

Brownton City Council Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2019

- BABS requested assistance writing up a MN Twins Community Fund grant to help with softball field renovations. They also asked to use the City's non-profit number for purchases. The Lion's Club donated \$10K towards the renovations; BABS fund balance is at \$12K.
- SEH Engineering update. We received a schedule from R&R for the remainder of the project work. R&R has hired a crew from KWAM, promising us to stay on schedule. Their schedule states 4 weeks out from the 2019 start date to complete last year's work in progress; July 12 is set as their all completion date with the exception of the final wear course on roads paved this spring. A formal change order is needed from RD because we modified completion dates. Liquidated Damages are in place for sand and equipment use for Public Works, no LD's have occurred yet for SEH. The 2019 proposed new street project schedule will be rolled out this spring. There will be a neighborhood meeting on February 20; invitations will be sent.
- Public Works reported they plowed snow, sand/salted. There was a water main break by the cemetery. Streets have been measured for seal coat this summer. Fans are being replacing in the Community Center bathrooms. There are a couple sewers in the city that run down the alley, leaving the homeowner responsible for 150' of sewer pipe. Council stands by City Ordinance that states the homeowner owns the sewer line from the house to the main.
- PD questioned continuing with City sirens at 12, 6, and 10; County EMS Director says sirens don't typically sound other than emergency. Police Chief Bauer is working with the County to determine whether to contract legal services with County Attorneys. If contracted, they will only handle gross misdemeanors; the City would stay with other attorneys for civil matters. The City will meet with lawyers at Gavin Law to determine future legal service with them. The exercise room is not open to the public as it was set up in the interest of the PD and FD staff.
- Order for Abatement will be served to the owner of the grocery store stating they have 30 days to get it repaired or get it torn down.
- Council discussed rezoning the Brownton Elevator; Clerk will call McLeod County to see the impact this would have on the tax base & cost to rezone. Council will take this into consideration...
- With both Mayor Schwarze and Councilwoman Copley both on the Planning and Zoning Committee, it was decided one should step down; the position was vacated by Mayor Schwarze.
- Council approved the liquor license for the Brownton Brewfest on April 6, 2019.
- The Volleyball Court in the park is being restored for Brownton Days this summer; City will buy the sand.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ella Kruse, City Clerk.