

City of Brownsville

Minutes of December 4, 2019 Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 pm with Councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, John Jangula, Rick Voshart and Chelsey Lies present. Also attending were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer, Steve Schuldt, City Clerk and Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor. Guests in attendance were Jim Hakes and Tim Serres.

Minutes of the previous meetings held November 6, 2019 and November 13, 2019 were reviewed. Chelsey Lies moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Mayor Whitesitt presented council with a lease agreement between the City of Brownsville and Tim Serres. The lease permits Mr. Serres to store motorized equipment on the property for a period of 5 years at \$50.00 per year beginning December 1, 2019. Following discussion, Rick Voshart moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve the lease.

Council considered a request by Andy Traff to be removed from billing for sewer services because the property is vacant and the sewer connection is capped. Council by consensus approved the request. Council discussed a request by Steven Lee to be removed from sewer billing for a mobile home in his park. He's asserted that the mobile home is vacant and that he intends to sell it. Council by consensus agreed that the sewer connection be capped prior to being removed from billing.

Council discussed nuisance violations occurring in the city. Council by consensus agreed that little is being done by violators and that a final notice be sent prior to taking any legal action.

Council discussed when to hold the January 2020 regular council meeting due to the first Wednesday of January falling on a holiday (New Years Day). Council by consensus agreed to hold the meeting on January 8, 2020 (second Wednesday of the month).

Casey Holzwarth reported that the lift station on County 18 has been malfunctioning. The Christmas banners have been installed. A winter supply of sand and salt has been delivered. A sewer line back-up that occurred in early November affecting Larry Johnson at 3135 Marina Drive was caused by Mi Energy while burying underground cable. Mi Energy has agreed to reimburse all expenses incurred by the city. He suggested the city begin a process of flushing sewer lines in the upcoming year.

Casey Holzwarth presented a building permit request by Kim Benson to construct a deck at the Lawrence Lake marina. It was his opinion that the deck met setback requirements and did not pose any other issues. Rick Voshart moved, second by Chelsey Lies and the motion passed to approve the permit application.

City Clerk Steve Schuldt recommended the Council approve and certify the final levy for taxes collected in 2020. Chelsey Lies moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve the levy of \$133,120.00.

Annual polling place designation; Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to designate the Brownsville Community Center as the official polling place for the year 2020.

Council reviewed and discussed claims payable. John Jangula moved, second by Chelsey Lies and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Chelsey Lies and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor