tactics for female officers, for the cost of \$249.00 dollars. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wollenburg. 5years 0Nays. Carried.**

The Liquor Licenses for the Frontier Lounge have come due on 6/30/17 and need renewal.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to approve the Regular on sale license for the Frontier Lounge of Brownsdale and retro it back to 7/1/17. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5years, 0 nays Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to approve the Sunday On/Off Sale license for the Frontier Lounge of Brownsdale and retro it back to 7/1/17. Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 5yeas, 0 nays Carried.

The Council moved to suspend the regular meeting at 8:29 pm to hold the second Public Hearing at 8:30pm, on Conditional use of the former Brownsdale Elementary School.

The Council asked for any public comment on the Conditional use permit of the former Brownsdale school. The City Attorney noted some conditions set forth in the Resolution that should have some consideration in an R1 zoned area. The off- street parking, signage and lightening. After hearing none
Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept resolution 2017-17. Granting the Conditional Use permit for an Assisted Living to built and run in this R1 zoned area known as the former Brownsdale School. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 years, 0 nays. Carried.

Council Member Larick made a motion to Adjourn the public hearing for Conditional use permit at 8:40pm and reopen the regular meeting at 8:40pm. Council Member Wollenburg seconded the motion. 5 years, 0 nays. Carried.

Old Business

- Cell phone tower is tabled with hopes that the Verizon Tower going up on 610th Ave./ County RD. 19.

Bills were presented to be paid.

Council Member Larick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, Council Member Wollenburg seconded the motion, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Adria Vargas
City Clerk/Treasurer

