

# 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 Meeting

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

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

Public in attendance: Loren Swanson, Joshua and Kelly Meres, Jan Ball, Don Peterson, Tanya Rumsey, Margaret Andree, Don Konken, Libby Barnes

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

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, regular Meeting Minutes stood approved as written

All votes are made by roll call vote.

### **Public Comment:**

All attendees were asked individually if they had anything to address to the council. All attendees stated they were only present to observe.

**Old Business:** The Council discussed the potential upcoming project at the lift station. Specs and details and bid letters and needed permits are all in the works for future discussion.

Kelly Meres approached the Council at the May meeting to whether they would allow removal of the sidewalk that runs west of her property: Council stated that the property owner could remove all sidewalk and reseed but only if it was all entirely removed and reseeded.

### **New Business**

The Council discussed rescheduling the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to Thursday evening July 7<sup>th</sup>. All council members present agreed.

Kelly and Josh Meres approached the Council about a conditional use permit for renting 108 Mill St. from Akkerman's. The Council was read by the clerk permitted uses for the property per the zoning

ordinance. Mayor Foster stated that pending application for a conditional use permit a public hearing would be scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. A letter would need to be sent to all adjacent property owners.

The Council briefly touched the road conditions at Vista Village. Mayor Foster stated that the Council would need to consider many moving parts to the project and that nothing can possibly be done until the bond is paid off next year in order to re bond for this project. The Mayor, commented the “City Council is mindful that we need to try to keep the taxes low and if we bond again right away, we’ll have to add that to our debt service.”

Don Konken asked the Council they there is some sort of plan in place for redoing roads. Mayor Foster replied, we do projects as we can afford to do them and as need basis.

Libby Barnes approached the Council about the condition of the picnic tables at the park pavilion. She stated that she is part of the Farmers Market and while there she had a craft set up for the kids and was embarrassed with the condition of the tables. She asked what could be done. The Council spoke briefly, **Council Member Smith made a motion to purchase two matching tables to what has already been purchased. Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

Margaret Andree asked the Councils permission to block the road during an event on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-noon. She stated that they would like to bring giant pumpkins to town and do an educational piece about the pumpkins. The Council granted her request to block California off the length of road just behind the bank and the block of Grove St. along the edge of the park.

#### **Public Hearing:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Bakken to suspend the regular council meeting at 7:30pm to hold a Public Hearing on adopting Ordinance 2022-01, Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried**

The Hearing was open, Mayor Foster commented that this ordinance is a requirement for the City Wellhead Protection program and is requirement for compliance. After hearing no objections from the Council or the public. Clerk Vargas read the ordinance for the first reading. Second reading will take place at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-01, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Bakken to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:34pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.** The regular meeting was reopened at 7:35pm.

#### **Public Works Report:**

Wayne talked with the Council briefly about meeting with Justin from Walters Builders about the measurements and adequate placement of the potential building. Wayne stated that he also has the contact information from the builder that was used in Dexter. A meeting with Cummings Concrete to discuss the project is also in the works.

Wayne stated that the signs on the end of Grove Street by Mrs. Lambs property are badly damaged and asked the Council if they would like them replaced or removed. The Council instructed Wayne to replace all worn signs.

Wayne told the council that the dump truck auction is scheduled for June. 7<sup>th</sup> and we should know more soon.

Wayne and the Council discussed spraying for weeds at the park and in city locations. After a brief discussion it was decided that the locations of the pond and brush dump be sprayed for noxious weeds and the park, shed and left station be sprayed for broadleaf just as what's been done in previous years.

Wayne mentioned that Maguire Iron will be here on Thursday to do the contracted inspection with the submersible, we should know by the next meeting how the inside restoration is holding up.

Wayne and the Council spoke about getting the road patches done. Wayne is to call Blackstone to get a quote. If anyone sees any other spots let Wayne know soon so that they can be added to the list.

Wayne and the Council discussed tree trimming. Wayne announced that the Blvd. tree was removed on the corner of Mill and Grove right across from Crabtree's. Wayne mentioned that there is a badly damaged tree on the Blvd. by Oaklands shop. Corner of Mill and Pleasant that should be removed very soon. Mayor Foster asked Wayne if anything else needs to be trimmed around town, in terms of overhang that causes issues with plowing. Wayne said that right now no.

Wayne mentioned that the curb box was replaced at Jimmy Days property.

Mayor Foster mentioned on a side note that while Husemoller is in town to have him clear brush on the Blvd/ROW and to grade minimally the hump along the curb, on Cedar Street 101-103, as Odean Haarsted has purchased those lots to build to a new home.

**City Police Officer's Report:** available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud commented that he has an update for the new squad truck there is a build date as of first week of July, delivery of mid-August keys in hand. He stated that when the truck arrives, he will arrange for all the installation.

**Library:** NONE

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

**Council Member Bakken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4 Yeas (Foster, Bakken, Smith, Schuette) 0 Nays. Carried**

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