

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.

JULY 5, 2017

7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Chris Dvorak

OTHERS PRESENT: LaVonne Jahn, Joan Lietzau, Delores Serres, Andy Serres, Kiel Serres, JoAnn Kletzke, Nikki Ranzenberger, Kathy Phillips, Art Doering, Shannon Doering, Bob Ekern, Darrel Gregerson, Barb Hurley, Terry Marnach, Casey Holzwarth, Mike Moriarty, Maureen Meiners

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 7, 2017 MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE: Council read a letter from council member Chris Dvorak stating his resignation from the City Council dated 6/19/2017. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHRIS DVORAK AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER EFFECTIVE 7/5/2017. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

SHANNON DOERING asked for council approval to build a fence on her property line. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS, TO APPROVE SAID REQUEST. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

KIEL SERRES asked for council approval to have a more accessible bathtub installed in apartment #5 for Andrew Serres. This would be at no cost to the city as Andrew will be paying for this. After some discussion Council approved with the understanding that a plan must be submitted to the council for review before installation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #0717-1 GRANTING LACRESCENT YOUTH HOCKEY A GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT IN THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AT THE SAXON HALL, LOCATED AT 702 MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, MINNESOTA. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Council discussed what to do with the empty council seat. The term remaining is 1 ½ years. Council will decide at the August 2017 meeting on how to fill the seat.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAUREEN MEINERS received a call from Al Whitesitt stating he is working on a building committee as discussed at last month's meeting. He plans to report on progress at next month's meeting.

CHELSEY LEIS reported on information she gathered on surrounding cities building inspectors and city code of ordinances. Caledonia, Lansing and Hokah do not have building inspectors.

PUBLIC HEARING

7:45 P.M.

At this time a Public Hearing was held for the purpose of hearing public input concerning setting the sewer budget. City Clerk Mike Moriarty presented the proposed sewer user budget for the year beginning July 1, 2017 through July 1, 2018. After review and discussion Council decided to raise the sewer operations user fee \$1.00 per month. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO APPROVE THE SEWER OPERATIONS BUDGET AS PRESENTED. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

Council discussed the Andrew and Anthony Traff properties. Mike Moriarty reported that Harters gave a verbal estimate of \$10,500 to demolish and remove debris from the Anthony Traff property. They will take a look at property and contact Mike with price. After Council discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO SET JULY 10, 2017 AS A FINAL DATE FOR PROPERTY TO BE CLEANED UP AND ITEMS REMOVED. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Council directed City Clerk Mike Moriarty to draft a letter to Andrew Traff stating he has two weeks from date of letter to clean up his property. A MOTION WAS MADE CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN TO DRAFT A LETTER TO ANDREW TRAFF STATING PROPERTY IS TO BE CLEANED UP WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF DATE OF LETTER. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Nikki Ranzenberger mentioned the Wiedman property fence and other properties within the city in need of clean up, when is something going to be done about it.

AFTER DISCUSSION A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS, DIRECTED CITY CLERK MIKE MORIARTY TO DRAFT A LETTER TO STEVE WIEDMAN STATING A VIOLATION OF THE CITY NUISANCE ORDINANCE ON HIS PROPERTY. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: CASEY HOLZWARTH reported the following:

- needs a load of rock on street by Jim Serres and Tim Serres
- is looking into replacement parts for the older lift station
- having problems at the sewer plant with fuses that run pumps

A discussion was held on how best to repair Cork Hollow Drive. Casey, Tim and Rich Reinhart will look into this.

A discussion was held on repairs needed at the corners of Adams & 8th Streets and 8th & 9th Streets. It was decided to get quotes from Clint Rohrer, Shawn Colsch and Brian Brickman on said repairs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No Report

CITY CLERK: MIKE MORIARTY reported the following:

Second Street Update:

-financing is in place

-engineer has sent plans to Peter Bauer Construction

-have not heard from State of Mn concerning right of way

BILLS: AT THIS TIME COUNCIL REVIEWED THE LIST OF 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 8:45 P.M., A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, 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 August 2017:

Timothy P. Serres, Mayor