

City of Brownsville
Minutes of June 3, 2020 Ordinance Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting

The Ordinance meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 6:31 pm with Council members Jeff LeJeune, John Jangula, Rick Voshart and Chelsey Leis present. Also attending were Steve Schuldt, City Clerk, Maureen Meiners, Treasurer and Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor. Guests in attendance Jordan Gerard, Tim Serres, Mary Serres, Sarah Serres, Gary Schulze, Julie Thompson-Hakes, Jim Hakes, Tyler Bruggeman, Pete Gittens, Mike Murphy.

John Jangula spoke in favor of limiting evening quiet time to 8:00 PM versus 10:00 PM especially for the use of power tools. Currently contractors are permitted to work from 7:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Some guests in attendance felt that it should remain at 10:00 PM for homeowners wishing to work on their property after their normal workday. No action was taken. Julie Thompson-Hakes questioned the limit on cat numbers per household. No action was taken. There was discussion regarding rental property and the possibility of a fee or lodging tax to the city. No action was taken.

There being no further discussion, Chelsey Leis moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to adopt the ordinance updates as presented.

At 7:02 PM Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to adjourn the public ordinance meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brownsville City Council was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:02 PM with councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, Rick Voshart, Chelsey Leis and John Jangula present. Also present were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer, Casey Holzwarth, Maintenance Supervisor and Steve Schuldt, City Clerk. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard, Tim Serres, Mary Serres, Sarah Serres, Gary Schulze, Julie Thompson-Hakes, Jim Hakes, Tyler Bruggeman, Pete Gittens, Jeremy Leis.

Pete Gittens at 403 Main Street asked about parking in the alley behind his residence because he has no off-street parking available during winter snow removal. Casey Holzwarth will investigate prepping and adding gravel to the alley.

Council agreed by consensus to go forward with summer rec. Ads are to be run for hiring an assistant to Cheryl Whitesitt.

The time being 7:15 PM a public hearing was called to order to discuss Tyler Bruggeman's variance application to construct a 45' X 60' garage for commercial use. There being no objections from the floor, Chelsey Leis moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the request. There being nothing further, Rick Voshart moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to adjourn the hearing at 7:19 PM.

Council discussed nuisance issues in the city. Roger Doering has requested a zoning change from residential to commercial for his property on North 7th Street but has not yet submitted application for the change. Attorney Mike Murphy stated that Mr. Doering is willing to work with the city regarding his parking of farm machinery on his North 7th Street property. Council by consensus agreed to allow Mr. Doering additional time to come up with a satisfactory plan for parking of farm machinery in a residential district. Tim Serres remarked that he has a very few small items to move in order to be in compliance with the nuisance ordinance. Attorney Mike Murphy commented that he had viewed the Serres property and noted that a great deal of progress had been made in clearing the area. He will send a letter to Attorney Skip Wieser notifying him that the City Council is satisfied with the work done by Mr. Serres. John Jangula moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to issue a long form complaint to William Reynen.

Tim Serres remarked that Chelsey Leis should pay additional sewer and garbage user fees for the second residence on her property. No action was taken.

Council reviewed a proposal submitted by Scott Construction for seal coating city streets. If seal coating the most in need streets, the cost will be \$32,000.00. Rick Voshart moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve \$32,000.00 for seal coating to Scott Construction.

Council discussed a request to have steps added to the new walkway at Bluff View Manor. No action was taken.

Council discussed a water leak on North Marina drive in which the street had to be excavated for the repair and whether the city is responsible for the street repairs. Council agreed by consensus that the water line leak is the responsibility of the homeowners association and so too the responsibility for repairing the street damage.

Casey Holzwarth informed council that repairs to the lift station at Lee Court will take approximately 2 days. He is to notify residents that there will be limited service during those days.

Jeff LeJeune requested that a letter be sent to Andy Traff requesting that he mow and maintain weeds on his property.

Casey Holzwarth reported the following: 1. Work is to begin shortly at the Lee Trailer Court lift station. 2. He feels that a culvert is needed at Clay and 6th Streets for drainage. 3. Drainage work done at the Arlene Hegge property needs to be re-landscaped with additional soil added and a lengthened pipe for drainage. 4. Suggested that unused equipment be sold including but not limited to a grooming mower, sickle mower and snow blower which have not been used in many years. Estimated values are to be obtained and the equipment offered for sale.

Council reviewed claims payable. Rick Voshart moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed approve all claims.

There being no further business, Chelsey Leis moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor