

STATE OF TEXAS ***

COUNTY OF HENDERSON ***

CITY OF BROWNSBORO ***

The City Council met in the City Hall of the City of Brownsboro, Texas on October 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. for a regular meeting.

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I. Call to order: Mayor Dusty Wise

II. Invocation: Mayor Dusty Wise

III. Those present included Council members Adam McLean, Glen Vest, Doug Shaffer and Jason Gardner

Absent:

Staff Present: Ronnie Goodson, Maint. Supt. Chief Ivan Medina and Jacob Ashton, Utility Supt.

Absent: None

Guest(s): See attached

IV. Motion to approve previous minutes of September 25, 2023 meeting with one error stated by Councilman made by Councilman Doug Shaffer, second by Councilman Adam McLean, all (5) were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

V. Motion to approve expenditures made by Councilman Doug Shaffer, second by Councilman Charles Cox, all ~~(5)~~ ³ were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

VI. Presentation by Citizens: None

VII. New Business:

1. Councilman Charles Cox asked questions regarding positioning of the water tower, if could cause more pipe breakage, Jacob explained it would not have any effect on the pressure on the pipes. Dusty Wise explained he had met with school officials and gotten price of \$115,437.50, a onetime payment with understanding the city would be responsible for future maintenance, with no need for more staff. Jacob explained this would not alleviate need for new well in the future, but, would be good for storage as our storage capacity is low, at 93% now.

Amber Cooper expressed concerns for incurring new projects as other projects, such as retention pond, her property flooding on Browning, etc. Mayor advised the engineer has had persons at the property on Saylor's doing ground work. She asked if the \$900,000 loan included the tower? Mayor and Jacob explained did not include the tower, but all of the project on Saylor's and restructuring of sewer plant.

Councilman Charles Cox and Councilman Doug Shaffer both recused themselves from the vote.

Once the two councilmen abstained, there was not a quorum so a special session would need to be called.

2. Contract with Athens Animal Shelter action tabled until other options could be examined, the Mayor asked Mr. Goodson to check into the matter

3. Mark Davis - Needed clarification regarding the building permit moratorium voted on in February, 2023 which had never been rescinded. He stated the permits should have never been issued without approval by the council. Asked who authorized the permits for the 3 houses being built on Browning. Mayor advised he had authorized because all requirements had been met for them to be issued. Mr. Davis stated Mayor, city personnel, nor anyone other than the council had right to ok authorize the permits. Mayor felt he did not feel they should have had to wait the 30 days to wait to have the permits approved by the council.

Mr. Davis asked if the moratorium was listed would all other problems be solved.

He had read through the new building permits, residential, commercial and subdivision. There were errors in wording to include the word "county", he wondered why? He felt there had not been any proofing of documents. He asked had the city judge received the bond as required on the subdivision permit paperwork?

He felt the documents were very thorough and straight up. But, questioned who would be responsible for making sure compliance was enforced.

Asked if he could get an answer as to who would be enforcing the compliance to requirements at the next meeting.

Also wanted to add that sidewalks be added to requirements for building when going forward. The builder would be able to pass the cost on to the home buyer. (this is a public safety issue)

VIII. Old Business:

1. Dusty gave update on water billing issue. The city has hired a person to come in and work on the software issues, it's expected to take possibly 2-3 months to get answers and get problems resolved.

Mark Davis is happy to maybe get the issue resolved.

IX. Items of discussion by Council Members:

X. Staff Reports:

Utility Dept.: Jacob Ashton advised he had been working with Frentress Engineering to get sewer plant project plans finalized and should be going out for bids soon.

Police Dept.: Chief Medina gave statistics and advised he is working the school zone on Saylor's and citations are being written.

Mr. Davis asked Chief about "Metergate". Chief Medina stated he had gotten word there was a meter in the city that had not been billed in 2 years, Chief Medina stated he needed a complainant, but there had not been one yet. A FB post stated the person had been in 6 months trying to get a bill but never gotten one.

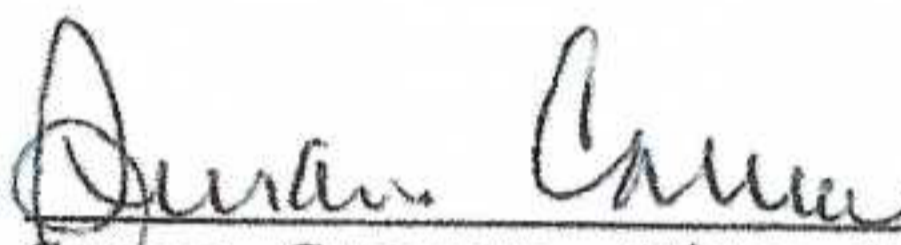
The meter had been found, was on Bragg Street, the house has been empty for 2 years. The post was bogus.

Maintenance: Mr. Goodson had 141 work orders, been patching potholes, working at the park, etc.

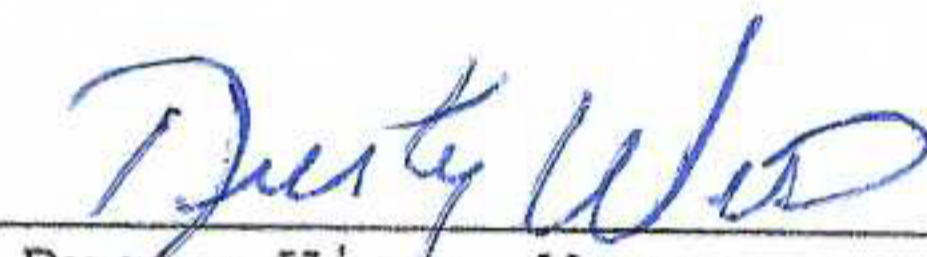
XI. Announcements:

XII. Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Doug Shaffer, second by Councilman ~~Jason Gardner~~. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Susan Carver, City Secretary



Dusty Wise, Mayor