

City of Brownsville  
Minutes of November 3, 2021 Regular Monthly Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brownsville City Council was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Jeff LeJeune, Tim Klug, Jacob Danielson and John Jangula. Also present: Steve Schuldt, City Clerk, Jenna Knight, City Treasurer and Sam Boma, City Maintenance. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard (Caledonia Argus), Jim and Julie Thompson-Hakes, Brandon Frank, Fire Dept., Ben Novak, Fire Dept., Jamie and Tara Thompson and Frank Dvorak.

Minutes of the October 6, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

In floor correspondence, Jim and Julie Thompson-Hakes requested that the gravel portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street be maintained as a street rather than a secondary roadway. Mr. Hakes iterated that the sewer line runs beneath the roadway and there is occasional traffic from delivery vehicles as well as his own use. Additionally, Mr. Hakes requested that locust trees in front of his house be trimmed to improve his view of the river. Council took no action on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street request until further review. Council agreed to trim the locust trees.

In Old Business, Council took no action regarding the US Post Office contract. Council discussed the upcoming surplus equipment auction on November 13. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve an advertising budget of \$300.00 for Caledonia Argus, Fillmore County Journal and Houston County News.

Jamie Thompson representing Brooks Tree Service requested an opportunity to assume responsibility for the city brush site. He would use the site for processing waste that he produces and manage residential brush. Jacob Danielson moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to allow a 30 day trial period.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council that CP Rail has agreed to look at culvert placement along Marina Drive. Council agreed by consensus to contact Tim Serres and have him excavate the area to locate the existing culvert.

Brandon Frank reported on the EMS & Fire Training Academy. He expressed that the academy saves money and time for training individuals in the department.

Council was provided a revised 2022 budget for review. No action was taken at this time.

Council reviewed a proposal submitted by Paul Theobald for a new furnace at the fire station. Jacob Danielson moved second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the proposal of \$3447.74 minus \$142.29 sales tax.

Council considered an application by Katie McCabe for a position on the fire department. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve Katie McCabe as a member of the fire department.

Council reviewed a list of unpaid sewer charges for certification to real estate taxes. Jacob Danielson moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to certify the list as presented.

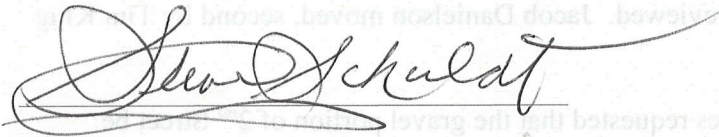
Council was informed of a request by a Houston County social worker to hold supervised visitations at the community center. No action was taken until additional information is obtained.

Council was provided a report from Driftless Region Vector Control, LLC which indicated that there are 3 tires on property located at 107 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the city. A letter is to be sent to the resident.

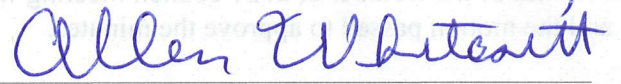
Council was informed that Saxon Hall 2.0 bar and restaurant's liquor license is up for renewal. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to renew the license.

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

There being no further business, Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:35 pm.



Steve Schuldt, City Clerk



Allen Whitesitt, Mayor