

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

JULY 3rd, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ALLEN WHITESITT, JEFF LEJEUNE, JOHN JANGULA, RICK VOSHART

ABSENT: CHELSEY LEIS

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Blank, Rod Blank, Emma Blank, Brandon Frank, Dave Guggleburg, Casey Holzwarth, Maureen Meiners, Mary Lou Graf

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 5TH, 2019 MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY JEFF LEJEUNE, TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ROD & EMMA BLANK: Rod Blank discussed his plans with the council to build a house on a lot owned by his son. He proceeded to tell the council of his floor plans. Allen had concerns of the water run off from this lot. He and Casey were going to look at the lot and figure out proper drainage. Rod was also informed by the council of the 10ft set back from the alley and sewer hookup fee of \$3600 and the 30ft peak height of the building.
2. Harbor Lights Residents-Road: Allen Whitesitt talked with Ben Harter, Road master of the railroad. Ben and Allen agreed it would be a mutual benefit for all to clean out standing water on the Harbor Lights Road. Drainage uses were discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING – SEWER BUDGET: The council read through the proposed budget. Allen had spoken to RTC Sewer and Vacuum about maintenance plan insurance to upkeep of the sewer system, the sewer lines cost. A suggestion was to split the lines in a 5-year interval so each one was cleaned and inspected in a 5-year time frame. Allen expressed he would like to see some increase to the sewer budget to cover these extra expenses.

RICK VOSHART MADE A MOTION AND JOHN JANGULA SECONDED IT TO RAISE THE SEWER BUDGET \$1.00 PER HOUSEHOLD. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

JEFF LEJEUNE MADE A MOTION AND JOHN JANGULA SECONDED IT TO APPROVE THE 2019 SEWER BUDGET PROPOSAL. ALL IN-FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

RICK VOSHART MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE SEWER BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING JEFF LEJEUNE SECONDED IT

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: A form was brought that needs to be filled out by the council so the Eagle Scouts can move forward on the ballpark cleanup project. Plans are to begin in August and completing it by September. Allen and Casey will meet with the Eagle Scout troop on July 6th at 8:30am at the ballpark to discuss what work will be done at the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW SIGN: The Zion Evangelical church will be putting a new church sign that will be 6ft by 6ft on the north entrance of the church and the bell tower between the windows. It was also asked when the church has their summer bible school if it would rain if they could use the community center for back up. The Council agreed they could use the community center as they cleaned up afterwards. Jeff LeJeune

ACCESS ROAD: Allen reported that there was roughly \$12,000.00 worth of road material that was donated and has been applied to the lower access road from the railroad bridge project. We do need to pay for trucking and grading for it.

BROWNSVILLE "WELCOME" SIGN: Needs to be checked into for a replacement & cost.

WEED NUISANCE: It was brought up the weeds in the yard of Angela Paul where getting out of hand. Mary Lou was asked to send her a letter to address this issue and that she would have 15 days to clean it up.

SAXON HALL PARKING: A complaint was made to the Mayor about the parking on 7th street east side and 8th street by Ron Utkes home and Main street corners. The sheriff's office claims they can park to the end if no yellow line is on the curb. A yellow line on each curb was suggested outside of Saxon Hall be spray painted the length of the car length.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Casey reported that a new sewer pump was installed. There was only 1 running for the past 5 weeks. \$5,000 for a new pump. Casey explained the situation. This pump was covered under insurance with a \$500 deductible. Casey also expressed there is no spare pump when something does go wrong with the pumps and would like to get a spare to have when one does break down. Casey also addressed sewer issues with the trailer park sewer drainage issues. He also reported that the treatment plant building block are also cracking on the pump station and it also is needing a new roof.

Rick Voshart also contacted Tim Serres about filling in on the weekend for Casey so he could get some weekends off. Tim agreed to do it.

FLOOR SCRUBBER: Enclosed is a bid from Bernie's Equipment for a proposal of \$7,000 for a new floor scrubber. This one presented has a steel frame. Most have a plastic frame. It was suggested to try

out different floor scrubbers to find the right one. Mary Lou was asked to check budget to see if we had money to purchase something like this.

STREET PROJECTS: Casey also reported that Curt Cavanaugh will be working on the road project on Fifth Street soon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Brandon Frank brought in a Medical Director Agreement that has been draw up by Gundersen Lutheran for the Brownsville Fire Dept and first responders. The Council was directed to have our lawyer go through it to make sure the city complies with what it needs for liability insurance coverage of 1,000,000.00 per claim and need to have 3,000,000.00 aggregate coverage. Brandon stressed we need this document to continue to have EMS service. Allen asked Mary Lou to get it to our lawyer to go through it before the next meeting. Brandon also updated the council that they have 16 active members. He also talked about trainings the department has been doing.

READING OF THE BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY JEFF LEJEUNE TO PAY BILLS AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTIONED CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 9:10 pm A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN JANGULA AND SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART TO ADJOURN MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Graf, City Clerk

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor
