

City of Brownsville  
Minutes of July 6, 2022 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 and Jacob Danielson. Also present: Steve Schuldt, City Clerk, Jenna Knight, City Treasurer and Sam Boma, City Maintenance. Guests in attendance were Craig Moorhead (Caledonia Argus), Frank Dvorak, Pam Walhovd, Nicole Carlon, David Hey, Carl Denstad, Carlie Von Arx, Jim Hakes, Julie Thompson-Hakes and Barb Hurley.

Minutes of the June 1, 2022 council meeting was reviewed. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

In Floor Correspondence: Mayor Whitesitt requested if anyone in attendance had an interest in being appointed councilmember to serve the remaining term of John Jangula which will expire December 31, 2022. Nicole Carlon requested consideration for the appointment. Mayor Whitesitt asked if there were any other interested parties for the position. Hearing none, Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to appoint Nicole Carlon to the position of councilmember, serving the remaining term of John Jangula. Ms. Carlon was sworn in by City Clerk Steve Schuldt and immediately took a position at the council table.

Jerry Walhovd, who was on the agenda, wasn't in attendance to voice his request to alter two lots on his property.

Jim Hakes questioned a paving project being constructed in front of his neighbor's property. Will the city be responsible for repairs needed to the pavement due to use by heavy trucks. He complained of rocks from rip rap on the north side of the property sliding on to the roadway. He suggested that the rip rap is on city right-of-way and placement should not have been approved. Julie Thompson-Hakes stated that she called Richard's Sanitation and was told that the garbage truck would not travel through 2<sup>nd</sup> Street due to tree limb obstructions which will require them to place garbage and recycling totes near Highway 26. Tim Klug suggested locating the right of way boundaries and have the city remove any encroachments within. No action was taken.

Barb Hurley questioned where the Acentek fiber optic petition was at this time. A definitive answer was not given.

David Hey questioned whether a city alley easement had been vacated on his property which is to be entered into a Conservation Easement. Steve Schuldt replied that a legal description of the property is needed to prepare a resolution vacating the alley. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve the resolution.

Mayor Whitesitt informed council of plans to alleviate stormwater flooding on Marina Drive. One idea is to install new culverts and allow storm water to back up northerly along the railroad tracks to percolate. Mayor Whitesitt was also informed by Jeremy Kelly of CP Rail that the existing culvert under the rail tracks needs to be unplugged. Kelly also wants a plan submitted for consideration and possible assistance from the railroad. Council was informed that a comment from Minnesota DNR concerning discharging of storm water into the Mississippi is still pending.

Council discussed renovation of Unit #8 at Bluff View Manor while it is still empty. Council suggested that Sam Boma obtain pricing for repairs and improvements.

Sam Boma reported that repairs at 3rd Street and Cork Hollow have been inspected appear satisfactory.

Council considered a proposal by Bobcat of the Coulee Region to trade the current machine for a new unit for \$5,000.00 plus another \$500.00 for tire replacement. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Nicole Carlon and the motion passed to approve the trade.

Council discussed flooring repairs needed at the Post Office building and Bluff View Manor. Estimates for the projects are still pending. No action was taken.

Council was informed of billing from the Caledonia Fire Department for \$1,400.00 as payment for mutual aid at the Dennis Doering fire. It was noted that the Brownsville Fire Department will be billing Mr. Doering for responding to the fire which he in turn can submit to his insurance company.

Council was informed that Driftless Vector Control has canvassed the city and reported 3 properties had treatable issues. Contact was made at 2 of the residences.

Council was informed of a complaint regarding noisy deliveries at Saxon Hall in the very early morning hours. Owner Sy Fix will be contacted to attempt to remedy the matter.

Council discussed speeding issues on Main Street. The Houston County Sheriff's Office is to be contacted about placement of an electronic speed limit sign.

Council considered a building permit request from Carl Denstad and Carlie Von Arx to construct an attached garage and house addition. Council agreed by consensus to table the request until property lines can be established. A building permit request from Rick Denstad was also discussed and tabled until a property line and street location is determined.

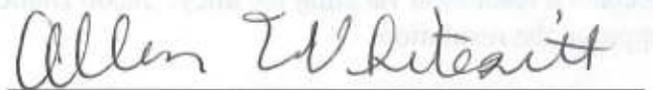
Council reviewed a letter received from attorney Andrew Marnach regarding building permits issued to Andrew Krenzke. Council agreed by consensus to turn the matter over to Attorney Alex Roverud for counsel and not to discuss in open meeting until advised to do so.

Council reviewed claims payable for the month of June. Nicole Carlon moved, second by Jacob Danielson and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, Allen Whitesitt moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:20 pm.



Steve Schuldt, City Clerk



Allen Whitesitt, Mayor