

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

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

City Clerk/Treasurer – Adria Vargas

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City Council Regular Meeting June 3rd, 2019

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, 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: Loren Swanson, Jenelle Parks, Tanya Rumsey, Jan Ball, Mary Mortiz, Renee Wood,
Ben Simons, (Kristine Johnson, Jonathan Rodd: Reps. for Jaguar Communications), Don Konken,
Nicolee Holmgren

May 6th, 2019 meeting minutes stood approved as written

Public Comment:

Renee Wood from Gas N' Go of Brownsdale approached the City Council about an Off- Sale Liquor License anticipating a remodeling project to include an Off -Sale Liquor store area. The Council stated that the remodeling would need to be completed to the Minimum standards of MN state law and inspected before the Council would grant the license. The Council stated that the City would consider them first if they were to be approached in the interm by another potential business. The Council also stated that before any remodeling is done that it will have to go through the City's permit and review process.

Robb Luthe commented that he'd prefer not to live next to a Liquor Store and that maybe they'd like to buy a house. He stated that living next to a gas station is enough, he spends at least an hour a week picking up trash and cigarette butts off of his property.

Don Konken asked the City who cuts hay out at the Ponds. The Council told Don that the Paape's Hay at the ponds as able through a policy that the City retains at the Clerk's office.

Public Works Report:

Wayne reported to the Council that bids were in for 2019 weed abatement on City Property. The Council discussed what needed to be sprayed and what was sprayed last year and then went on to review the bids. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the bid from Morem in the amount of \$1945.68**

for a one- time application to the Park, Ponds including shoreline kill, lift station and the City Shop. Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Wayne told the Council that the pavilion is coming together. The work will be starting soon.

Wayne also commented that the appointment for the water tower cleaning seems to have been pushed to later in the month and he would be calling to check into that.

Wayne also mentioned that he has made some call to tree trimming services and is waiting for bids.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud asked the Council after being approached by the County about Ride Alongs through the Police Explorers program. The Council stated that isn't a problem as long as the appropriate waivers and paperwork is signed. Officer Smerud also discussed cars in town without current license tabs. The council discussed doing a city -wide property checks to address the issue. Tabled until next meeting.

Library:

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

The Council also discussed the Memorandum that was presented by Nicolee Holmgren from the Library Board that detailed a one- time stipend of \$150.00 to a long- time volunteer of the library Hannah Andersen. The Council discussed the tax, audit and future implications of offering a monetary gift to a volunteer position. The Council said that this matter should be researched before moving forwards or that public donations could be made to the library board in respect to the matter.

Public Hearing:

The Mayor postponed the regular at 7:29pm to hold the public hearing for ordinance 2019-01 at 7:30pm. for review of addresses in the City limits of Brownsdale. Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-01 as follows. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. City Clerk read the first reading of Ordinance to the Council and the public in attendance.

**ORDINANCE 2019-1
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROWNSDALE, MINNESOTA,
ASSIGNING NEW STREET ADDRESS FOR PROPERTIES**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNSDALE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Address Location # 1

Section 1.

That the property with PID # 22.003.0660 currently assigned with the street address of (No Known Street address) in the City of Brownsdale, MN., County of Mower be assigned to a street address of 507 Mill St. South (Brownsdale, MN. 55918 in the County of Mower)

Address Location # 2

That the property with PID # 22.002.0361 currently assigned with the street address of (No Known Street address) in the City of Brownsdale, MN., County of Mower be assigned to a street address of 203 Grove St. NW. (Brownsdale, MN. 55918 in the County of Mower)

Address Location # 3

That the property with PID # 22.002.0341 as referred to as City Barn, empty lot and City garage currently assigned with the street address of (No Known Street address) in the City of Brownsdale, MN., County of Mower be assigned to a street address of 203 -207 Main St. West (Brownsdale, MN. 55918 in the County of Mower)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

Adopted by the Brownsdale City Council this 3rd day of June, 2019

Jeff Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adria Vargas, City Clerk Treasurer

Mayor Foster after hearing no comments from the public adjourned the public hearing at 7:40pm. Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, Council Member Bakken Seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The regular meeting reopened at 7:41pm.

Old Business

The Council signed Resolution 2019-5 approving a franchise agreement with Jaguar Communications. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to approve a franchise agreement with Jaguar Communications. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried**

Tanya Rumsey of Frontier Lounge came to speak to the Council about selling beer at the tractor pull during Brownsdale Fest to include closing off the street between the firehall and Northern Country Coop. for roughly 3 hours for the tractor pull. She was instructed that she would need to provide an insurance certificate and a separate liquor license and hire the Sheriff’s posse to man the event. She also included the MN State Statues for review. This matter was tabled for further review and discussion at July meeting.

Council Member Bakken discussed the EDA that was brought up by Brian Gerhart, would need an enabling resolution and committee members must be appointed by the Council to be staffed and treasured by the clerk. Which in turn would cost the City money right off the go. This matter is tabled for further research.

Don Konken also approached the Council to tile up to the drain to level off the water drainage for his property. The Council told Don that he could go forward and do that provided that he doesn’t damage the existing tile.

The Council discussed electronic tablets for council use. Mayor Foster said that he had spoken to numerous neighboring communities to inquire if they were using council books or tablets for their meetings. He stated that a majority were not and many had asked him why would you want too. Mayor Foster spoke in depth with Waseca and they had purchased and used tablets for a year and said that it was a waste of money and recommended that the council not go through with it. Mayor Foster stated that he would be willing to talk to SM Controls from Adams to see if he could shed some light on the topic. The

Council and public forum sited the money associated with the purchase and the obsolete technology, the needs and uses of the tablets. The Mayor stated that the Council needs to watch spending in the 2019 budget. The topic of conversation then wandered to property taxes, market value of homes, social security and other projects in town that are happening now and possible upcoming projects.

Pastor Ben Simons interjected and asked the Mayor, Council and public to attend to the business at hand, Siting that they were way off tangent. With that ending Mayor Foster asked Council Member Bakken to get in touch with SM Controls and see if he could attend the July meeting as he was unavailable to attend the current meeting.

New Business

The Council discussed the maintenance of the Mousenik Rocket on the west outskirts of Brownsdale. Mary Moritz gave the Council some history on the rocket and its ties with rocket fuel and NASA developments. After discussion and consideration the Council instructed Wayne to purchase needed paint and make some needed repairs.

The Council stated that the road was repaired at Vista Village and would like a letter and a copy of the ordinance to be sent to the owner about cutting the grass area adjoining the Vista Village property.

The Council discussed changing the August meeting to Thursday August 1st at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Bakken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer