

City of Brownsville

Minutes of October 2, 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 Leis in attendance. Also attending were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer, Steve Schuldt, City Clerk and Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor. Guests in attendance were Cheryl Whitesitt, Ann Sylvester, Audrey Sylvester, Spencer Sylvester and Wesley Sylvester.

Minutes of the previous meetings held September 3, September 19 and September 25, 2019 were reviewed. Rick Voshart moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve all minutes as corrected.

Cheryl Whitesitt gave a report summarizing a Civic Saturday event held on September 14, 2019 in which youth are encouraged to participate in civic activities. Another Civic Saturday event is planned for later in the month. Spencer Sylvester requested that the council consider installing an ice-skating rink this winter. Council by consensus agreed to the request on the condition that the city's liability insurance will cover such a feature.

Jeff LeJeune was thanked by the council for planting two new maple trees at the ball field to replace ash trees lost to emerald ash borer.

Council discussed drainage issues in the city including Harbor Lights Road. Casey Holzwarth felt that the railroad should share in the cost to renovate or replace an existing culvert in order to alleviate flooding over Harbor Lights Road. Other flooding issues in the city will be addressed this fall or next spring depending on weather. Rick Voshart moved, second by Chelsey Leis and the motion passed to purchase 100 feet of pipe to be used for drainage issues.

Council discussed progress in amending the city ordinances. Council members were encouraged to physically canvas the city for nuisance violations and send letters to all violators. Council by consensus agreed to hold an ordinance review meeting at 6:30 on November 13, 2019 in the council chambers.

Council discussed the condition of the Brook Street cul-de-sac. Casey Holzwarth commented that the pavement thickness and base are inadequate. He also felt the cul-de-sac end was too narrow. No action taken.

Council requested that Casey Holzwarth apply yellow paint to areas along 7th Street to prevent illegal parking.

Casey Holzwarth reported that the gate to the brush site is now open Monday & Thursday from 8:00 until 7:00 and Saturday 8:00 until 5:00.

Maureen Meiners reported that a complaint was filed regarding the burning of garbage in the city. A complaint was also received regarding vehicle parking in a no parking zone. Letters will be sent to the offending parties.

Council discussed home rental rooms in the city and how it affects homestead exclusion. No action taken.

Council was informed that the Highway 26 and County 3 intersection may be reconstructed in 2023.

Council reviewed and discussed claims payable. Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Chelsey Leis and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Chelsey Leis and the motion passed to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor

