

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the City Council of the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville HRA including all accounts audited by said Council.

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: This regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Timothy P. Serres at 7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Dave Brickman, Rick Voshart, Tim Serres, Chris Dvorak

ABSENT: Joe Serres

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Novak, Gary Meiners, Aaron & Paula Augedahl, Ron Cordes, Mike Moriarty, Maureen Meiners

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2016 MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE: Paula & Aaron Augedahl asked Council for an update on the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Street sewer extension project. To date ten residents have replied that they are in favor of said project. City Clerk Mike Moriarty is waiting for a return call from the engineering company to further discuss said project. After some discussion A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN TO PROCEED WITH 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: Letters have been sent to 2 residents concerning the disrepair of their residences, stating they have 60 days to present a plan for repairs to the council.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: RON CORDES reported the following:

- electrical work is being done at the sewer plant
- he has a pump being rebuilt
- he is retiring on April 1, 2016
- he will be checking into a different company for meter calibration at the sewer plant

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY CHRIS DVORAK, TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION OF RON CORDES AS CITY MAINTENANCE/SEWER OPERATOR AS OF APRIL 1, 2016. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN TO OFFER THE POSITION OF CITY MAINTENANCE/SEWER OPERATOR TO CASEY HOLZWARTH. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: GARY MEINERS reported the following:

- He has retired as fire chief as of January 2016

-Ben Novak is the new fire chief and was introduced to the council

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK AND SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF BEN NOVAK AS CHIEF OF THE BROWNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, DAVE GUCKELBERGER AND KIEL SERRES AS ASSISTANT CHIEFS BEGINNING JANUARY 2016. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

CITY CLERK: MIKE MORIARTY reported the following:

-several residents in Harbor Lights have concerns about the lack of progress on the construction of the Swinghamer house

Council decided to table until spring.

-updated council on the refinancing of bonds, the savings would be approximately \$55,000.00

After some discussion council agreed to go ahead with refinancing.

BILLS: AT THIS TIME COUNCIL REVIEWED THE LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 8:02 P.M. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY CHRIS DVORAK, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL AUDITED THE CITY BOOKS.

These respectfully submitted by:

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Michael J. Moriarty, City Clerk

Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2016:

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Timothy P. Serres, Mayor