

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 July 2nd, 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

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

Public in attendance: Gene Tindal, Don Peterson, Kory Kraft, Loren Swanson, Roberta Kraft, Ron Kraft,
Julie Clayton, Richard Borchering, Don Heimer, Ryan Jongeling, Robb Luthe, Jonathan Smerud, Dana
Smerud, Taylor Smerud, Marley Smerud, Rylin Smerud, Tanya Rumsey

June 4th, 2018 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

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

Kory Kraft made a comment to the Council about the illegal drug activity in town. He asked when an officer will be taking office. He was disgruntled about an incident that happened on his property Saturday with someone that he assumed was high on drugs and was on his property that forced him to call Law Enforcement. The Council assured Kory that we have secured an officer and that he will be sworn in later in the meeting.

Don Peterson asked the Council a question about the drug problems in town. He stated is it true that the City of Brownsdale has mutual aid through Mower Sheriff's Department while the City is working on hiring a police officer? The Council stated that is a true statement. Don proceeded to say then why is this still a problem then. What are they doing about it? So then, they know and aren't doing anything then? The Council continued by saying the County does not answer to the City about what the County does. The Council stated that until the City Police officer takes duty we are to call the County with any issues or conflicts that arise.

City Engineer's Report: None

City Public Works Report:

Wayne and the council talked about the bids for curb and gutter project. One bid came in from Doyle O' Conner and the other from Legends Concrete.

The Council also discussed the difference in the dollar amounts and the extra work that needs to be done.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to hire Legends Concrete for curb and gutter at a price

of \$3,666.00 or \$39.00 dollars per linear foot. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 Yeas 0 Nays, Carried.

Wayne also mentioned that Freeborn Mower Electric will be in town to finish the last steps of the upgrade process that started last year.

Wayne also stated that Roto Rooter has been in town over the last few days and should be finished soon. The report will be on its way.

Wayne also stated to the Council that Johnson Tree Services has been contacted to remove trees that were damaged after Saturday's storm on the corner of Mill St South in the Boulevard and the tree that was damaged in the park.

Wayne and the Council discussed the single bid received to repair and replace the sidewalk on the west side of City hall and also make ADA compliant. Wayne has been asked to restart the bid process to add ramp outside of community hall.

City Police Officer's Report:

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud was Sworn to Office by the City Clerk and the Mayor.

Hazardous Building report: The Council discussed the significant progress made at Vista Village.

Council Crabtree made a motion to dismiss the Lis Pendens against Fuller/ Jeffers DBA Vista Village, Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, Carried

Old Business

Mayor Foster, Council and Ryan Jongeling discussed the current plans for the pavilion. Items that were discussed were turning the bathroom facing out, specs for the light fixtures will be drawn into the plans, the plans will be detailed out and ADA compliance will also be met. Plans will be signed as needed.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to hire the Design Connection of Rochester to help design the new pavilion and bathrooms and sign the plans for a price of \$2,340 to \$2,540 Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays Carried.

Ryan Jongeling stated that he should have the plans ready and signed for August 1st meeting.

New Business

Tanya Rumsey addressed the Council by apologizing to the Council for not handling the bars license issues. She also stated that payment for the back taxes will be paid hopefully very soon.

She stated that she is working with the bank on a loan and that the taxes must be paid to date to acquire the loan. She also stated the taxes will be escrowed into the payment so that this doesn't happen again.

Tanya asked the Council for the 2018- 6/30/2019 liquor licenses for the Frontier Lounge. Council Member Crabtree made a motion to approve the Frontier Lounge of Brownsdale liquor licenses, in the amount of \$1,200.00. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Tanya also asked the Council's permission to use the park for Brownsdale Fest on Aug 4th, 2018 from 11:00am -4:00pm and with a Movie in the park at dusk. She also asked if the City would allow the 100 block of California St. and the 200 block of W. Grove St. to be closed off to through traffic for the events from 11:00 am -6:00pm. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to close 100 block of North**

California st and 200 block of West Grove from 11:00 am -6:00pm. Council Member Larick seconded the motion 5yeas 0 Nays Carried.

Council Member Larick made a motion to adopt ordinance 2018-1 ordaining street addresses in the Meier 2nd addition, City lift disposal station and Brown Cemetery. Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-13 appointing Election Judges for Primary and General Elections in the City of Brownsdale. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14. Allowing the Firemen's relief association a gambling license for Bingo and Raffle in the City of Brownsdale. Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made at motion to allow for further Road project on Railway St. and a quarter of Market Street (112 FT.) for the amount of \$30,580.00 as quoted by Rochester Sand and Gravel. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer