

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.

May 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: This regular meeting was called to order by Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Allen Whitesitt, Rick Voshart, Jeff Le Jeune, John Jangula, Chelsey Leis,

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Danielson, Darrel Gregerson, Ben Novak, Casey Holzwarth, Maureen Meiners, Mary Lou Graf

THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 6, 2019 MEETING WERE PRESENTED AND REVIEWED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHELSEY LEIS, SECONDED BY RICK VOSHART, TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK (with correction stating a city resident suggested paving ballpark lot). ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Tom Danielson was in attendance to present the annual outlay of the City Insurance coverage. He went through the property increase of the city buildings. He also wanted the city to consider a no-fault sewer back up plan, a maintenance plan program and a sewer incentive plan in place. He will send corresponding sheets to Mary Lou to pass on to the city council so they can get an idea of what these things involve and try getting something implemented for the City. Tom also will increase the coverage for the new ballpark lights, so they are covered.

OLD BUSINESS:

BALLPARK LIGHTS. Jeff LeJeune outlined the new ballpark lights bill. Original bid was \$15,021. It came in at \$17,715 which was \$ 2694 over original bid. The City Council stayed with their \$1500 donation toward it and the Brownsville Ball park fund donated \$2700 toward it. There was also a \$832 rebate that needed to be taken off.

HARBOR LIGHTS DRIVE:

Discussion of options were discussed of the rerouting of the road, discussions of also maybe using the material from Wildcat road project when that was finished. They could build up the existing Harbor lights road with the used road material. Allen and Casey will check into it.

SUMMER REC. JOB DESCRIPTION/POSTING:

Jeff LeJeune presented the board with a summer rec. job description. An application deadline for the positions is May 24th,2019. It will be advertised in the Argus and the Brownsville City web site (www.brownsvillemn.org). Sign up for Summer Rec is May 20th 6:30pm – 7:30pm at the City Community center. Chelsey will be in charge of the sign-up night for this.

CHELSEY LEIS MADE A MOTION AND JOHN JANGULA SECONDED IT TO APPROVE THE SUMMER REC PLAN AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR,MOTION CARRIED

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

Allen said they are planning on starting in June when school is out. He will meet with Owen Gaustad before next Council meeting and get a plan in place.

STREET SIGNS:

Pictures of worn out and damaged streets signs were looked at via email. There was discussion of the cost and replaced of the signs. Maureen will check into getting prices on cost of new ones and Mary Lou will see what the City budget has in the budget to spend on signs.

PART-TIME/SEASONAL HELP:

Allen and John presented a job description for a part-time/seasonal help position to the council. It was discussed and Allen will email an updated description to everyone.

RICK VOSHART MADE A MOTION AND JEFF LEJEUNE SECONDED IT TO PROCEED WITH THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE AD TO BE POSTED ON THE BROWNSVILLE WEB SITE AND IN THE CALEDONIA ARGUS. ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOSQUITO CONTROL:

Joey Writz from the Driftless Region Vector Control sent an email giving the City of Brownsville an option on mosquito abatement services he offers. The Council discussed the options and decided on the canvassing for \$350.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART AND SECONDED BY JEFF LE JEUNE TO DO THE MOSQUITIO CANVASING WITH JOEY WRIGHT FOR \$350. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

CITY LOAN MISSISSIPPI LANE SEWER PROJECT:

The original loan was \$150,000.00 with \$80,000.00 left to be paid. It was brought to the council's attention that its up for renewal in June 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF LEJEUNE AND SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS TO RENEW THE LOAN AT MERCHANTS BANK LACRESCENT FOR 1 YEAR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Casey reported he renewed his Sewer license and that the City sewer tanks are pumped out for the spring.

"Brownsville" sign on west entrance needs repair or needs to be taken down. The "Brownsville" sign by the River Station needs the lattice fixed around the sign.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ben Novak talked about the fire training school that some fire department members attended at Riverland College. It was a great experience and very intense learning. They are hoping to have a few members to attend it every year. LP burn was postponed til May 13,2019. Gary (Kracker) Meiners has retired from the Brownsville Fire Department. He had 36 years of service.

Also, Warning Siren passed testing.

CITY CLERK: nothing to present at this time

READING OF THE BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK VOSHART AND SECONDED BY CHELSEY LEIS TO PAY THE BILLS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK. ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 9:30 P.M., A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF LEJEUNE, SECONDED BY JOHN JANGULA TO ADJOURN MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Mary Lou Graf, City Clerk

Approved by me this 5th day of June 2019

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor