

# 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 Special Meeting September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster, Council Members: Rick Smith, Jessica Bakken, Debra Schuette (VIA Vtech ERISSTATION)

City Employees Present: City Clerk: Adria Vargas, Police Chief: Jon Smerud, Public Works: Wayne Baldner, Librarian: Deb Smith

Public in attendance: Jan Ball

### **Public Comment:**

None made.

The Council discussed allocation of COVID19 relief fund monies.

Council Members and Mayor discussed all bids presented.

The Council discussed two bids to update the HVAC at City Hall to include Library, Community Room, Council Chambers and Police and Public Works offices. Bids are on file in the Clerk's Office for review upon request. The Council decided that the bid included more from Choice Heating than with G&G heating. **Council Member Bakken made a motion to accept the bid from Choice Heating not to exceed \$25,000 Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed Hazard bonuses to for the Election Judges. After discussion, this topic was tabled for a future meeting. Mayor Foster stated that a bonus of some type could be considered in the future.

After a review and short discussion on the bids from Hernandez Vacuum Center Council Member Schuette made a motion to purchase the Titan Vacuum Cleaner with HEPA Filtration and on board attachments in the amount of \$599.00 Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

**Council Member Bakken made a motion to suspend the special meeting at 7:29pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood suspended at 7:29pm to hold the 7:30pm Public Hearing to certify the preliminary 2021 tax levy.**

**After a brief discussion Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-19 setting the City of Brownsdale's Preliminary 2021 Levy Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays Carried.**

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**RESOLUTION 2020-19**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY 2021 TAX LEVY**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Brownsdale, Minnesota, Mower County that the following sums are proposed amounts to be levied for the year 2021, upon the taxable property in said City of Brownsdale.

**GENERAL FUND – \$130,686.00**

**DEBT SERVICE – \$ 62,000**

Bond 2012A- \$30,000

Bond 2016A- \$32,000

**TOTAL – \$192,686.00**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the continuation hearing will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30pm at the monthly City Council meeting.

The Brownsdale City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of the Resolution to the County Auditor of the County of Mower, State of Minnesota.

Passed by the City of Brownsdale this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor (City Seal) City Clerk/Treasurer

**The Council along with the Librarian discussed the needed to have additional spacing between the public computers in the Library. The Council discussed two separate bids one from Fox Electric and the second from Volt. Council Member Schuette made a motion to accept the bid from Volt Electric in the amount of \$1,157.00. Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays Carried. Bids are available to review in the City Clerk's office by request.**

**The Council along with the Librarian discussed the needed to for the Library to have a Printer/copier and fax for library use. Council Member Schuette made a motion to purchase the used Printer/Copier/Fax in the amount of \$3,350.00 as stated in bid from Metro Sales. Council**

**Member Bakken seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays Carried.** Bids are available to review in the City Clerk's office by request.

The City Council also gave authority to the City Clerk and Library to purchase essential daily Sanitation Supplies as need. (Gloves, masks, hand and surface sanitation supplies and sneeze guards as needed.)

The Mayor asked that the discussion on the informal request by the Brownsdale Volunteer Fire Department be tabled until a formal request was made in person by the Chief or a representative. Chief Pike was notified by phone to attend the October 5<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting.

**Council Member Bakken made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:10pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:10pm**

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer