

City of Brownsville
Minutes of March 3, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brownsville City Council was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 7:00 pm. Councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, Tim Klug, Jacob Danielson and John Jangula were present. Also present were Jenna Knight, City Treasurer, and Steve Schuldt, City Clerk. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard, Brandon Frank, Chelsey Leis and Kayleen Danielson.

Minutes of the February 3, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

There was no floor correspondence.

In old business, council discussed garbage and recycling fees in the city. The new Richard's Sanitation contract calls for an initial rate of \$6.16 per resident and annual increases of \$.20 thereafter until contract expiration. In addition, Houston County has increased their charge from \$3.50 per resident to \$3.75. There was a question from the floor regarding charges to businesses for the county fee and city garbage collection. It was explained that the county fee is not required of businesses but is required to be collected from residences. A business that includes a residence would be required to pay the county fee and garbage collection charges. At this time, it is the understanding that if a business has an independent sanitary service provider who furnishes a dumpster, a city charge is not required. At this time Mayor Whitesitt suggested that more clarity is needed to determine a minimum charge and to whom it applies. The matter will be further discussed at the April meeting. Regarding the increases from Richard's Sanitation and Houston County, Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to increase the monthly garbage charge by \$1.00 from \$9.50 to \$10.50 which includes the county fee.

Mayor Whitesitt presented a proposal from Davy Engineering Co. to prepare an application for grants to assist in engineering for stormwater facilities in South 7th Street and Clay Street south to Ramsey Street. The estimated fee for the work will be \$4,000.00. Following discussion, John Jangula moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to accept the proposal.

Council discussed proposals submitted by CR Masonry, Kaleb Schulte and River Valley Concrete to remove and replace existing sidewalk on the west side of the Community Center. The proposals also include changes to the parking area to improve drainage and creation of additional parking. The bids were CR Masonry \$19,554.00, Kaleb Schulte \$18,125.00 and River Valley Concrete \$21,743.00. It was noted that CR Masonry has been contracted to perform work on the Veterans Memorial project located on the south side of the Community Center which could coincide with the city project. John Jangula noted that the CR Masonry proposal was the most professionally prepared and provided the most detail with costs in addition to square footage costs for extra work. John Jangula moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to award the contract to CR Masonry with one dissenting vote.

Brandon Frank on behalf of the fire department informed council that the department needs to replace an existing fire truck. He explained that the current unit is slow and underpowered which results in time lost getting to an emergency, possibly resulting in additional property loss or casualties. Jacob Danielson moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to begin a search for a different truck with a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00.

City Clerk Steve Schuldt requested approval of liquor license and tobacco license renewals for Lawrence Lake Marina, Wildcat Saloon and River Station. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve the renewals.

Also submitted for approval was a municipal tort liability waiver for approval in which the city waives the monetary limits on municipal tort liability subject to the LMCIT limit of \$2,000,000.00.

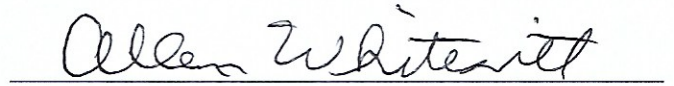
Council discussed and reviewed the new office managers performance for the past 3 months. Jenna Knight explained that she is still in the learning process but is getting comfortable with the position. She also explained that the computer she is currently using has not been performing slowly and is prone to freezing. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to approve an hourly wage adjustment to \$18.00 for Jenna and to begin a search to replace the existing computer.

Council reviewed claims payable. Jacob Danielson moved, second by Tim Klug and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, Jeff LeJeune moved, second by Jacob Danielson and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

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Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

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Allen Whitesitt, Mayor