

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

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

City Clerk/Treasurer – Adria Vargas

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City Council Meeting

April 3rd, 2023

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

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

Public in attendance: Jan Ball, Loren Swanson, Mary Moritz

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

March 6th regular Meeting Minutes stood approved.

All votes are made by roll call vote.

Public Comment After hearing none the Mayor moved on to new business.

New Business:

The Council decided to table the decision on renewing the contract for Maguire Iron for the cleaning and inspection of the water tower due to inconsistency in the dates provided that would bring the inspections out of schedule. Public works is to call Maguire Iron and request a new contract with the correct dates and bring it for review at the May meeting.

The Council discussed weed abatement was decided that Morem/ Agri Lawn Spray 1x per location as quoted but excluding the shop area due to the upcoming construction.

Mayor Foster updated the Council about the signs, he stated that Weis Landscaping has not returned his request for a quote for signage at the North and South entrances to town. Mayor Foster asked that the Clerk follow up on signage for upcoming meeting.

Mayor Foster stated that Jim Risius (Brownsdale Development Corp) approached him wanting to help with funding for the city sign project.

The Council discussed the trees down from the last storm that came through town. Wayne stated that he has Conradt's Tree Service coming to remove a few trees on Wednesday. Wayne also stated that within the next few weeks, Freeborn Mower will be coming through town to trim Blvd. trees that are close to the electrical lines. Chief Smerud stated that he put caution tape around the tree in the park in attempts to ensure that everyone stays safe.

The Council discussed the contract renewal for Natalie Carroll to provide water and wastewater services for the City of Brownsdale. **Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the three-year Contract**

in the amount of \$ 3,600 paid bi-annually in arrears for water contract and \$3600 bi-annually in arrears for the wastewater contract. Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 3Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

The Council discussed the lift station project and funding of the annual payment, **Council Member Smith made a motion to pay the annual payment from the enterprise fund. Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 3Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

The discussion about adopting the Juneteenth Holiday was tabled to allow time to see what other cities are doing in respect to the federal and state signed declarations. Mayor Foster also asked the Clerk to inquire about what Mower County Courthouse is doing.

The Council had a brief discussion on related topics of cellphone towers in our area.

Old Business: None

Public Works Report: Wayne had nothing extra to report.

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

Officer Smerud stated that his squad computer that was purchased several years ago, refurbished is not working properly. He stated that he reached out to Dell for a quote, a newly built computer runs \$2481.00, and a new docking station would also need to be purchased. He stated that he is ordering that from EATI due to having a credit balance that would almost cover the full cost of the docking station.

Council Member Smith made a motion to purchase the Dell squad laptop for \$2481.00 Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 3Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Bills were presented and signed.

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm, Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.