

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Gene Crabtree, Jan Ball, Becky Wollenburg, Carol Larick

City Clerk/Treasurer – Adria Vargas

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City Council Regular Meeting October 2nd, 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: Gene Crabtree, Carol Larick, Becky Wollenburg, Jan Ball

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith, City Clerk: Adria Vargas,
and Police Chief: Carley Grunewald (absent), City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance: Gene Tindal, Ken Petzold, Lynda Yates, Stacie Borcharding

September 5th, 2017, minutes stood approved as written after one addition was made stating that Council Member Crabtree read the first reading of Ordinance 2017-2 designating proper address to the former Brownsdale Elementary School to 105 NE Latham St.

Floor Opened for Public Comment: The Public was asked for comment.

Ken Petzold stated that the sign in front of 301 East Main is unable to be seen. Council asked Wayne to check the sign. After hearing no other comments the Mayor moved on to City Public Works report.

City Engineer's Report: None

City Public Works Report: Wayne discussed with the Council the updates with the control panel at the lift station. The project is completed and the panel is working wonderfully

Wayne noted that the Maintenance Truck is back to town and has been lettered.

The Murals that were previously donated to the City need to be seal coated to protect them from the weather. The project has been researched and the supplies will be purchased and the murals will be clear coated for protection.

Wayne also brought up that Mower County now charges the City for salt and sand for winter roads. Wayne suggested the Imperial Sand company out of Waltham may be able to get set up with what we need. Wayne will make the necessary phone calls.

Wayne also asked the Council what they suggested to be done with the former Maintenance truck. The Council agreed that it should be taken to Hamilton Auction Sales.

Wayne also updated the Council that new lever door handles have been installed on both of the Community Room doors.

City Police Officer's Report:

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

Hazardous Building report: Improvements have been substantial and this matter is tabled again until next month.

Old Business

The City Clerk read the second reading of Ordinance 2017-2, designating the proper City address to the former Brownsdale Elementary School property. The new address designated to the property is 105 Latham St. N.E. The Ordinance has been published in The Mower County Independent in the Sept. 14th, 2017 issue.

The Council addressed the tree estimates from Morem and Johnson Tree Service.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the bid of \$11,800 dollars to remove and trim park trees, trim and/or remove 10 trees within the City 14ft over the street and 12ft over the sidewalks. This work is to include stumps, dirt fill and clean up. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 yeas 0 nays Carried.

The Council very briefly discussed landlord and rental policy. This item has been dropped.

The Council discussed the park pavilion. The Council came to a determination that discussions should continue to move the project forward to ensure that grant opportunities are used to the full potential for the project. BABA is also stating that they would like to help. CHS has discussed putting a jar out by the check out for donations for the park pavilion.

New Business

A motion was made by Council Member Crabtree to adopt resolution 2017-20 entering into a joint snow removal contract with MN. Department of Transportation at the rate of \$ 175.00 per hour. Council Member Wollenburg seconded the motion. 5 yeas 0 nays. Carried.

The City Council discussed opportunities for its PERA eligible employees to invest into the Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan through MSRS. This would allow these employees an opportunity to invest wages into this plan to supplement their PERA disbursements upon retirement. The Council agreed to allow those members ability to participate freely in this benefit.

The Council briefly discussed sweeping the streets. Tentatively to be swept the last week in October.

The need for new pedestrian cross walk signs was discussed. The signs will be priced to be discussed at the next meeting. The Council also suggested that due to high traffic volumes on Highway 56 that Police Chief Grunewald should be on patrol those times that children are present.

Council Member Wollenburg anticipates a move shortly to just outside the City of Brownsdale and brought documentation showing her stance on her participation on the Council. The Council and the Mayor stated that the League of Minnesota Cities should be called along with possibly scheduling an appointment with the City Attorney due to the nature of the request.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm, Council Member Ball seconded the motion, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Adria Vargas
City Clerk/Treasurer