

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

February 5th, 2024

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Debra Schuette (Absent), 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, Brian Johnson (Jones, Haugh and Smith) Matt Sveen

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

January 3rd minutes stood approved as written.

All votes are by roll call vote.

Public Comment:

Mayor Foster, hearing none moved on to new business.

New Business:

The Council and City Engineer discussed the potential road project at Vista Village Mobile Home Park. The water and sewer infrastructure under the roadway were discussed, Matt Sveen stated that he had Gopher Septic through to televise but didn't have the results yet to offer to the Council and the City Engineer. Mayor Foster asked the Engineer if there would be a possibility to only blacktop and do a drive over curb on the west side of Cedar Street and eliminate the T intersection that turns to the west. Brain stated that is possible. Mayor Foster asked for the Council's thoughts on the matter, after hearing no Council objections the plan was changed in that regard. Matt Sveen discussed the possibility of adding some storage units 5 years down the line or so and adding an alley way of some kind at the time but didn't feel that change would interrupt that plan for the park. He also stated that if the homes stayed in their current locations a playground structure would also be around that area. There was also discussion about Fire Hydrants in the park area. Matt Sveen also commented on Grant funding that he may potentially be writing to help fund other projects in the park, the State looks favorably on collaboration and working together. Brian Johnson discussed the results of the feasibility study in terms of cost associated with the project and the next steps if the council decided to move forward. Mayor Foster asked the Clerk to contact Northland Securities for financing options and invite them to the next meeting.

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07 receiving report and calling a public hearing. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

A public hearing was called to be scheduled for Monday March 11th, 2024, at 7:00pm.

The Council discussed Resolution 2024-04 **Council Member Klingfus made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-4 appointing Election Judges Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed Resolution 2024-05 **Council Member Klingfus made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 Designation of annual polling place. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed resolution 2024-06 Combining the polling place with RedRock Township. Council Member Klingfus made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

The Council discussed the Emerald Ash Borer affected trees throughout town and designated \$10,000 towards tree removal and tree Maintenance. **Council Member Klingfus made a motion not to exceed \$10,000 toward tree removal and maintenance with Conradt Tree Service towards the beginning of Summer. Council Member Oakland seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed the possibility of writing another Mower County SHIP grant and asked that Chris Weis attend an upcoming meeting to address the Council.

Old Business: None

Public Works Report: Wayne updated the council about the furniture that was procured from USDA office free of charge after an office closure. A Thank you to Former Council Member Becky Wollenburg for thinking of the City in the placement of these items. Wayne also stated that he was able to burn the brush dump now that there was some snow cover.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud purchased a gun safe/ Evidence Locker at Cabela's the Council Member Klingfus made a motion to reimburse Officer Smerud, \$999.99, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried. Officer Smerud stated that he had some heat rated vinyl plank flooring that he would donate and install into the new office area. The council had no issues with this addition and thanked Officer Smerud. Officer Smerud wanted to formally thank Matt Long for the use of his time and machinery to help unload the safe/evidence locker.

Bills were presented and signed.

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

