

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.

APRIL 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Mayor Timothy P. Serres at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Brickman, Rick Voshart, Tim Serres, Chelsey Leis, Gary Meiners

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Thompson-Hakes, Jim Hakes, Ben Novak, Al Whitesitt, Jane Wohlwend, Joann Kletzke, Kathy Phillips, Nikki Ranzenberger, Kristin Phillips, Casey Holzwarth, Mike Moriarty, Maureen Meiners

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7, 2018 MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE: AL WHITESITT asked Council if a scheduled maintenance plan was in place for city buildings/properties. Council replied that maintenance is scheduled as needed.

KRISTIN PHILLIPS informed council that the Park & Rec would be willing to help with the summer rec program. Possible ideas would be kick ball or bus trips. A discussion was held on storing the basketball hoops. It was suggested to store them at the ballpark.

RICK VOSHART asked about the Co-Ed softball league. Chelsey Leis reported they no longer have a co-ed league but that the Monday night women's league which uses the ballfield.

JANE WOHLWEND asked about cleanup of the Traff property. Council replied that he has done what was court/city ordered. She also asked if a different mulch could be used at the ballpark playground. Council replied that the State of Minnesota mandates what can be used. Last year the city purchased engineered wood chips as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

American Legal Publishing continues to work on City Ordinances for council review.

State Buyers Contract paperwork has been sent in.

A discussion was held on animals in the city.

Council discussed a request to place a Home of the Warriors sign within the city. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY MEINERS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO TABLE AT THIS TIME. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: CASEY HOLZWARTH reported the following:

-he spoke with MI Energy concerning the removal of 3 trees near the power lines on Adams Street

-he would like to get culvert installed on Hamilton Street this month

-he will be trying out a skid steer this week

JimHakes asked about grading 2nd Street and possibly spreading some gravel.

A discussion was held on keeping city sidewalks cleared.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: BEN NOVAK reported the following:

-the roof at the fire station needs replacing

-the propane tank at the fire department needs to be reset

-Olivia Niday, Houston County Emergency Management, toured the fire station. She would like to attend a council meeting to explain possible federal grants available for improvements to fire station.

-he would like a bill sent to Crooked Creek Township for annual fire aid

Ben was informed that the battery needs to be replaced in the warning siren located at the ballpark

CITY CLERK: MIKE MORIARTY presented the following:

-Torte Liability coverage. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY MEINERS, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO WAIVE TORTE LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

-Liquor license application approvals.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY GARY MEINERS TO GRANT A ON/OFF SALE LIQUOR, SUNDAY LIQUOR, ON/OFF SALE BEER LICENSE TO WILDCAT SALOON LLC FOR THE YEAR 2018. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO GRANT A ON/OFF SALE LIQUOR, SUNDAY LIQUOR, ON/OFF SALE BEER LICENSE TO SAXON HALL LLC FOR THE YEAR 2018. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS, TO APPROVE AN OFF SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO LAWRENCE LAKE MARINA FOR THE YEAR 2018. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN TO GRANT A 3.2 OFF SALE LICENSE TO THE RIVER STATION FOR THE YEAR 2018. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS: AT THIS TIME COUNCIL REVIEWED A LIST IF BILLS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 8:07 P.M., A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY MEINERS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Michael J. Moriarty, City Clerk

Approved by me this 2nd day of May 2018:

Timothy P. Serres, Mayor