

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 May 4th, 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, City Clerk: Adria Vargas, Assistant Librarian: Shelley Vogel (Absent), Police Chief: Jon Smerud, City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance: Pastor Ken Petzold, Loren Swanson

April 13th, 2020 meeting minutes stood approved as written.

Public Comment:

Loren Swanson: Nothing to comment at this time.

Pastor Ken Petzold: Long time no see. Nice to see everyone.

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

Council Member Schuette made a motion to approve the policies after the addition of the Taser to the City's Police Department ending employment Policy. An addition to Personnel Policy was also tendered to section 19 to include, any employee may ask for up to (5) days unpaid or (DOCK) within any calendar year. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 accepting a monetary park donation in the amount of \$15.00 dollars from Rena Perrigo in memory of Marleen Swan. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-14 entering into a Joint Powers agreement with the State of MN. BCA for \$50.00 dollars monthly access charge. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.

Council Member Smith stated that two minor children ages roughly 8 and 10 have been riding full sized ATV's and he is concerned for their safety. The Mayor stated that they can ride on their personal property and if seen riding in the street that Officer Smerud can be called.

Public Works Report:

Wayne made mention that the City Streets are scheduled to be swept at any time in the next upcoming weeks.

Wayne and the Council discussed weed abatement. The Council decided to have Morem spray the pond area, the City shop area and lift station and brush dump at this time.

Wayne also commented that Custom Alarm is coming to give an estimate for cameras at the pavilion and City offices on Thursday.

Wayne and the Council discussed several different options for street repairs which include repairs done by Black Stone, Crack filling from Simply Surfacing or Gopher State Seal coating and chip sealing by Pearson Brothers. These bids are on file and maybe viewed at any time by request at the City Clerk's office.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept bid proposal from Blackstone to make necessary road repairs around town prior to crack sealing and chip sealing, option one and two in the amount of \$4,192.00 Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept bid proposal for Pearson Brothers, to chip seal Akkerman Addition, Cedar, West Street, Shania, Melissa St. from Shania to Cedar Street, Grove Street from West St to the transition East of Johnson Street intersection., for \$42,982.80 Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to accept bid proposal from Simply Surfacing to crack seal the entire town not to exceed \$23,000.00 Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud discussed the purchase of a new vest and carrier plate from the state bid process the cost is \$1096.00. He stated that the City would be reimbursed for half of the cost of those items. Jon also mentioned that the bike rodeo that was scheduled for June is now cancelled.

Jon asked the Council about living in commercial property and also living in a camper on commercial property. Jon will talk to the Clerk at a later time about ordinances involving this subject.

Library:

Deb stated that the library is doing great. She stated that she attended a virtual SELCO meeting late last week. She stated that a SELCO representative stated that she and the Brownsdale's Library should be an example for what a library can do for its community and other libraries should follow her example. She stated that she is working to put policies and a plan in place. This will be done by next Wednesday so there is a guide to follow as what to do when the Governor and CDC dial events and activities forward or if things would be dialed back so there is a model to follow. Deb also stated that Her and Council Member Smith replanted the Hosta's at the park, that he been moved last year for the construction of the pavilion. The Council thanked the Smiths for the work of replanting the Hosta's.

Deb and the Council also discussed how to proceed further with the reservation agreement for the park pavilion and what rules to set. The subject of alcohol use came up. Due to a difference of opinions the Council asked the Clerk to contact the league of MN Cities for advice

Deb stated that the Famer's Market will be starting Monday June 1st from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the bank lot.

Deb also stated that she had spoken to the Steiner Family, they have asked that a Maple tree be planted in Memory of Kris Steiner. Deb will talk to various members of BABA to get this approved so that it can be purchased and planted soon.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 9:05pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer