

Minutes of regular monthly meeting of the City Council of the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville HRA including all accounts audited by said Council.

March 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: This regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:05p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Allen Whitesitt, Rick Voshart, Jeff Le Jeune, John Jangula, Chelsey Leis

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Garibaldi, Olena Belka, Joe Van Aelstyn, Owen Gaustad, Sahnje McGonigle, Maureen Meiners, Mary Lou Graf

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2019 WERE PRESENTED AND REVIEWED BY CITY COUNCIL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF LEJEUNE, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE: Owen Gaustad presented Council with a request to complete his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to fix the fence to the north of the ballpark playground, remove brush and move fence up closer to the playground approximately two feet. The goal is to improve the appearance of the ball park and make it easier to maintain. Allen Whitesitt suggested Owen get a plan drawn up and cost of the project for the City Council. Allen gave Owen permission to move forward with the project. Project will start after school is out and should be done by this fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

5<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECT: NO UPDATES

BALL PARK LIGHTS: Allen Whitesitt presented the Ball Park light bid and discussed them with the Council. After some discussion Council agreed to have Rick Voshart check into the type of lights quoted by Brad's Electric to make sure they would be appropriate for lighting the ball field.

Jeff LeJeune also brought up the bleachers at the ball park are also in need of repair. Concessions were also talked about for during the games and who was going to run it? Nothing was decided at this meeting.

The Caledonia Softball Boosters pledged \$2,000, Brownsville's Friday night Co-Ed league, pledged \$2700, Brownsville Lions pledged \$10,000, and the City of Brownsville pledged \$1500 toward ball park light project. There is also a \$700 rebate for the LED lights as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY JOHN JANGULA TO APPROVE THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE CONTRIBUTING \$1,500.00 TOWARDS BALLPARK LIGHTING PROJECT. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

SUMMER REC: Allen Whitesitt wanted the City Council to look over the summer recreation program as suggested the person hired is to run the Rec program and schedule the games in surrounding communities. It would run 1 week from when school gets out through the end of July. The Council was asked to look over and make changes to the program by the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allen Whitesitt presented a goal sheet for the City of Brownsville that he feels needs to be repaired or fixed. The Council will go through the sheet and discuss the projects and make changes by the next Council meeting.

Chelsey Leis suggested on maybe checking into putting sidewalks from Main Street to the ball park, to the new housing addition.

Allen Whitesitt brought up the red chairs in storage how they were taking up storage space. He suggested selling them in lots. Allen will take pictures and try to sell them.

Allen Whitesitt and Casey Holzwarth will measure Mark Kauffman's lot before the City can approve a building permit.

The new City Ordinance book was presented to the Council for review. For the Ordinance book to be adopted and approved a public hearing date has to be posted 2 weeks prior. It was tabled at this time. The proposed ordinances are on the Brownsville website([www.brownsvillemn.org](http://www.brownsvillemn.org)) for public viewing and comment.

Maureen Meiners was appointed by the council to check with the City of Hokah, the City of Caledonia and the La Crescent Animal Shelter to see who they hire for Animal Control.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Houston County Highway Department will remove the snow on the Brownsville Main Street on curb March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No one was present.

CITY CLERK: Mary Lou Graf presented the Council with Cigarette License applications. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS TO APPROVE CIGARETTE LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2019 FOR WILDCAT SALOON AND RIVER STATION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Mary Lou asked for Council approval to send Liquor License Application letters to the following for the year 2019: Saxon Hall, Wildcat Saloon, River Station, Lawrence Lake Marina. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY JOHN JANGULA, TO APPROVE SENDING APPLICATIONS. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

READING OF THE BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY JEFF LEJEUNE TO PAY BILLS AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: AT 8:25P.M. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS AND SECONDED BY JEFF LEJEUNE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Mary Lou Graf, City Clerk

Approved by me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019

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Allen Whitesitt, Mayor

