

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Gene Crabtree, Debra Schuette, Jessica Bakken, Rick Smith

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City Council Regular Meeting August 1st, 2019

Mayor Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Gene Crabtree, Debra Schuette, Rick Smith, Jessica Bakken,

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

Public in attendance: Tanya Rumsey, Jenelle Parks, Ben Simons, Jan Ball, Dale Larson (President of First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale), Amanda Rhodes(Chief of Operations First Farmers and Merchant Bank of Brownsdale), Don Peterson, Gary Anderson (Vice President of First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale). Jad Mayer representative of S&M Controls, Jan Ball

July 8th, 2019 meeting minutes stood approved as written

Public Comment:

The Mayor addressed the public for comment and after no comments made the Mayor moved to New Business.

New Business

The City Council wants to thank Gene Crabtree for his time in leveling and seeding the park. The City Council also wants to thank the Brownsdale Fire Department for their time watering the grass at the park. It was also commented by Public Works that signs have been hung to stay off the grass and it will be fenced as to allow for growth of the grass until after the community events are over.

The Council received a donation from the Employess of First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale in the amount of \$445.00. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-8 accepting a monetary donation from the Employees of First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale for park pavilion. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

Dale Larson on behalf of First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale spoke to the Council. Dale gave a heartfelt thank you for the continued business and support over the many years, acknowledged the City Council's work and dedication in keeping the City of Brownsdale a good place to live and work. He

then presented the Council with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards the new park pavilion. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-9 accepting a monetary donation from First Farmers and Merchants Bank of Brownsdale in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the park pavilion. Council Member Bakken Seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

The Brownsdale Public Library received a monetary grant in the amount \$250.00 dollars from the Freeborn Mower ORU (Operation Round Up). **Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10 to accept funds from the Freeborn Mower ORU on behalf of the library, Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed the rates of return on the CD that is available for review on August 24th,2019. The Council after a brief discussion and review of documents agreed to place the CD for rollover into a 5year CD at the rate of 2% interest. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to rollover CD due August 24th, 2019 to a 5 -year CD at the interest rate of 2% Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays Carried.**

The Council also asked the Clerk to look into the water way easements that run from Akkerman addition to the Meier 2nd addition for wording, rights and responsibilities.

The Council directed Wayne to obtain bids for Chip Seal and repairs that were previously discussed North and South, Cedar Railway East and West, Sunset, Pleasant, Peace,and Melissa to Cedar, Cedar to County Road 2.

The Council also discussed personnel issues of HR and pay equity compliance The Council will be discussing wage at the next council meeting. Officer Smerud stated that he really like the small town here but that we don't have insurance.

Public Works Report:

Wayne told the Council that he is back but on light duty and feeling good. He stated that he has Cardiac rehab on Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few months and that Raughn is covering him over those times. If anyone had question's they should go ahead and ask.

Wayne stated that Raughn secured 10 picnic tables for the upcoming Brownsdale Fest and National Night Out that will be left at the City Shop and trailered to Wayne's home for security due to the times and dates of the events. Council Member Smith made a comment that he was under the impression that we were going to use what we have its kinda of like the upcoming talk again here soon about the tablets for the council.

Wayne told the Council that the plumbing and electrical inspections passed. Wayne stated that paper dispensers for the bathrooms are on order and should arrive soon.

Wayne discussed the lights at the park. The lights are on and everyone is looking for a switch it's so bright. The Council discussed putting the pavilion lights on a timer and keeping on row on all night. Wayne and the Council also discussed an extra light to be placed at the park illuminating the park equipment from behind due to some recent graffiti. Wayne also stated that he plans on moving/turning an already existing fixture to light another area there, that is also dark. Wayne stated that there is already an extra pole and light fixture it would be just the cost of having it placed and wired. The Council agreed that this should be completed as time allows.

Wayne also told the Council that he is looking into the clean- up of the graffiti. That is one of his earliest to do projects is to repair and clean that up.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

Officer Smerud discussed the Hands- Free Law going into effect today first fine is \$50.00 and the second fine is \$250.00. Officer Smerud and Deb passed out water bottles for the Council to review. Stating that these are what will be passed out on National Night Out.

Officer Smerud stated that dispatch was called and that they are aware of Brownsdale Fest this upcoming weekend and that all paperwork has been turned in and reviewed.

Library:

Deb stated that the Library has many activities scheduled for this summer and encourages everyone to stop out.

Deb stated that the Library Board will be using the ILL (Inter Lending Libraries) dividend check of \$2352.00 to invest in a new computer for the Library she explained how those funds are received. Deb stated that each time the Library lends materials that it is returned by a profit. She stated that lots of libraries don't receive dividends in return because they don't lend out many materials. She stated that she prides herself that the library has materials that people from other area libraries want.

Deb also stated that Hayfield will be having a breakfast on August 26th cost is around \$5 or \$6 dollars if the anyone was interest in showing their support to the School by attending.

Deb also stated that Legacy wants to be included in Community Activities and Projects as they arise, they want to be involved in the community.

Old Business

The Council reminded everyone that the September meeting to is September 9th at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Wayne stated that the Pavilion is completed and that we are waiting for final inspection. He stated that many people will be ready to enjoy it for Brownsdale Fest and National Night Out.

Jad spoke to the Council about tablets for the Council. He went over several options and showed the Council a moderate option in a Lenovo brand laptop and tablet combination. He discussed programming and storage options and the needs that the council will have for useage. He discussed total package pricing per item as roughly \$100.00 dollars for Microsoft office and \$100.00 for Norton and a variable price depending on the tablet option chosen plus set up cost of \$65.00 roughly per unit.

Council Member Crabtree asked if the Council could purchase their own for use at the meeting instead of using the paper copies and binders. Mayor Foster stated that they could use their own tablets without any problems.

Mayor Foster also stated that there's a lot of other projects that need to be looked into before they should spend any money on this item. He stated that Shania Street needs to be repaired before it's too far lost.

Also, many other roads need to be chip sealed, the trailer court needs a road also. He stated that he not saying no but at this time the tablets should be a future project and that the numbers need to come in for bids before this should be decided.

Tanya Rumsey stated that Brownsdale Fest paperwork, signed permission from Vanbuskirk's has been left in the Clerks office along with all necessary insurance paperwork. She thanked the Council for all of their help and support.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer