

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

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City Council Regular Meeting April 2nd, 2018

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, Debra Schuette
Jan Ball

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith, City Clerk: Adria Vargas,
and Police Chief: (Absent), City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner
Public in attendance: Gene Tindal, Ken Petzold, Loren Swanson, Mary Moritz, Brian Gerhart, Dylan
Gerhart, Loren Swanson.

March 5th, 2018 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

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

After hearing none the meeting continued.

City Engineer's Report: None

City Public Works Report:

Wayne discussed the condition of the flag pole clips, set ups, and flags on Mill St/ Hwy. 56. Wayne stated that to refashion or replace would cost the same amount of money. The Council instructed to purchase new sets and clips. Wayne was instructed to replace the flags that are missing and or damaged due to the weather.

Wayne also stated that there is a valve exerciser tool that he would like to rent sometime this Spring to exerciser the Main water shut off valves, this tool costs \$800.00 dollars per week to rent, or \$175.00 per day. Wayne stated that he thought that a week rental should be sufficient. The Council instructed Wayne to proceed pending his schedule.

Wayne asked the council when they would like to schedule Spring street sweeping. He commented the rate continues to be \$85.00 dollars per hour no rate change. The Council discussed the weather conditions and concurred that the Wayne should schedule the sweeping to be done late April or early May.

Wayne stated that he had received only one bid for replacing the sidewalk along side City Hall. He will continue to seek and hold all bids until the next meeting.

Wayne also made a commented about the need for an asbestos abatement at the current pavilion and bathroom structure. The Council instructed Wayne to call Asbestrol to schedule testing, evaluation and obtain the certificate so the everything is in place to demolish, haul away the debris. Then the new project can start construction.

Wayne also commented to the Council that he removed the damaged Volleyball net from the park. He wanted guidance on if another should be purchased. The Council stated that if interest arose that one could be purchased and then hung at that time.

City Police Officer's Report:

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

Hazardous Building report: Issue tabled until Spring.

Old Business

The Council discussed the park pavilion. Mayor Foster received the two sets of new plans from the draftsman. The Council continued the discussion on how to organize the project. The Council asked Wayne to seek bids on electrical, plumbing and concrete. Bids for these items should be available for the May 7th meeting. Mayor Foster also stated that the material list should be done before the next meeting and should be available for review.

New Business

Council reviewed City Policies. One change made to sewer policy and one change made to water policy. Please see City Policy book in the Clerk's office for those changes.

Deb Smith reported to the Council that she attended a SELCO training recently. She said that all of the information would be really useful here at the library.

Council Member Schuette talked about the possibility of a Summer Rec program. Deb Smith stated that she does that along with the Summer Reading program. Deb Smith also stated that with the new pavilion it will be great to have an outside space to use for those programs. Mayor Foster also stated that Hayfield School also puts on activities for school aged children that the School supervises.

The Council also discussed checking the playground equipment to check on settling and fasteners. It was also commented that the Mulch should be raked up this Spring.

The Council also discussed retrieving bids for streets repairs on SE Pleasant St., also patching on various other areas in town. Wayne and the Street Commissioner will do a drive around when weather cooperates to determine the need areas of repair.

Mayor Foster presented the names of the two candidates for consideration of hire for the (1) Police Officer position. After a discussion, **Council Member Larick made a motion to hire Jorge Vazquez-Jimenez at the rate of \$17.00 per hour pending all necessary testing. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed the Meier lots. After much discussion and consideration. **Council Member Larick made a motion to enlist the Sterling Realty of Austin, MN. To represent the City in the selling of the Meier lots in Brownsdale, MN. Council Member Ball seconded the Motion. 5 yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

Council Member Schuette made a motion adopting Resolution 2018-10. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion, accepting a \$25.00 donation to pavilion from Leon and Robin Wilcox and \$50.00 from Jerry Morgan for the park pavilion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer