

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

May 1st, 2023

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

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

Public in attendance: Jan Ball, Loren Swanson, Tanya Rumsey, Don Peterson (Mower County Independent)

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

April 3rd, 2023, regular Meeting Minutes stood approved as written.

All votes are made by roll call vote.

Public Comment:

Don Peterson wanted clarification on the amount of the public works shop/office project. The price quoted to him was \$395,292 with the possibility of an increase in price due to unforeseen added needs, like increased groundwork or any proposed changes.

New Business:

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 patching of the streets after the repairs at the intersection of Fremont and Pleasant and at the Firehall, to be done as the shop project is being completed to save on mobilization costs.

Mayor Foster stated that the City will be getting a bill for the application of curb on 301 Cedar Street after the construction of the driveway has been completed.

Wayne stated that he had Patterson Plumbing at the wellhouse this morning for a leak, and that all the necessary repairs had been made.

The City Council discussed a request from IBI data to plant a tree and affix a plaque in memory of Marilyn Wanous. The Council agreed to allow a tree to be planted south of the playground swings to increase shade in the area, but no plaque due to potential vandalism or other concerns, the clerk will phone Mrs. Harte and let her know the decision taken, she should then contact Wayne about further details.

The Council discussed Haying of the pond area by Josh and Chelsea Faulhaber, as Al Paape had spoken recently to the Mayor about not continuing the work.

The council reviewed the contract as written and made a few minor changes, the price has been changed from \$250.00 to \$150.00 and to add that the gate must be secured and locked in agreement with State regulations.

The Council, Police and Public works discussed recent vandalism at the pavilion bathrooms and the plexi-glass in the sign box inside the pavilion.

During the Council meeting, a Council Member explained to the remaining Council that he witnessed the probable damage taking place at the park by a group of kids.

The Council discussed several residences that need to be cleaned up, Chief Smerud stated that he had visited the residences in question and is allowing time for cleanup as the weather is getting nicer. Tabled.

The Council discussed a structural concern brought forward by a concerned citizen that relates to City property and Gas N Go. Citing liability and safety reasons, Mayor Foster stated that he had spoken to Tessa and has allowed them some time to investigate repairs that need to be done.

Tanya Rumsey came in front of the Council requesting the liquor license for the frontier Lounge. Mayor Foster stated after taxes and things are caught up to meet with the clerk to finalize all the necessary steps.

Old Business:

Wayne stated that he has spoken to Damel about the weed abatement and that the City has been put on this year's schedule for services.

A new Council decided to table the decision on renewing the contract for Maguire Iron for the cleaning as a new contract has not been received by the City. Wayne said we have a year until the next cleaning needs to be completed and he will continue to check in with them periodically to make sure this is done.

The discussion about adopting the Juneteenth Holiday was tabled until June to allow extra time to see what other cities are doing in respect to the federal and state signed declarations. The Council and Mayor briefly discussed if they want to add this as a floating holiday.

The council discussed the signs, two bid proposals were obtained since last meeting when Mayor Foster asked the Clerk to inquire about signage. Mayor Foster stated that he has someone coming to discuss installation on Tuesday. This matter was tabled for further discussion at the June meeting.

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 the squad computer has been delivered and the docking station has arrived, he will be taking to CAS for installation as schedules allow.

Bills were presented and signed.

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

