

# City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Debra Schuette, Jessica Bakken, Rick Smith, Raughn Oakland

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## City Council Regular Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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: Debra Schuette, Rick Smith, Jessica Bakken, Raughn Oakland

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: Jenelle Parks (Mower County Independent & BP Library Board), Jan Ball, John Swanson, Loren Swanson, Tim Duren

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved without corrections.**

**Public Comment:** Mayor Foster upon addressing the public and hearing no comments moved on to the next order of business.

**Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

Mayor Foster asked Mr. John Swanson to speak about his plans for the separating of one lot into two. Parcel ID in question is 22.002.0496. Mr. Swanson stated that he had sent some information to the Council, he has had the property surveyed and legal descriptions drawn up, he then asked the Council for permission to separate the parcel into two almost equal sized lots with plans on building two single family homes. Mayor Foster asked the Council for objections, after hearing none granted Mr. Swanson permission to separate the parcel into two lots. Mr. Swanson asked the Mayor what would have to be done to assign addresses to the properties. The Clerk stated that it would need to be passed by Ordinance and published and read twice, giving Mr. Swanson a time frame of the first part of April. Mr. Swanson thanked the Council and stated if anything further needs to be discussed that we had his contact information.

**Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 granting the tobacco license to GAS N' GO of Brownsdale, Council Member Smith seconded the motion, 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

Mayor Foster commented to the Council that yearly policy review, he would like policies to be reviewed before next meeting.

Jan Ball commented that she would like the Council to consider a noise ordinance. Mayor Foster stated that he thinks that we have discussed that before and that one had already been established. Jan stated that she has been to the City office and stated that she hasn't seen one.

**Public Works Report:**

Wayne brought some information for the Council from Pearson Brothers about Fog Sealing the pervious streets that were chip sealed last year. Wayne stated that he used the sewer televising maps to put together some very rough, rough estimates on pricing. They asked Wayne some questions about the process and how much longer of a wear surface they could get from the process.

Wayne also mentioned some ideas and rough guesses on the amount for constructing a new heated and insulated City Garage. A small discussion was had between Wayne and the Council. Mayor Foster stated no decision needs to be made right now. I'm just thinking that we either do the Garage or several other smaller projects throughout the year. We need to remember we will have a \$40,000.00 payment that is due for the Water Tower project this year and next. Mayor Foster stated we also need to think about funds coming, maybe we won't collect all of the property taxes this year maybe there's some households that won't be able to pay this year due to COVID. We just don't know. The tax revenue will come eventually but maybe not this year.

During the discussion on smaller projects for the year Council Member Smith inquired about the road repairs at Vista Village. Mayor Foster stated that they are private property.

**City Police Officer's Report:** available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud said theres been people speeding like crazy lately. He stated that a few drivers have been taken off of the road due to revoked licenses or DUI's and that makes things a little safer. Jon stated that he has ordered the rifle that was approved in a previous meeting. He stated that he also purchased a new side arm that will be here soon. He asked that himself and the Council set up a payment plan to purchase the sidearm He stated that when he would happen to depart from the City employment, he would then pay to transfer the side arm into his name. He stated that can be decided at a later point, but wanted to order the items because the wait time is months and months.

**Library:** Librarian Smith stated that she would be doing a demonstration tonight at the meeting. She stated that she had passed out a handout that details her demonstration instead of giving a Library report. Deb demonstrated the SELCO inter lending library procedure for sending out and receiving materials from other libraries. A copy of the Handout is available in the City Clerks office upon request. The Library also made a formal budget request asking for approval as written.

Mayor Foster upon review of the budget stated that he would like to have more time and would like figures on last years wages and if possible an average of hours worked per pay period from the last three years. Mayor Foster also commented that a possible work session should be scheduled to discuss the Library.

Tim Duren thanked the Council for including him in the last several months of meetings.

**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.**