

# 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

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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

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

Public in attendance: Jan Ball, Mary Mortiz, 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.

September 5<sup>th</sup> minutes stood approved as written.

All votes are by roll call vote.

### **Public Comment:**

Mary Mortiz stated that while walking around town, it's been very nice to see sidewalk repairs being made around town. Mayor Foster commented that the homeowners have been making the repairs.

### **New Business:**

Council Member Schuette stated that there are some concerns about the angled parking alongside Pleasant St. and asked if some white lines could be painted. There are new people coming to town to eat at the Café and have parked incorrectly along that stretch of road. Mayor Foster stated that it could possibly be done in the Spring of 2024.

Clerk Vargas made the second reading of ordinance 2023-01 assigning addresses to the Akkerman Addition bare lots.

Mayor Foster set the Public Hearing for 11/06/2023 at 7:15pm for the assessment of past due water, sewer, and lawn care bills in the City of Brownsdale.

The Council discussed employee raises, Mayor Foster stated that we are going to discuss them in October instead of January to allow time for the Library to adjust their budget and make their decisions. Council Member Schuette stated that the Clinic used to do 3% but they also have insurance benefits, and we don't. After some review of what's been done in previous years. Council Member Smith stated that he doesn't want to go too high, we just gave them an extra holiday. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to approve an increase of .75 cents per hour for all employees excluding the library, as their board will discuss their raises. Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 4Yays, 0Nays. Carried.**

### **Old Business:**

The council discussed updates at the Lift Station, Mayor Foster stated the project is completed. Mayor Foster stated that Husemoller will be in town completing the sewer basin rerouting and repair, also completing a few other projects in town. Mayor Foster stated that Wayne has also contacted Mower County to come and do the road repairs for some of the excavating projects done in town. Mayor Foster also stated that the shop is moving forward as well and will be completed as schedules allow.

After a very brief discussion **Council Member Schuette made a motion to accept the bid from Walters Builders for the mini split for the new public works/ police office for a price of \$4,561.00 Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

After a very brief discussion about the cellphone moratorium council has not moved to review amendments for or set a hearing on the cellphone tower moratorium, it is set to expire on 11/08/2023.

### **Public Works Report:**

Given by Mayor Foster and Clerk during the regular portion of the meeting in Wayne's absence.

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

Officer Smerud stated that the dangerous dog issues have been resolved for now. Officer Smerud stated that the police department will have its post board Audit on 10/11/2023 all is going very well and anticipates no issues, he stated that this must be completed every 5 years.

**Bills were presented and signed.**

**Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**