

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

Public in attendance: Jenelle Parks (Mower County Independent), Jan Ball, Don Peterson, Mary Mortiz, Tim Duren, Leslie Tabor, Don Konken, Mariah Simons (Caelie), Melissa Offner

August 10th,2020 meeting minutes approved as written, August 19th, 2020 special meeting minutes approved as written.

Public Comment:

Don Peterson mentioned to the Council that he has poor water pressure and wondered if Wayne was going to flush the hydrants now that the water tower project was completed. Wayne stated that he would come down first thing tomorrow morning and flush the hydrant out.

Write in Candidate Tim Duren spoke to the Council and public about his campaign. He stated that he lives in Red Rock township not more than a mile or two up the road. He stated that he is going to work hard for his constituents and looks forward to working with the smaller cities and all the residents with whatever concerns they may have. He also passed out some business cards making it known that he is available by phone or cellphone for any needs that arise. Public asked if his name was accidentally misspelled on the ballot if it would be counted. Tim assured the public that he had posed that question to Mower County Auditor/Treasurers office and that a few missed letters would count towards a vote in favor, stating that intent for the candidate would be taken into consideration.

Old Business

The Council discussed chickens, along with some input from the Public. Mayor Foster suggested that Council Member Bakken meet with the interested public and put something together and bring it to the Council for the October Council meeting.

The Council was also supplied with Resolution 1976-5 that speaks into great detail about Vista Village and the maintenance of utilities and roads.

New Business

The City Council after some review adopted the COVID19 preparedness plan. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adopt the COVID 19 preparedness plan into action. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

The City Clerk read a thank you note from Natalie Carroll on the work that was done at the pond structures.

Public Works Report:

Wayne made mention that he sprayed the fence line at the ponds and will mowing right up to the fence to give access for needed upcoming spraying applications.

Wayne reported on the concrete work. The work will be started yet this fall.

Wayne also stated that he received bids for a new public works pick up as requested by Council the previous month's meeting, in consideration of Relief monies. Wayne discussed the bids with the Council shortly after the Mayor stated that there would be no justification at this time to spend some of these funds on a truck.

The Council asked Wayne to get two bids for heating and cooling in relation to the COVID 19 Monies for the next special meeting regarding allocating COVID 19 monies.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud was absent his monthly report is available for review in the Clerk's office.

Library: Deb stated the Farmers Market is doing well. She stated that Summer Reading is done for this year. She stated that she has been doing program through the library and broken them into smaller groups to try to keep smaller groups and give people the opportunity to space things out. The new park pavilion has really been an asset right now.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:54pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer