

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 7, 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: Rick Voshart, Tim Serres, Chris Dvorak, Chelsey Leis, Dave Brickman

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Whitesitt, Joel Alameidia, Kathy Gillis, Bob Ekern, Barb Hurley, Julie Thompson-Hakes, Jim Hakes, Nicole Carlon, Steve Lee, Frances Cody, Gary Beardmore, Darrel Gregerson, Casey Holzwarth, Mike Moriarty

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2017 MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY CHRIS DVORAK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Allen Whitesitt addressed the Council regarding building in the City. He expressed his concerns about potential damage to property and infrastructure that may result from lack of regulation and inspection during the building process. After a discussion on the concerns and building inspector options, Council Member Chris Dvorak volunteered to check with La Crescent to see what they do about inspections and their costs.

Julie Thompson Hakes inferred that any building on the lot next her would require City Engineer approval according to a 1974 City Ordinance. Mayor Serres stated that Council will review the matter. (The ordinance mentioned predates the City Code of Ordinances adopted by City Council in 1988 as the Official City Code.)

Allen Whitesitt and Julie Thompson Hakes volunteered to sit on a building planning committee that is under consideration by the Council.

Barb Hurley addressed the Council on behalf of Brownsville Lions. She presented a request from the Lions to replace six picnic tables at the ballpark shelter at a cost of \$160.00 per table. After some discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK, SECONDED BY DAVID BRICKMAN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SIX PICNIC TABLES FOR BALLPARK SHELTER AS REQUESTED. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

In response to question about meeting with Mike Sexauer about repairs necessary on Brook Street, Mayor Serres reported it was agreed that manholes are being repaired, an additional ten feet will be added to the radius of the turnaround at the south end of Brook Street and other repairs will be made when contractors are done hauling fill to new home in the addition.

In response to a question about the progress of putting the City siren on a timer, Mayor reported it is still in progress.

There was a discussion about the need to place posts by culverts on west end of the city to keep vehicles from damaging the ends of the culverts. The need for drainage work on the west side of the city was also acknowledged.

After reviewing the cost proposals for placing two street lights on North 7th Street, Council agreed to have a street light installed at the corner of 7th Street and Spring Court at the cost of \$799.00. Council asked clerk for more information on Brook Street proposal.

A discussion was held on the Tony Traff residence. Mayor noted that he has started to clean up and does plan to take down house. Council discussed the situation and decided to give Tony ten (10) days to move out of the house so that it can be taken down. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART TO ALLOW TONY TRAFF TEN (10) DAYS TO REMOVE HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE HOUSE SO THAT IT CAN BE TAKEN DOWN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Dvorak stated that he will contact MI Energy to have power shut off before house is taken down.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Casey Holzwarth reported that the lift station for mobile home park needs repairs. Council agreed that Casey should obtain cost estimates for the necessary parts to repair the lift station.

After a discussion about removing four trees on Adams Street, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVID BRICKMAN, TO HAVE CHARLES LAMPERT TAKE DOWN FOUR TREES ON CITY STREET PROPERTY IN 800 BLOCK OF ADAMS STREET AT A COST OF \$900.00. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

It was reported that the control box on city well has been repaired.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #0617-1 A RESOLUTION TO OPEN A LINE OF CREDIT WITH MERCHANTS BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER EXTENSION TO MISSISSIPPI LANE. THE FOLLOWING VOTED IN FAVOR: DAVID BRICKMAN, RICK VOSHART, CHRIS DVORAK, CHELSEY LEIS, TIM SERRES. VOTING AGAINST: NONE (Resolution #0617-1 on file in city office)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR GARY BEARDMORE TO PLACE A HOUSE/ GARAGE AT 505 N 2ND STREET. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: NO REPORT

CITY CLERK:

Mike Foellmi is requesting to place gravel on a portion of Clay Street adjoining his Wildcat Saloon property in order to provide additional parking. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY CHRIS DVORAK, TO ALLOW MIKE FOELLMY TO PLACE GRAVEL AS REQUESTED. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY DAVID BRICKMAN, TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVIEW OF ANNUAL SEWER BUDGET AND TO SET SEWER RATES FOR NEXT YEAR ON JULY 5, 2017 AT 7:45 PM. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK, SECONDED RICK VOSHART TO GRANT ROGER DOERING A PERMIT TO REPLACE A MOBLE HOME ON HIS LOT. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT: AT 8:35 P.M., A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DVORAK, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Michael J. Moriarty, City Clerk

Approved by me this 5th day of July, 2017:

Timothy P. Serres, Mayor