

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 March 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, Debra Schuette
Jan Ball (Absent)

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, Jessica Blocki, Loren Swanson, Lynda Yates, Brian Gerhart, Dylan
Gerhart,

Feb. 5th, 2018, minutes stood approved as written. Feb.16th special meeting minutes stood approved as
written.

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

Ken Petzold thanked Wayne for his excellent job on snow removal.

Brian Gerhart Commented on the Brownsdale's EDA restarting and asking for City Council support.

Mayor Foster after a brief discussion stated that the EDA has been closed for such a long time that it will
have to be researched by the Clerk to see what involvement the City may have on the EDA board.

City Engineer's Report: None

City Public Works Report:

Wayne discussed the over abundance of old unused electronics stored in the backroom and asked the
Council if he could take it to Recycling. The Council instructed Wayne that he could do recycling drop
on May 12th at the Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin.

A short discussion about plowing on County Road 2 and the ice and snow build up that continues to
remain. Wayne brought to the Council's attention that the Parking Ordinance during a snow emergency
was not correct. The ordinance states no parking from 1:00 am to 8:00 am. on the Business district of
County Road 2, this parking restriction is not in coordination with the times the County plows due that
County does not plow during the over- night hours. Mayor Foster noted that this would be remedied by
speaking to the Business owners and asking for cooperation to move or park their cars around the corner
or a change to two- hour parking if needed to resolve the problem.

City Police Officer's Report:

Available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

Police Chief Grunewald was absent from the Meeting.

Hazardous Building report: Issue tabled until Spring.

Old Business

The Council discussed the park pavilion. Mayor Foster received the two sets of plans that the council reviewed. Bathrooms will be included in the pavilion along with a utility room. Measurements are 40x40 and will be ADA compliant.

New Business

Council Member Crabtree made a motion adopting Resolution 2018-9. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion, accepting a \$100.00 donation to Library from Younkers Community Day Booklets and \$122.00 from the Mitten Tree fundraiser. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion accepting Hill, Larson, Walth findings of the 2017 audit report. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to lower the Flouride level in Brownsdale's City water supply per Variance Request to Minnesota Rule 4720.0030 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the Fire contract with Brownsdale Volunteer Fire Department for the amount of \$20,236.00 this amount reflects a 3% increase. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4 Yeas 0 Nays Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to send Clerk, Council Member Ball and City Maintenance to Safety and Loss Control workshop in Rochester MN on April 26th, 2018 hosted by the League of MN Cities for the Cost of \$20.00 per person. Council Member Larick seconded the motion. 4 Yeas 0 Nays Carried.

The City Clerk discussed a change to the office hours to promote accessibility new hours are as follows

Mondays- 11:00 am- 6:30pm

Tuesdays- 9:00am-4:30pm

Wednesdays- 9:00am-4:30pm

Thursdays -7:30am-3:00pm

Fridays- 8:30am -12:30pm

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to order 300 City informational magnets at the price of \$210.00 dollars plus shipping from Schwab printing Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4Yeas 0 Nays. Carried.

The 6:00 whistle was discussed and tabled, no action taken.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Larick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer

