

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Gene Crabtree, Jan Ball, Debra Schuette, Carol Larick

City Clerk/Treasurer – Adria Vargas

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City Council Regular Meeting February 5th, 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, Jan Ball, Debra Schuette

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith, City Clerk: Adria Vargas,
and Police Chief: Carley Grunewald (Absent), City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner
Public in attendance: Ken Petzold, Mary Mortiz, Loren Swanson, Gene Tindal

Jan. 3rd, 2018, minutes stood approved as written. Jan.17th special meeting
(Council Interviews) minutes stood approved.

Carol Larick made a motion to accept resolution 2018-8 having Debra Schuette occupy the vacant City Council seat. Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 4 Yeas 0 Nays Carried.

Debra Schuette stood and raised her right hand and took the City Council Oath and proceeded to take her seat with the Council.

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

Ken Petzold welcomed Deb Schuette to the Council.

City Engineer's Report: None

City Public Works Report:

Wayne discussed the updates with the Council. He stated that the sink and eyewash station pipes have frozen for the second time this Winter season in the Flouride room. Wayne asked the Council to consider replacing a wall mounted heater with a forced air fan to ensure that this doesn't continue to be a problem. Wayne stated the portable heaters that are in there now are not able to keep up with warming that room. After a short discussion about corrosion of the heater and wiring an outlet so that the heater could be unplugged and removed in the Summer and Spring to ensure that the investment would last longer. Council Member Crabtree made a Motion to accept the bid from Fox Electric to install a Berco Heater for \$645.00 plus all necessary outlet modifications. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried

Wayne also brought to attention that he has received two bids for the clean- up of the Meier Lots. This item was tabled from last month. One from Morem for \$ 1275.00 and one from Husemoller for \$2375. The Council took the higher of the bids due to the incomplete nature of the bid from Morem and the need to clean these properties up for resale come Summer.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the bid of \$2375.00 for clean -up from Husemoller. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried

Wayne updated that the lighting concern from a city resident over by the Lutheran Church has been completed. Wayne also mentioned that the pole that belongs to the City needs to be painted.

Wayne discussed with the Council that he will be taking a vacation with in the next month and offered the Mayor or Council Member Crabtree a refresher course on the plow.

The Condition of the sidewalk along the City Hall was discussed. Wayne was instructed to get bids for the sidewalk.

Also, the Condition of the exterior of the City Hall was discussed the building should be painted sometime this Spring or Summer.

City Police Officer's Report:

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

Police Chief Grunewald was absent from the Meeting. The report is available in the Clerks office.

Hazardous Building report: Clean-up have come to a stand-still at Vista Village. The Council decided to wait until Spring to allow further clean up. Issue tabled.

Old Business

The Council discussed the park pavilion. Mayor Foster reported that Geneva Lumber has a new Draftsman and that the plan will be drafted when he is able. Tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Chief Grunewald stating that she appreciated the opportunity to work with our Community. Chief Grunewald will be here partially through the transition to a new Chief. **Council Member Larick made a motion to accept Chief Grunewald's resignation. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5 Yeas 0 Nays. Carried.**

Due to the Change of Council the annual appointments have been amended.

Council Member Schuette made a motion appointing resolution 2018-6 Council Member Crabtree as Water and Sewer Commissioner, Council Member Larick as the Street Commissioner. Council Member Ball as the Safety Commissioner. Mayor Foster as the Police Commissioner. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5 Yeas 0 Nays Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion adopting Resolution 2018-5. Council Member Larick seconded the motion, accepting a \$ 445.00 donation to the Park Pavilion from the Employees of First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Larick made a motion adopting Resolution 2018-7. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion, accepting a \$ 5.00 donation to the Park Pavilion from Mary Gallaher. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Larick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer

