

City of Brownsville
Minutes of November 4, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brownsville City Council was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 PM with councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, Rick Voshart, Chelsey Leis and John Jangula present. Also present were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer and Steve Schuldt, City Clerk. Guests in attendance were Brandon Frank, Tim Klug, Frank Dvorak and Jim Hakes.

Minutes of the October 5, 2020 council meeting were read. Chelsey Leis moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

There was no floor correspondence.

Council discussed a nuisance violation at the corner of North 7th Street and Division Street due to an accumulation of farm machinery and other accumulated personal property. Rick Voshart reported that the owner plans to move a farm elevator but is unable to move a wagon loaded with steel roofing material due to damage. Mayor Whitesitt will investigate and report at the next meeting.

In new business, council discussed if there was interest in having a skating rink at the playground. Council discussed the possibility of adding a warming house. No action was taken.

John Jangula asked where the merry-go-round was being stored and if it is to be reinstalled. Mayor Whitesitt commented that it is being stored at the ballpark and it is to be reconditioned prior to installation next spring. Rick Voshart suggested that it would be a good time to sand blast and repaint before installing.

Council reviewed the list of sewer users to be certified to real estate taxes. Rick Voshart moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to certify all the delinquent users presented.

Council reviewed an amended lease for land located at the intersection of County Highway 3/Main Street and State Highway 26. The new lease increases the annual cost from \$55.00 per year to \$60.00 per year and extends the lease term until May 31, 2025. In addition, the City is to maintain the Premises in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances in connection with the Premises including the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, the Tenant releases and waives all claims and causes of action. Lastly, the City will comply with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations relative to nondiscrimination. Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Chelsey Leis and motion passed to approve the amended lease.

The time being 7:15 pm, Mayor Whitesitt convened a public hearing to adopt amendments to the City Ordinances. Council clarified that the ordinance includes a limit of 2 dogs and 3 cats per household. A resident of the community suggested that in future there should be a regulation addressing owner occupied, single family residences which also operate as rental units. John Jangula commented that there was no mention of cat licensure or required rabies shots. Council agreed by consensus to revise the Animal Control Section 90.16 to require that cats be licensed and required to have rabies shots. Chelsey Leis moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the ordinance amendments, including corrections to include cat licensure and a rabies inoculation requirement. There being no further comments, Chelsey Leis moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the ordinance amendments with corrections to include cats in the Animal Control Section 90.16.

There was no report provided by the Maintenance Department.

There was nothing to report by the fire department.

Council was provided with applications from individuals seeking the City Treasurer position.

Steve Schuldt reported the 2020 Brownsville City election results as well as City debt and investment balances. Council was provided with copies of the 2021 city budget for review. Council was informed that the election canvassing board will need to meet on November 12 to canvas 2020 ballots. Council agreed by consensus to meet on November 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm to canvass ballots and to review applications for city treasurer.

Council members reviewed the claims payable list. Rick Voshart moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve the claims.

There being no further business John Jangula moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Allen Whitesitt, Mayor