

City of Brownsville

Minutes of July 1, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting and Annual Sewer Operations 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 and John Jangula present. Chelsey Leis was absent. Also present were Maureen Meiners, City Treasurer and Steve Schuldt, City Clerk. Guests in attendance were Jordan Gerard, Rich Cordes, Michelle Smith, Megan Pitel, Ben Novak, Val Green, Elliot Breeser, Jacob Danielson, Angela Wolter-Meyer, Dave Guckelberger, Brandon Frank, Nikki Kletzke, Kathy Phillips, Joanne Kletzke, Barb Hurley and Tim Klug.

Council discussed nuisance violations within the city. Council by consensus agreed that William Reynen had brought his property into compliance and to cease legal proceedings. Council by consensus agreed that Tim Serres has complied with the Council's request to move equipment and clean up the area around city property. Mayor Whitesitt will speak to Attorney Mike Murphy regarding Roger Doering's farm equipment parked on his property on North 7th Street. Jeff LeJeune mentioned that Ed Handel has an unlicensed vehicle since 2015 and farm tractor that are embedded in weeds. Council is to investigate further and report at a future meeting. Council was informed of a temporary fence installed at Carl Wiedman's property. Mr. Wiedman will be contacted regarding compliance with the city fence ordinance.

John Jangula asked if Casey Holzwarth had investigated Pete Gitten's request for gravel in his alley. It was reported that there is already a gravel base beneath the sod and 3 or 4 loads of gravel should restore the alley roadway.

John Jangula inquired when the post office LP tank was to be replaced. Mayor Whitesitt will inquire when the project can be completed.

Mayor Whitesitt gave a maintenance department report as follows: (1) Seal coating was completed today and crack filling will be finished Thursday, July 2. (2) The sewer plant has been pumped and hauled to the Caledonia sewer plant. (3) The Lee Trailer Park lift station renovation will take place this month as soon as some small parts arrive and coordinating with installers. (4) A catch basin at the corner of Benton Street and North 9th Street is nearing completion. (5) The fire station is to be hooked up to the city sewer system in August.

The time being 7:15 pm, Mayor Whitesitt called the annual sewer operations meeting to order. Steve Schuldt reported that projected sewer revenue minus projected disbursements will result in a surplus. However, unplanned lift station maintenance and jetting of sewer lines will reduce the projected surplus. Sewer line jetting has been overlooked in the past and needs to be performed routinely. Steve recommended that no sewer fee increases be imposed. Jeff LeJeune moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to leave sewer fees as they are. The annual sewer operations meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Brandon Frank, representing the fire department, presented council with a proposal to establish a tax exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization tentatively called "Friends of the Fire Department". The proposal included a request for \$650.00 payable to Murphy Law Office for all legal documentation necessary to establish the organization. The new organization would then be able to raise funds through raffles and other events for needed equipment. Rick Voshart moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the \$650.00 payment to Murphy Law Office.

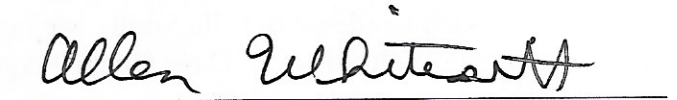
Mayor Whitesitt reported that he had a conversation with County Engineer Brian Pogodzinski regarding Dave Hurley's request to pour concrete from the street curb to his existing sidewalk. The County's position is that the grass buffer should not be disturbed but the County also has a policy that leaves the final decision to the City. John Jangula moved, second by Jeff LeJeune and the motion passed to not allow the addition of concrete.

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

There being no further business, John Jangula moved, second by Rick Voshart and the motion passed to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

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Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

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Allen Whitesitt, Mayor