

City of Brownsville

Minutes of January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 pm with Councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, John Jangula, Rick Voshart and Chelsey Leis present. Also attending were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer, Steve Schuldt, City Clerk and Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard from the Caledonia Argus, Jim Hakes, Frank Dvorak and Ben Novak.

Minutes of the previous meetings held December 8, 2019 were reviewed. Chelsey Leis moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Jim Hakes requested that the Council outline a space for a planned veterans memorial so that the planning committee can design the structures to fit the designated area. Mr. Hakes remarked that the committee has raised approximately \$12,000.00 in donations for the project. Council agreed to outline the area as soon as possible.

Council agreed to hold an ordinance meeting on January 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm for public discussion purposes.

Council discussed upcoming maintenance needs in 2020. Seal coating is to be done on a yet to be decided street. Signs are to be ordered for an alley between South 6th Street and South 8th Street to reduce traffic flow. Repairs on 9th Street will be finished in Spring 2020. Sewer maintenance was discussed. Casey Holzwarth, Rick Voshart, Al Whitesitt and Tim Serres will meet Monday, January 13, 2020 to develop a plan for a troublesome lift station. Allen Whitesitt presented council with an estimate from Randy Munson to flush a section of sewer line. The estimate is \$.91 per foot of line or approximately \$2,000.00. Rick Voshart moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to hire Randy Munson for the estimated price of \$.91 per foot. Casey Holzwarth explained that the City does not have a backup sewer pump on hand in the event of a failure which could conceivably shut down the waste water treatment plant. Chelsey Leis moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to purchase another pump as a backup with an estimated cost of \$5,000.00.

Council discussed the need for a new roof at the fire station as well as the need for additional space to accommodate larger equipment. Council discussed the possibility of a new building. Council by consensus decided to table the subject until a later date.

Council discussed maintenance at Bluff View Manor. A resident had requested that doors be unlocked for access to the lobby area. Council agreed by consensus that doors are locked for security purposes and that having them unlocked could be an invitation for trouble. Council suggested getting a price for an additional coin operated washing machine for the Manor and to consider refurbishing apartments when they become unoccupied. Council requested Casey Holzwarth obtain estimates from local contractors for a new cement sidewalk at Bluff View Manor and to replace a deteriorating section of walkway at the community center.

Council discussed purchasing a floor maintenance machine for the community center at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00. Rick Voshart moved, second by Chelsey Leis and the motion passed authorizing John Holzwarth to purchase a suitable machine.

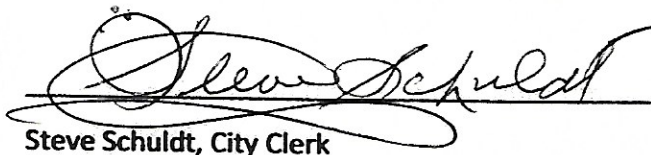
Council discussed maintenance needs for the Case-IH tractor. The tractor is currently at the Groeschner repair shop for needed maintenance. The tractor will also need rear tires and possibly rims. Council agreed by consensus that necessary repair and maintenance be performed.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that Cheryl Whitesitt will attend the February 5th meeting with plans for the upcoming Summer Rec. program.

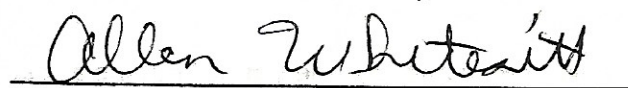
Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to designate Merchants Bank and the League of Minnesota Cities 4-M Fund as official depositories for the City of Brownsville.

Council reviewed and discussed claims payable. Jeff LeJeune moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, John Jangula moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to adjourn at 9:23 pm.



Steve Schuldt, City Clerk



Allen Whitesitt, Mayor