

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 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: This regular 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: Gary Meiners

OTHERS PRESENT: Casey Holzwarth, Tom Danielson, Mike Moriarty, Julie Thompson Hakes, Jim Hakes, Barb Hurley, Ben Novak, Jeff LeJeune

MINUTES: AT THIS TIME COUNCIL REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE May 2nd and May 7th MEETINGS. 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: Tom Danielson presented the Council with a breakdown of the City's insurance coverage for city liability, city property, vehicles, equipment, work comp, and equipment breakdown. Total cost for the year is \$23,449.00. Council had no additional questions.

JEFF LEJEUNE informed the Council that the lights at the softball field need improvements. He stated that the Lions might be able to help with the costs of replacing bulbs. Rick Voshart said the panels on each poll need replacing as well and he will check into costs of both standard and LED bulbs. Council agreed that boxes should be made safe before Brownsville days.

COUNCIL agreed to provide the Lions a key to concession stand. Barb Hurley requested that City personnel check the bathrooms during Brownsville Days. Casey Holzwarth said he will check each morning.

STEVE LEE complaint was provided to the Council by the Clerk. The complaint is directed at the City and Tim Serres for vehicles and other equipment items parked on City property. Mr. Lee is asking for a listing of all vehicles parked on City property and a cost summary of the City's expenses from his previous filing against the City and Mr. Serres. The Council approved including the Lee complaint in the official record of the meeting and instructed the Clerk to contact the City Attorney for direction.

JIM HAKES asked the City to look at and repair the washed out gravel near his home on North 2nd Street. Council agreed.

OLD BUSINESS: Chelsey Leis asked about the progress of filling in Andy Traff's basement. Tim said he will check into the matter.

Chelsey Leis reported that the contractor will begin the work approved last fall on the turn around on Brook Street soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Casey Holzwarth presented the Council with options for fixing/replacing the fascia that needs replacing on west side of Community Center. Council asked Casey to obtain bids for the needed work.

Next, Casey presented Council with a bid in amount of \$1,400.00 from B&D Sealcoating for sealcoating and striping the parking lot at Bluffview Manor. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS, TO APPROVE THE WORK AND BID. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

SCOTT CONSTRUCTION'S bid to sealcoat a selected number of streets was reviewed, and A MOTION WAS MADE DAVE BRICKMAN, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART TO APPROVE THE BID WITH ADDITIONAL ALLEY INCLUDED NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Council discussed various items including: the wall on South Main Street; a meeting with State Highway Department in regard to the intersection at Houston County #3 and Highway 26; a hole in blacktop at 7th and Main Streets; the completed installation of a culvert and ditch cleaning on Hamilton Street; the concrete work now being done on sidewalks at Bluffview Manor.

Next, the Council again discussed the purchase of new skid steer loader. Casey stated that after trying out three different machines, he recommends the Bobcat. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO APPROVE OBTAINING A THREE YEAR LOAN OF \$30,000 AT 5% INTEREST TO PURCHASE THE BOBCAT SKID STEER LOADER AT THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,500.00. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL approved sending weed letter to property owners as determined in need of the annual reminder.

RICK VOSHART asked Casey to check into placing manhole pads on street manholes that are lower than surrounding street level.

DAVE BRICKMAN asked the Council to consider doing something with the water flowing on south side of Benton Street because it is causing extreme ponding on his property. Council agreed to look at fixing the problem.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Ben Novak reported to the Council that the Fire Dept is considering donating the older First Responder vehicle to Houston County as a donation toward the County's planned purchase of a drone for use throughout the county. Council agreed.

CITY CLERK:

MIKE MORIARTY presented Council with first draft of an ordinance dealing with the keeping of chickens in the city. After reviewing the draft, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE ON JULY 11, 2018 at 8:00 PM. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

After a discussion regarding the need to hold the annual sewer rate/budget hearing, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART, SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS, TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SEWER RATE AND BUDGET FOR YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk presented a request from Frank Dvorak for a refund of his \$50.00 down payment on CC rental in September. Council approved refunding the down payment.

Clerk presented a request from Dave Nelson to have the street light in front of residence at 404 North 2nd Street removed. After a discussion, Council decided to table acting on the request and try and determine how the removal of the street would impact neighbors and safety on the street.

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 9:03 P.M., A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY DAVE BRICKMAN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Michael J. Morairty, City Clerk

Approved by me this 11th day of July 2018:

Timothy P. Serres, Mayor