

# 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

October 5<sup>th</sup>,2021

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

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

## **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 regular Meeting Minutes stood approved as written**

### **Public Comment:**

After hearing none moved on to the next order of business.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business**

The Council had a short discussion about the new police squad vehicle. After a brief pause to look at the two bids for a Ford Explorer and Ford F150. **Council Member Bakken made a motion to purchase a new 2022 Ford F150 in the amount of \$40,265.46 from Austin Ford, Council Member Smith seconded the motion 4Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried**

The Council briefly discussed the EAP application for water assistance program the council asked to wait to see if there was a real need for or a request for the program.

The Council along with Diane Nyhus, discussed the need for a painted crosswalk to cross Highway 56 and Pleasant St. safely due to the restaurant traffic that will occur at their business. Diane also asked about marking parking spots. She stated that she wants this to be a good thing for the town and wants to alleviate any potential issues that could arise. The Council stated that they can understand her concerns but due to the timing should wait until Spring and see if any issues arise with crossing Highway 56 or with parking before they can offer a solution.

The Council discussed the recent vandalism at the park restrooms. The council asked Jon if there were any leads, in which, Jon replied not at this time, but is still looking into this matter. Council Member

Bakken stated that security needs to be addressed. Mayor Foster stated that it's nearing the end of the season, Jon mentioned that the bathrooms are closed now, and it should be discussed in the Spring to get some bids for a security system.

**Public Works Report:** Clerk mentioned that Wayne had finished the bleeding of the fire hydrants, Mayor Foster mentioned about the hydrant at the lift station and stated that Mark Husemoller will be making the repair/replacement as time allows.

**City Police Officer's Report:** available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

The Council asked Jon what issues have arisen since the adoption of the Chicken Ordinance. Jon stated that many people have complained about roosters in town and that many people do not have the needed permit. He stated that the language on harboring chickens is very vague and will cause issues with ticketing the noncompliant. The Council recommended that he look into further language and set a Public Hearing to make the needed corrections or additions.

Jon also mentioned that the clean -up at the Rohler Rink has started.

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

#### **Bills were presented and signed**

**Council Member Bakken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:40pm**