City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Minnesota

Mayor and Council: Jeff Foster, Jessica Klingfus, Raughn Oakland, Jan Ball, Rick Smith

Employees: Adria Vargas, Officer Smerud

Public Present: Paul Severtson, Blanca Ayala, Jocelyn Cortez, Esthela Ruvalcaba, Loren Swanson, Bill Adams, Morgen Moreno, Dennis Pooler, Julie Clayton

Council Meeting

September 2nd, 2026

Mayor Foster started the meeting at 7:00pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes were approved

Paul Severtson discussed the speeding through town down County Road 2 he stated that he had seen Jon down there stopping people but that it's still happening. He asked if the city could get a flashing speed limit sign. He stated that he's concerned for the kids in town that live down there. Bill Adams attended the meeting for the same concerns with the traffic and the potential for someone to get hurt.

Dennis Pooler asked if the very tall weeds on the corner of Johnson and Pleasant St. be removed, he stated that you can't safely see to get around the corner there. Council Member Smith stated that he's been mowing that lot for his neighbor and will be get it taken care of over the weekend.

Julie Clayton also commented on the yards in town not getting mowed, along with all the clutter. The council stated that the ordinance is 12inches or going to seed, cost for City to mow is $75.00.

Morgen Moreno asked the council who he would contact if he has general questions about town. The council directed him to the Clerk with questions.

Esthela Ruvalcaba spoke to the council about the plumbing issue at 106 Oak St. NE and said that Pro Plumbing is charging the property owner with an additional repair bill of the excess. Mayor Foster stated that he was there and maintenance was there that day and overheard what was said. Mayor Foster stated that Unfortunately it's a civil matter the homeowner contracted them to do the work not the city. Esthela Ruvalcaba asked if the city would be willing to make a statement if this matter happens to go court. Mayor Foster said that the City Attorney would likely respond in that case on behalf of the City.

Chief Smerud reported to the Council that he is waiting for Featherlite graphics and CAS to get back to him about outfitting the truck. He stated that he did over 20 traffic stops and had a few more issues with kids and had the kids in question down at the park cleaning up he also mentioned that after the kids go back to school things should get better.

The Council also discussed the large roll off dumpsters at Vista Village that seem to be heavy and sinking into the blacktop and asked if Chief Smerud could ask the owner to move them as they are causing damage to the new roadway.

Council Member Smith made a motion to purchase and install a flow/back flow meter as quoted from DSG in amount of $4,795.00 Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 accepting the generous donation of $5,000 from Akkerman Manufacturing for the pickleball court. Council Member Ball seconded the motion. 4Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.

The council discussed keeping Wayne on temporally after his retirement. He said he is willing to keep the keys and fill in as needed. Mayor Foster stated that he is around and willing to help as needed and if that doesn't work, we will look to hire someone. They asked that the Clerk call when and arrange for the keys to be turned in.

The council discussed the two bids for a utility tractor. Midwest Machinery bid is $82,733.59; Kibble came in at $72,446.05 **Council Member Ball made a motion to purchase John Deere utility tractor off the bid from Kibble in the amount of $72,446.05 with all attachments and weights. 3Yeas,1Abstain (Oakland)**

Council Member Smith made a motion to allow the Clerk to speak to the City attorney regarding the delinquent water and sewer bills and mortgage foreclosures in city limits. Council Member Oakland seconded the motion 4Yeas,0Nays. Carried.

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to approve the Tobacco license for Gas N' Go of Brownsdale from 09/15/2026 -01/03/202027 due to the latest sale of the business. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas,0Nays. Carried.

The Council discussed the last 8 dead/dying trees affected by the Emerald Ash borer. **Council Member Klingfus made a motion to contract with Rock Creek Tree and Stump to remove the remaining trees from the addresses as previously stated. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas,0Nays. Carried.**

Bills were paid

Council Member Klingfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas, 0Nays. Carried.