

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

March 4th, 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, Donald Konken, David Pike, Azalea Heintz, Isaac Gorman, and Greg Larson (Accurant Hill Larson, Feldmann B. Burke Vanags CPA)

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

February minutes stood approved with correction.

All votes are by roll call vote.

Public Comment:

Mayor Foster addressed the public, David Pike wanted to say Hi, on behalf of the Fire Department and wanted to be available for any questions about the new 2025 contract.

New Business:

Greg Larson presented the results overview of the 2023 Audit. He started with a brief page by page description of accounts and funds balances. He stated that a clean opinion was offered after a review of all the materials.

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to accept the 2023 audit report as presented by Feldman, B. Burke Vanags CPA. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

The Council discussed the 2025 Fire Contract. **Council Member Klingfus made a motion to approve the 2025 Fire Contract with the 3 % increase in the amount of \$667.00 total amount of contract totaling, \$22,905.00 Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. 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. The Clerk will contact her to see about her availability to attend an upcoming meeting.

Azaela Heintz asked the Council about the empty lot for sale adjoining her and her husband's property. She asked the Council if they would consider reducing some or all of the costs that had been reassessed in

order to allow the property to be sold. The Council discussed amounts and considerations; this subject has been tabled until the April meeting to allow the Clerk to speak to the Courthouse about proper procedure to adjust the reassessment.

Old Business: The Council discussed the Emerald Ash Borer affected trees throughout town and designated \$10,000 towards tree removal and tree Maintenance. Wayne presented all bids received to the Council, after conversation this subject was tabled for the April meeting.

Public Works Report: Wayne updated the council about the building. Currently the city is waiting for the phone and internet to be installed. Flooring has been installed in the office and the furniture has all been moved in.

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

Bills were presented and signed.

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.