

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 February 3rd, 2020

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 (Absent)

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith , City Clerk: Adria Vargas, Assistant Librarian: Shelly Vogel (Absent)

and Police Chief: Jon Smerud City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance:

Mary Moritz, Jan Ball, Jenelle Parks, Don Konken

January 6th, 2020 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

Public Comment:

The Mayor addressed the public for comment. After hearing none moved on to old business.

Old Business

The Council discussed plans and bid from Maguire Iron to repaint the interior and exterior of the water tower. Wayne presented the contract with all updated pricing and terms. Wayne stated the price stayed the same due to the work being completed all this year and the savings to mobilize equipment one time instead of several times. The Council discussed timeline of work to be completed. The work will begin in the summer and be completed in roughly two weeks. Wayne has discussed other details about the riser and pipe with Jeff Dale from Rural Water Association. They discussed borrowing the valve from Rural Water or Maguire to divert the water to the City, this can be borrowed at no cost to the City. Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the bid from Maguire Iron to complete the tower work the summer of 2020. for \$123,930 in three separate payments of \$ 41,310 first payment upon completion and the remaining payments on the anniversary dates. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

New Business

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-07 setting Election Judges for all upcoming 2020 Elections, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08 accepting a monetary donation of \$50.00 dollars from Darrell and Laura Anderson Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 granting annual banking authority to the City Clerk Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-10 upon advisement of Hill, Larson CPA to transfer \$133,000 dollars from the General Fund to the Debt Service fund to cover the final payoff of the 2009 A Bond. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried

The Council discussed a grant opportunity for funds to help with the Water Tower project, from the MN Historical Society. The Clerk has started some research about what the needs and requirements are for the grant, the council asked that she proceed with the grant.

The Council discussed the Water and Wastewater contract with Natalie Carroll, she asked the Council to consider a three- year contract with a \$50.00 dollar increase in both water and wastewater. Council Member Crabtree made a motion to enter into a three -year water and wastewater contract with Natalie Carroll for the amount of \$600.00. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried

Public Works Report:

Wayne asked the Council about on Call Pay for Raughn in the event that he (Wayne) is unable. The Council said that if he is unable that Raughn can be called and if Raughn is unable that the Mayor will step in and cover if needed. They stated that being on call wasn't a payable option.

They also discussed the chip seal bids from Pearson Brothers. This bid only covers chip sealing and not filling the cracks. Wayne stated that he measured from Roto Rooters measurements from manhole to manhole so it may be off a bit. The Council asked that Todd come to Brownsdale to do a ride around to determine which streets could be chip sealed and which should just be filled and which streets are due for an overlay. The discussion also included Grove, West, Shania, Melissa and Cedar streets. Wayne said he would call and get something set up depending on the weather and the road cover and let them know.

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

Chief Smerud stated that all the equipment and vehicles are running well. He stated that the process for the cars is a lot more complicated than originally thought he stated that the City Attorney will have to be called assist with producing a letter to release the cars to the City's custody to dispose of them. Council Member Schuette made a motion to allow the City Clerk to contact the City Attorney to discuss with them what is needed to move the forfeitures along. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0 Nays, Carried.

Chief Smerud discussed the need to order a PBT. He offered the Council a catalog with two different options that he had looked into. Council Member Schuette made a motion to purchase a PBT not to exceed \$600.00 dollars. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Chief Smerud discussed the community service that is to be done at the park, by the juvenile that caused the damage. He stated that not to prolong the time frame he is going to have them do some work at the library.

He and the Council also discussed the options for security camera's or surveillance at the park. This will be discussed at a later meeting after some research is completed to secure the best option possible.

Library: Deb presented the February Calendar to the Council Deb stated that she has a meeting on Friday about the Strategic Plan results with SELCO.

Deb asked the Council about a book and movie drop and handed out a sheet showing two possible locations, materials needed to complete the project and the possibility of fund raising. She stated also that

in speaking with Laura Anderson that Akkerman may be able to custom build something similar for a fraction of the cost.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer