

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 1st, 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: Jenelle Parks, Loren Swanson, Joe Week(Custom Alarms)

May 4th, 2020 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

Public Comment:

After hearing no other comments the Mayor proceeded to the next item of business.

Old Business

Joe Week from Custom Alarm spoke to the Council about several different options for video surveillance at the Park and City Hall and Library. After many handouts and discussion on this topic it was tabled for future discussion.

New Business

The Council discussed the Frontier Lounge. The Council instructed the clerk send out a letter through the mail outlining what would need to be done to receive the bars liquor licenses. This letter was to include a time line for compliance and a bullet list of necessary items that needed to be completed.

The Council discussed offering the residents and local businesses a one- month worth of water and sewer bill credit or a percentage credit due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The Council tabled this topic for future discussion.

The Council discussed repair the basketball hoops and nets at Gerbig park. This will be discussed a July meeting after some figures are put into place.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to approve a bank transfer from savings to checking in the amount of \$100,000.00 Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays Carried.

Public Works Report:

Wayne made mention that Fox Electric will be installing the pole and light at the South side of Playground equipment yet this month.

Wayne stated that next Monday at 8:00am Simply Surfacing will start the crack filling and sealing. The scope of work is weather permitting and scheduled to be completed the end of June. They will be starting on the roads that are scheduled to be chip sealed first and then will be completing the work as scheduled in town. Mayor Foster asked for at least a day notice so that no parking signs could be posted to allow residents to move their vehicles off of the roadways.

Wayne reported to the Council that Maguire Iron is planning on starting the Water Tower project mid - June there was a setback due to an injured crew member that unexpectedly has pushed the schedule out a week further.

Wayne passed out bids from Cummings Concrete for the Concrete work that needs to be done at both the City Shop and the Piers for the Water Tower. The Council tabled this for future discussion and asked for a few more bids.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud stated that its been busier lately with many of the restrictions lifted. Many people have been out doing yard clean up and town is looking better than it ever has. Council Member Schuette commented that the blue house on Grove St. has been unkept and that no one is mowing it. Officer Smerud noted that a letter was sent out last year about the house being in disrepair and unkept state and he stated that he will contact the owner (Gene Sparks). He stated that he is still out speaking to several residents about ordinance violations. Officer Smerud stated that he is going to order some badge stickers as the kids in town have been asking him for those as he's out patrolling.

Library:

Deb was absent. Jenelle Parks spoke briefly on behalf of Deb and the Library. Deb is continuing to weed materials from the shelves that hasn't been checked out in 5 or more years. That's why you've seen many racks of materials outside to look through. Which is sad but makes it easier to pull other materials out. She stated that Deb is working hard on getting the Summer Reading Program materials ready. She stated that it will be slightly different set up this year, sending out more take home packets.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:18pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer