

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 July 6th, 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

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith(Absent), City Clerk: Adria Vargas, Assistant Librarian: Shelley Vogel (Absent), Police Chief: Jon Smerud, City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance: Jared Parks (Mower County Independent), Loren Swanson, Jan Ball, Craig Gwin, David Beebe, Bruce McGowan,

June 1st,2020 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

June 30th, 2020 meeting minutes approved with corrections. (yeas and nays omitted, 2nd motion omitted.)

Public Comment:

David Beebe commented that he was in attendance for a matter relating to uptick in traffic over the grassy area. Craig Gwin also was in attendance for this matter. Jan Ball was also in attendance for this matter to state facts of history known about the area in question. A written statement from Robin Dillion was also offered to the Council for consideration.

The Council discussed the grassy area in question between Fremont Street and Cedar Street that runs through the trailer court. The Council instructed the Clerk to see who the property belongs to. They asked if Council Member Smith could talk to Bob Fuller owner of Vista Village Court on what could be done with the traffic that is driving through the area in question. The Council stated that there is an old telephone pole laying there now but said it doesn't stop the flow of traffic in or out of Vista Village.

Bruce McGowan addressed his concerns on the back cuts of the curb on California Street. He provided the Council with photos and code requirements on this topic." Bruce stated that he does this for a living. I know how that's supposed to be done, the City can be sued if something or someone hits that curb."

There is to be a 3ft bottom and a 3ft slope, that'll tear the blade off of the plow with how it's done now. The Council asked for previous meeting minutes that gave permission for this to be completed. Upon receiving this information, the Mayor will meet with Mr. Peterson and Mr. Lorentz after the meeting this evening.

Bruce also stated that he continues to have problems with his neighbors, Mayor Foster stated that the disagreements between neighbors are civil matters and the city will not get involved.

Old Business

Frontier Lounge is open for business all necessary insurance and licenses are approved for ONSALE and Sunday Liquor sales, OFFSALE is still on hold pending state signature of the license.

Council Member Schuette brought up a recent incident down around Shania Street, she urged that a streetlight be put up in the area to detour any future incidents. Mayor Foster stated that when he gets moved in his lights will be on all the time and asks that they come down some night to see it that is necessary.

New Business

The Council discussed chickens, asked the City Clerk to research it and bring information to the next council meeting. Officer Smerud stated that Grand Meadow just passed an ordinance, so that would be a good place maybe to start. Mayor Foster also stated to call Rose Creek City Clerk.

The Council discussed changing phone and internet service to Jaguar Communications and asked the City Clerk to look into this option.

The Council after a very brief discussion made a motion to raise election judge pay to \$17.50 per hour. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to raise election judge pay to \$17.50 per hour. Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adopt resolution 2020-16 accepting library donations. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Public Works Report:

Wayne made mention that he received a phone call from Bruce Barnum about a broken storm drain that runs across his property. Wayne went to speak to Bruce and found that indeed belonged to the City. Bruce had found this during a repair to his own drain tile. The City Council after a brief discussion paid the bill to Hardecopf drainage in the amount of \$585.00 to repair the broken city storm drain. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to pay \$585.00 to Hardecopf drainage of Dexter, MN. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

Wayne stated that he had spoken to Brian Gerhart, Brian's two sons have volunteered to paint parking spots and paint curb on the area in front of the family business and across the road on the bank side. The Council agreed to cover the cost of paint and provide the stencils that the City has. Other areas can be painted as well if they wanted to continue the painting. Officer Smerud stated that he has another person that can provide some assistance with the painting.

Wayne offered bids for concrete work from Cummings and Komitt Concrete. The Council discussed the bids. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Cummings in the amount of \$20,100.00 to pour concrete drive and dumpster pad at City Shop, repair sidewalk areas across from the shop that runs along the park side, and for new piers at the water tower. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

Wayne offered two bids for security cameras, he offered the revised bid from Custom alarm and a new bid from Total security. The Council had an in depth conversation about the cost the pro's and cons and at this time decided that due to numerous other projects that are already done or scheduled to be done that it would not be able to be done this year and was tabled for future discussion.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud stated he's doing some research into the use of Camera's on Police Squad and body Camera's for discussion at a future meeting. He stated that he wants to be proactive before its mandatory. He has found that the cameras aren't the spendy part it's the data storage.

Library:

Deb was absent. She submitted a report to the Council in her absence.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Bakken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:16pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer