

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.

JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Allen Whitesitt, Rick Voshart, Jeff LeJeune, Chelsey Leis, John Jangula

OTHERS PRESENT: Barb Hurley, Chris Nelson, Dave Nelson, Casey Holzwarth, Mary Lou Graf

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1, 2019 MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY JEFF LEJEUNE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Dave Nelson was complaining of the streetlight that shines into his home.

He talked to MIenergy about moving the light or putting in a different fixture bulb. Chris Nelson had checked into La Crosse County to see what they had, and they had a different kind of bulb (CREE bulb) all together. MIenergy refused to put the different bulb in because of having to keep more than 1 kind of light bulb on hand. After further discussion Dave agreed to purchase the new bulb if he had to. Mary Lou was appointed to call MIenergy to say it was ok with the city to put the light in and to talk to the Nelson's on it.

OLD BUSSINESS:

Eagle Scout project: Allen contacted the Eagle Scout group didn't get a hold of anyone.

Harbor Lights Drive: Alan was trying to get a hold of the railroad but had no success. Casey addressed the water issue on the road into Harbor Lights suggesting maybe just to get the existing road to drain. Rick Voshart talked about getting 18inch drainpipe from his work and he would haul it to Brownsville. The existing materials from the road construction by Wildcat will be used to fix Hamilton Street.

Street Signs: There is a total of 13 signs that need repair. Maureen left information and cost on the new street signs. Each sign will cost about \$325 a sign. A Motion was made by Chelsey Leis and seconded by John Jangula to fix street signs as budget allowed.

Assistant Maintenance Position: Allen reported there was 7 applicants. They offered the job to John Holzwarth. RICK VOSHART MADE A MOTION AND CHELSEY LEIS SECONDED IT TO HIRE JOHN HOLZWARTH AS A MAINTAINENCE ASSISTANT. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Casey also requested that the council consider Tim Serres for weekend back up help for the sewer plant. Rick Voshart will talk to Tim to work out details.

Summer Rec: Jeff LeJeune said there were 2 applications for lead position and 1 application for assistant. All 3 were interviewed. Cheryl Whitesitt was hired as lead and Ashley Ideker and Olivia Reinhart were hired as assistants. It will be 4 days a week Monday through Thursday from 9am – 12pm. There was a total of 22 children signed up.

CHELSEY LEIS MADE A MOTION AND JOHN JANGULA SECONDED IT TO HIRE CHERYL WHITESITT AS SUMMER REC LEADER AND ASHLY IDEKER AND OLIVIA REINHART AS ASSISTANTS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barb Hurley suggested summer lunch sack program for the kids in summer recreation. She will talk to Cheryl about it.

Barb also talked about the Lions Club possibly setting up book reading stations for the kids around Brownsville. The Lions club would service and take care of them. She was wondering what the City allowed for something like this. Rules and regulations.

Also, unnecessary vehicles and trailers parked at the ballpark were addressed. Discussion of putting signs up for no parking, no overnight parking etc. no decision was made.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Welcome to Brownsville signs: Casey reported he took the lattice down and fixed a few things by the "Welcome to Brownsville" sign on the east end of town. The west end sign was asked to be removed and to think of possibly getting a new one for that end of town.

Jetting Sewer Mains: Casey suggested jetting the sewer mains for upkeep on them. Maybe setting up a schedule to do so many a year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No one was available.

CITY CLERK:

Sewer Budget Public Hearing: Mary Lou Graf requested the City Council to set up a date for the Sewer Budget Public hearing. It was set for July 3, 2019 at 7:30. It will be posted in the Caledonia Agrus for 2 weeks prior.

Ordinance book: The new ordinance book was discussed. No date was set yet for public hearing on it. The council still needs time to go through and make necessary corrections or additions. It was tabled till August meeting. A tentative date was set for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to have the special meeting for the ordinance

CHELSEY LEIS MADE A MOTION AND JEFF LEJEUNE SECONDED IT TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTION MEETING. ALL IN-FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Ball Park Lights Insurance Increase: Tom Danielson sent the City a revised bill on the new Ball park light coverage and it increased the bill \$501.00 a year.

Andy Traff request: Andy called the city office requesting that he would like his sewer bill waived. The Council discussed his requested and decided he need to pay his sewer assessment through the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2019 and then with a written notice that he wants it shut off it could be shut off. He still will have to pay a \$3.50 fee that the County bills each resident each month. He will also have to agree to pay the \$300.00 hook up fee if he or a new homeowner puts up a new home on the existing property 1006 Ramsey Street. Mary Lou will write a letter to notifying Andy of the council's decision.

READING OF THE BILLS:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART TO PAY BILLS AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 9:10 A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF LE JEUNE, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS TO  
ADJOURN MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Graf, City Clerk

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Allen Whitesitt, Mayor

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