

City of Brownsville
Minutes of May 5, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brownsville City Council was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 pm. Councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, Tim Klug, Jacob Danielson and John Jangula were present. Also present: Jenna Knight, City Treasurer, Steve Schuldt, City Clerk, Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor, and Brandon Frank, Fire Department Training Officer. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard (Caledonia Argus), Barb Hurley and Pam Walhovd.

Minutes of the April 7, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

Mayor Whitesitt introduced Dan Cook with Davy Engineering to present findings and recommendations for stormwater improvements in the vicinity of 7th Street South and 6th Street South between Clay and Hamilton Streets. Mr. Cook explained that an application and scoring worksheet indicated that this project would score poorly for grant funding. A 0% loan program through MPCA did not appear to be cost effective and the recommendation was to seek alternative financing. The estimated cost for the improved conveyance is \$450,000.00 plus an additional \$56,000.00 for stormwater treatment. Following questions by councilmembers and meeting attendees, Mayor Whitesitt explained that the council will make a decision at a later date following further discussion on the matter.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that there were no applicants to lead the Summer Recreation Program. Brandon Frank suggested a posting on the job board at Western Technical College. Pam Walhovd said to consider hiring a City of Caledonia lifeguard because summer recreation would finish prior to the pool opening. No further action was taken.

A building permit request was presented on behalf of John Reining to replace a 14' X 19' shed. Jacob Danielson moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the building permit.

Casey Holzwarth informed council that the Marina Drive sewer line will be jetted during May by RCT Sewer & Vac of Hokah, MN.

Pam Walhovd questioned if there was a schedule for seal coating streets in Brownsville. Casey Holzwarth explained that a seal coating schedule is in process.

Brandon Frank speaking on behalf of the fire department questioned what the process is to sell a fire truck. Council suggested sealed bids or auction. Mr. Frank explained that the fire department is looking into purchasing a poly tank for the new truck and that Groeschner Fabricating will begin installing lights and equipment on the new truck pending arrival of a new tank. Mr. Frank informed council that Caledonia Ambulance Service currently does EMS training of fire department personnel and requested that the department train and certify their own trainers. The cost to have Caledonia do training is approximately \$600.00 and to become certified as trainers will cost approximately \$200.00. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed authorize department personnel to become certified trainers.

Council discussed landscape work being conducted at County 3 and Cork Hollow in which there is significant erosion taking place. Council was informed that the County Highway Department, Minnesota DNR and Soil & Water Conservation is assisting in getting the matter corrected.

Council was informed that a loan at Merchants Bank is maturing on June 1, 2021 and should be renewed. The loan was originally \$130,000.00 and used to finance the Mississippi Lane sewer project. It has a current balance of \$20,974.00. John Jangula moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to renew the loan.

Council reviewed a request from Caledonia Argus to publish a tribute to local EMS and EMT personnel. Also under consideration was an entry in the upcoming Visitor's Guide. Both requests were approved by consensus of the council.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that he had spoken with a railroad representative regarding a culvert under the tracks for storm water drainage on Marina Drive. The representative requested that a plan be submitted for review and possible approval.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that Casey Holzwarth has given notice of his intention to resign and that ads for his replacement will need to be placed.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that stimulus money may be available to the city but there are few details yet.

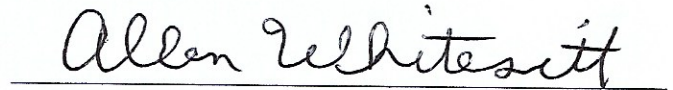
John Jangula informed council that a sign should be placed at the community center entrance stating "No Guns Permitted".

Council reviewed claims payable. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, Allen Whitesitt moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

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Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Allen Whitesitt".

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor