

# 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

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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

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

Public in attendance: Jan Ball, Loren Swanson, Deb Smith

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

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, regular Meeting Minutes stood approved

All votes are made by roll call vote.

### **Public Comment:**

All attendees were asked individually if they had anything to address to the council. After hearing none the Mayor moved on to new business.

**Old Business:** Wayne updated the Council on the temporary repair to the corner of California St and County Rd. 2(Main Street W.) Husemoller dug up the washed-out area to find a break in the storm sewer tile. The tile was repaired temporarily this break is what caused the initial washout. The area was then packed and filled with gravel.

**New Business:** The City Council discussed health insurance discussion tabled.

Council Member Bakken Made a motion to purchase 2 bikes and 2 helmets for National Night Out, in the amount of \$345.93. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

The council discussed renting fans for National Night Out because of the dangerously high temps. Due to short notice felt that nothing could be done with the timeframe.

Mayor Foster read a letter from the Library Board, it stated that Char Gillette is stepping down from the Library Board no later than Nov.,2022. Applications can be picked up at the library or the City Clerk's office, and should be returned to the City Clerk's office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in order to review and discuss candidates with the library board. City Clerk and Librarian to post opening on City Website, FaceBook Community page and window notice and other City posting areas.

**Public Works Report:** Wayne discussed the bid from Husemoller and Andy's logging to grub the trees out of the right of way at 303 Cedar St. Mayor Foster also stated that he spoke to Tim Meier, and that Tim wants the trees running along the edge of his property in the right of way also to be removed because of heavy rains flooding the storm drain. Due to the number of utilities present in the area this project will be delayed possibly another two to three weeks while they temp services and remove them from the area. After the review of pricing Mayor Foster asked for a motion. Council Member Schuette made a motion to accept the bid from Husemoller in the amount of \$9,360.00, Council Member Schuette also included \$1,100.00 bid from Andy's logging to remove all the trees, brush, stumps and grade to curb height, Council Member Smith seconded the motion.5 YEAS, 0 NAYS. Carried.

Wayne and the council reviewed the specs to clarify what is wanted and needed in terms of building a new shop. Mayor foster stated that Wayne should contact both companies to complete bids, as to compare apples to apples.

**City Police Officer's Report:** available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud updated the Council that the truck is currently being built and the city should take possession at the end of the month. He will then take the truck and outfitting materials to CAS for them to start outfitting. Officer Smerud commented that there has been a rash of car break in's in town and as urging folks not to leave belongings and keys inside unlocked vehicles. Officer Smerud stated that whoever is doing this is not likely not local.

**Library:** Available by request from the Library.

**Bills were presented and signed**

**Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried**