

City of Brownsville
Minutes of June 2, 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, and Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor. Guests in attendance were Dan Cook from Davy Engineering, Jordan Gerard (Caledonia Argus), Pam Walhovd, Jim Hakes, Shawn Virock, and Tim Serres.

Minutes of the May 5, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

Mayor Whitesitt recognized Jim Hakes for discussion regarding a washout on 2nd Street near his home and concerns regarding invasive locust trees which he feels should be removed.

Mayor Whitesitt reported that Summer Recreation will go forward with Cheryl Whitesitt as the lead. It was noted that 8 kids are signed up for the program. Cost for participation will be \$30.00 and includes a T-Shirt.

Mayor Whitesitt introduced Dan Cook with Davy Engineering to review billing for his initial work to develop a storm water plan and prepare grant applications to help fund the project. The cost was estimated to be \$4,000.00 but final billing was \$5,061.76. Mr. Cook explained that additional funding opportunities were explored requiring more data and additional discussions with MPCA in how to maximize the project score to qualify. There was also more time spent investigating soil types and evaluating rainfall. There was additional discussion regarding drainage within the city, whether curb and gutter with storm sewer has been considered and issues with residents filling existing drainage areas causing runoff problems. Council requested that a letter be sent to city residents to address landscaping which influences storm water flow.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that 3 individuals have applied for the city maintenance position. Tim Klug, Jacob Danielson, Casey Holzwarth and Steve Schuldt will conduct interviews.

Casey Holzwarth reported that Harbor Lights sewer line has been jetted and videoed. Some tree roots were removed but generally the line is in good condition.

Council requested that Mr. Holzwarth contact Kurt Cavanaugh to repair the street near Doug Gaustad's property.

Tim Serres suggested an alternative plan for storm water runoff which is adversely affecting his property. He estimated the cost to be \$8,170.00 and would drain storm water from the vicinity of 7th Street South, 6th Street South and Clay Street. Council requested a site visit prior to a decision on the proposal.

Casey Holzwarth informed council that he would remain available to assist with training the next sewer supervisor.

Tim Serres informed council that he will remain available as a back-up sewer supervisor as in the past.

Brandon Frank reported via email that work on the new fire truck has begun.

Jenna Knight presented a newly revised Community Center Agreement to council for approval. Minor changes were suggested and council by consensus okayed the new agreement.

Steve Schuldt, reported that a proposal from MCS Networks to update computer hardware and install a firewall in addition to networking within the office. At this time the proposal doesn't fulfill the requirements requested and will be presented at a future meeting.

Steve Schuldt reported that an offer has been received by the city to acquire the post office, however an amount had not been presented. Council by consensus agreed to ignore the proposal.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that land has been offered by Eileen Mullen to be used for construction of another senior living complex. Cost for the property was not disclosed. No action was taken.

Steve Schuldt informed council that a pledge had been made last year by the council to apply additional material around the playground area sometime this spring. A quote from Earl F. Anderson Company (EAF) for the material was about \$1,700.00 plus an additional \$1,126.00 for trucking. A truck load would be approximately 90 cubic yards and trucking would be \$1,126.00 regardless of the amount being hauled. No action was taken at this time.

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

There being no further business, Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

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Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Allen Whitesitt", written over a horizontal line.

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor