

City of Brownsville
Minutes of February 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 pm with Council members Jeff LeJeune, John Jangula, Rick Voshart and Chelsey Leis present. Also attending were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer and Steve Schuldt, City Clerk. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard from the Caledonia Argus. Dave Guckelberger, Ben Novak and Val Green representing the fire department and Owen Gaustad representing the Houston Boy Scouts.

Minutes of the previous meeting held January 8, 2020 were reviewed. Chelsey Leis moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to approve the minutes. Minutes of a special ordinance review meeting held January 22, 2020 were reviewed. Jeff LeJeune moved, second by John Jangula the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Owen gave a presentation of the park fencing project completed by he and other members of Boy Scout Troop 53. The project was estimated to cost between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00 but had a final cost of \$864.58. Council agreed by consensus to pay the cost of fencing to the Houston Area Boy Scouts.

Members of the fire department reported that they have not yet received bids for a new roof or a proposed 8' X 14' building extension. Council was also informed that the fire station bathroom is being remodeled into a single unisex unit and that a fire truck is currently under repair.

Mayor Whitesitt presented a summer rec proposal created by Cheryl Whitesitt to the council. John Jangula expressed his concern that there be 2 assistants in addition to the director for the program so there is adequate staff in the event of an absence and the individuals could possibly work in rotation. Council by consensus agreed to hire 2 assistants. The summer rec proposal is to be amended and presented for approval at the March 2020 meeting. Chelsey Leis moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to hire Cheryl Whitesitt as director of the 2020 Summer Rec program.

Council discussed the De Boer Pest Control contract and agreed by consensus to continue the relationship.

Council was informed of an ATV operating on the ball field. No action was taken as there was no apparent damage.

Council discussed nuisance violations in the city and agreed to keep pressuring violators.

Maureen Meiners reported that Steven Lee requested to pay all delinquent sewer usage fees in lieu of a sewer re-connection fee. Council agreed by consensus to accept the request and continue billing for all future user fees.

Chelsey Leis requested that the city budget for street sign replacement.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that a new pump has been ordered as a backup for the sewer system. He also suggested that the city join the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) in order to take advantage of their services. It was noted that MRWA will be performing a camera inspection of a section of sewer line. Council was informed that the cost of a new Speed Queen washer with coin box is \$1,595.00 delivered or \$1,545.00 if picked up from Midwest TV & Appliance. Rick Voshart moved, second by Chelsey Leis and the motion passed to purchase the washer from Midwest TV & Appliance for \$1,595.00 delivered. Council was informed that prices for a concrete walkway at Bluff View Manor have not yet been obtained.

Council was informed of a request to host a Pine Wood derby in the community center. No objections were noted.

Council agreed by consensus to adopt receiving bank statements by email.

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

There being no further business, Chelsey Leis moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor