

# City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Gene Crabtree, Jan Ball, Debra Schuette, Carol Larick  
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## City Council Regular Meeting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Mayor Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Gene Crabtree, Carol Larick, Debra Schuette  
Jan Ball (Absent)

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith, City Clerk: Adria Vargas,  
and Police Chief: Jon Smerud (Absent), City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance: Gene Tindal, Don Peterson, Robb Luthe, Mary Moritz

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

**Floor Opened for Public Comment:** The Public was asked for comment. The Mayor after hearing no public comments moved to the City works report.

**City Engineer's Report:** None

**City Public Works Report:**

Wayne and the council talked about the bid and lack of interest in concrete companies interested in the ADA compliant sidewalk project along side the community hall. The Contractors have noted to Wayne that the project is extensive due to the sloping along- side the building and the need for railings. The Council proceeded to continue with repairing the cracked and broken pieces of sidewalk at both ends along the community hall. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to contract with Cummings in the amount of \$1700.00 dollars Council Member Schuette seconded the motion 4yeas 0 nays. Carried.**

Wayne also mentioned that Freeborn Mower Electric will be in town to finish the last steps of the upgrade process that was started last year. The new tie in is back behind the bank. The City will be without electricity, over the midnight hours as the move through town and flip switches on the poles to the new higher voltage service. The date has yet to be determined. As the City finds out more information there will be notices posted.

**City Police Officer's Report:**

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

**Hazardous Building report:** The Council discussed the significant progress made at Vista Village. The Hazard property has been dismissed and filed with the Mower County Courthouse

### **Old Business**

Mayor Foster, Council have received signed plans for the pavilion. Wayne will work on securing bids for general contractors for the project.

### **New Business**

The City Clerk read the second reading of ordinance 2018-1 ordaining street addresses in the Meier 2<sup>nd</sup> addition, City lift disposal station and Brown Cemetery.

The Council discussed a CD that is due to mature on 8/24/2018. After discussion,  
**Council Member Larick made at motion to rollover the CD 100472 along with interest. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

Mayor Foster discussed the council the upcoming planning for the preliminary budget and levy for 2019. Robb Luthe asked the Council to consider a how badly the city really needs the extra 4% for the upcoming levy. Robb stated the incomes increases are never 4 % and that people on fixed incomes should be considered as it is difficult in some instances to pay out extra to taxes.

### **Bills were presented and signed**

**Council Member Larick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer