

CITY OF BRUSH!

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016 – REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brush, Colorado met in regular session on February 22, 2016. Mayor Chuck Schonberger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Brush City Hall. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Present on roll call were: Mayor Chuck Schonberger
Councilor Jeanine Anderson
Councilor Rick Bain
Councilor Marlene Baker
Councilor Kimberly Dykes
Councilor Vicky Quinlin

Absent: Councilor Heath Becker

Also present were City Administrator Monty Torres, City Attorney Robert Chapin, Finance Director Joanne Gosselink, Police Lieutenant Corey Hardy and City Clerk Andrea Strand.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2016, were approved as submitted.

VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

MANAGEMENT

Reaffirm Council Code of Conduct – Resolution 2016-3

Mayor Schonberger presented Resolution 2016-3 and the Council Code of Conduct for approval. The document will be distributed for signatures from each Councilor.

Councilor Dykes moved, second by Councilor Bain to reaffirm Council Code of Conduct by approving Resolution 2016-13. It was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2016-2 Water Rates

Administrator Torres presented Resolution No. 2016-2 for Council consideration, A Resolution Amending the Rates and Charges for Water Services to Consumers and Users Within and Outside the City Limits. He added that this had been before Council previously at several meetings and the new rates, if approved, would be effective April 1, 2016. He added that the Water Advisory Board is active and will be searching for new water sources for the City.

Finance Director Gosselink stated that it had been nine years since the last water rate increase. She also added that the new rate structure would increase by the Denver Boulder Consumer Price Index each year. The Development Fee that was included in the monthly bill would be deleted with this rate structure. This would reflect slow and steady increases, if any. She also encouraged consumers to come into City Hall and staff could assist them with questions or show them what the new rates would do to their bill. She also provided bills to each Councilor so they could see the new rates.

Councilor Quinlin moved, second by Councilor Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2016-2, A Resolution Amending the Rates and Charges for Water Services to Consumers and Users Within and Outside the City Limits it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

FINANCE
City Disbursements

Councilor Quinlin moved, second by Councilor Anderson to approve City bills from February 8-22, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

General Fund	\$ 65,894.93
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 235.00
Water Fund	\$ 14,977.44
Trash and Garbage Fund	\$ 17,929.28
Waste Water Fund	\$ 30,323.21
Storm Water Fund	\$ 1,487.69
Golf Course Fund	\$ 11,258.57
Community Enhancement Fund	\$ 21,795.00
Joslin Needham Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Payroll and Cafeteria	\$ 65,656.61
Payroll Liability	<u>\$ 28,119.22</u>
Disbursements Total	\$ 260,676.95

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Gosselink

- Reported that she had received a call from DOLA Representative Greg Etl, who said that the Amended Supplemental budget for Phase 4 of the Downtown Project, had been signed and staff can now begin moving forward. Monty thanked Joanne and Dale for their work in getting this accomplished.

Police Lieutenant Hardy

- Reported on a newly implemented procedure for the department that would remove the requirement to issue a warning. Officers would give each person a business card instead of the warning; the department feels this encourages a positive interaction with the public.
- Staff is cross training
- Officers are now taking on-line training through Police 1.
- Lt Hardy attended a training session on Aspiring New Chiefs and obtained many positive ideas for the police department.

City Clerk Strand

- Announced upcoming meetings and other announcements.
- Council will host a citizen outreach forum on the first Monday of each month, beginning March 7, at the Course from 6-7 p.m.
- Gave a brief overview of council chambers update.

Administrator Torres

- Reported that public works, police department and the school district had been working together to implement solar signs at the schools.
- Xcel Energy contacted the City to replace current lightening with LED lights. They will meet with Monty.
- Reported that the solar farm that would like to locate in Brush on the previous Hinds Feedlot property is currently surveying for flood plain issues, soil probing and determining if this property is suitable for their business.
- Staff is working to obtain CDOT and Federal Highway funding for Mill Street, we hope to get 80% of the cost through these entities.
- Requested professional development training with Council. It was decided that Monday, February 29, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m. would work. Clerk Strand will coordinate.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Anderson

- Has received complaints about snow removal and the recent storm. Wondered if there was not sufficient staff or equipment. People on the west side of town did not have removed for several days. Those delivering meet and eat meals had complained.

Councilor Bain

- Had also received complaints about snow removal on the side streets.

Monty explained that staff plows the snow then removes it. They cannot plow on frozen street. He will talk to the public works director about the concerns.

Councilor Baker

- A citizen had asked about extending Glacier Street to Highway 34. Monty explained that a turn lane would be needed and the width of the street would be problematic.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 22, 2016, meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ City Clerk Andrea Strand

/s/ Mayor Chuck Schonberger