

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

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

City Clerk/Treasurer – Adria Vargas

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City Council Meeting

November 1st, 2021

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Debra Schuette, Rick Smith, Jessica Bakken(Absent), Raughn Oakland

City Employees: City Clerk: Adria Vargas, Police Chief: Jon Smerud, City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner (Absent)

Public in attendance: Jan Ball, Loren Swanson, Don Peterson, Mary Moritz, Andrew Link, Megan Link, Deb Smith, Larry Arndt

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

October 5th, 2021, regular Meeting Minutes stood approved as written

Public Comment:

Don Peterson brought the council an article about Leroy clean- up days hoping that the city would take interest in doing something similar next year. Don also asked the council if they could remove the old unsightly heating ductwork from the ceiling at the library.

Andrew Link and his wife Megan addressed the council with the desire to build a house here in Brownsdale back on family property down on the end of Fremont Street. They stated that they were in the very beginning stages and had a few questions. They wanted to know the likelihood that Fremont Street would ever be extended. They asked if the parcel could be separated. Andrew mentioned that the Clerk had sent out an email with all of the zoning requirements. Mayor Foster stated that the City's engineer Jones, Haugh and Smith would need to be called and invited to an upcoming meeting as his schedule allows to discuss water and sewer hookup along with the costs involved in that process. Links had mentioned that they had not yet called the assessor's office yet to discuss the project.

Old Business:

Chickens have been tabled.

New Business

The Council had a short discussion about the new police squad vehicle outfitting. Jon brought a quote for all the needed interior items; the quote also contained the expense for the labor. After the review the council decided to wait and act during the Dec. meeting. The Mayor also encouraged Jon to get a quote for the graphics. It was stated that the previous graphics had been done in Grand Meadow at Featherlite. Mayor Foster also stated to make him aware if build dates for the outfitting are more extended out more

than a few months so a special meeting can be called if necessary to order the parts for outfitting the new police vehicle.

Public Works Report: Mayor Foster stated that the bathrooms have been winterized. He also stated that the hydrant at the lift station has been replaced. He asked if the new blade for the snowplow blade had arrived yet. Clerk Vargas stated that she did not believe so, and no bill had been received to date.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. The Council discussed the recent vandalism report in town. Jon reported that it's been resolved, and several sets of parents have been visited with about the activities and that citations will be handed out if it continues. Jon reported to the Council that his to date calls have already surpassed call numbers from last year. He also reported that Halloween went well this year with no concerns.

Library: Library Director Smith submitted a monthly library report for Council's review.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:29pm

Public Hearing was opened at 7:30pm to Assess delinquent water, sewer and lawn care bills in the City of Brownsdale. Clerk Vargas told the Council that no one was in attendance off the list of delinquency. Mayor Foster asked the public if they had any comments. Council asked what the amount of the highest bill was the clerk stated that with all the delinquent and remaining three months included was \$ 4,400 roughly. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-16 Assessing water, sewer and lawn care to taxes. Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:35pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yays, 0 Nays. Carried.