

## **CITY OF BRUSH!**

### **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2018 – REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Brush, Colorado met in regular session on August 13, 2018. Mayor Charles R. Bain 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 Charles R. Bain  
Councilor Marlene Baker  
Councilor Heath Becker  
Councilor Vicky Quinlin  
Councilor Daniel R. Scalise  
Councilor Dana Sherman

Absent: Councilor Jeanine Anderson

Also present were City Administrator Monty Torres, City Attorney Bo Chapin, Finance Director Joanne Gosselink, Community Service Director Lance Schwindt, Police Lt. Corey Hardy, Public Works Director Dale Colerick, and City Clerk Andrea Strand.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the July 23, 2018, were approved as submitted.

#### **VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

The Mayor stated that citizens are invited to speak to the Council on items that are not on the agenda. There is a 3 minute time limit per person, unless otherwise noted by the Mayor. Please note that no formal action will be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on a future posted agenda if action is required.

Justin Spradlin who resides in Brush, expressed his concern over the high cost of the requirements when building in the floodway. He also commented on the increase cost of flood insurance and that it took almost a year to get a response from engineers to determine if he could build on his property. The conclusion was that he could not build as it would affect the flood way, he felt that this would affect property values if people could not improve their property when they reside in the flood way.

He also provided screen shots of Face Book postings that he suggested were made by Councilor Jeanine Anderson. He stated that she admitted to having five different accounts on FB.

Jeanette Corbin who resides in the County stated that Jeanine Anderson admitted on Face Book that she uses the alias Richard Sherwood. She also questioned if the City had any requirements on withholding pay if Council members do not attend meetings.

## **MANAGEMENT**

### **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 873-18 An Ordinance Amending Article 10 of Chapter 2 of the Brush Municipal Code Related to Historic Preservation**

Community Development Director Karen Schminke stated that the Ordinance referenced would allow the City to reach designation Certified Local Government. The Ordinance was brought before Council on first reading on July 23, 2018.

Motion by Councilor Quinlin, second by Councilor Sherman to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 873-18 An Ordinance amending Article 10 of Chapter 2 of the Brush Municipal code Related to Historic Preservation. It was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Release of Development Agreement (associated with Homestead Meadows II, Phase I Subdivision)**

Motion by Councilor Sherman second by Councilor Scalise to approve the Release of the Development Agreement associated with Homestead Meadows II, Phase I Subdivision. It was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Central School Support Letter**

City Clerk Andrea Strand presented a support letter, on behalf of the City of Brush to Brush Chamber Foundation as they are applying for a grant for improvements to the Central School building

Councilor Scalise offered a motion, second by Councilor Quinlin to approve a letter of support from the City for improvements to Central School.

### **Appoint Karen Goldman as the Hearing Officer for Recall Hearings**

City Clerk Andrea Strand asked for Council to consider appointing Karen Goldman as a hearing officer in the event a hearing is required during the recall process of Councilor Jeanine Anderson.

Councilor Sherman offered a motion, second by Councilor Quinlin to appoint Karen Goldman as a hearing officer for any recall hearings. It was approved by roll call vote.

### **Approve the Consultant for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Community Service Director Lance Schwindt informed Council that he had received two bids for the Recreation Master Plan. He recommended approving GreenPlay LLC as the consultant for the Recreation Master Plan, in the amount of \$69,999.

Councilor Scalise offered a motion, second by Councilor Sherman to appoint GreenPlay LLC, of Broomfield, Colorado, as the consultant for the Recreation Master Plan. It was approved unanimous by roll call vote.

### **City Disbursements**

Councilor Quinlin moved, second by Councilor Baker to approve City bills from July 23-August 13, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

General Fund	\$ 77,017.23
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 25,740.00
Fire Equipment Fund	\$ 447,641.30
Water Fund	\$ 41,240.14
Trash and Garbage Fund	\$ 18,192.87
Waste Water Fund	\$ 357,605.41
Storm Water Fund	\$ 3,512.94
Golf Course Fund	\$ 31,800.02
Community Enhancement Fund	\$ 1,800.00
Joslin Needham Fund	\$ 5,007.18
Payroll	\$ 101,939.92
Payroll Liability and Cafeteria	<u>\$ 45,884.83</u>
Disbursements Total	\$ 1,157,381.84

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Finance Director Gosselink**

- Reported that the Auditor presented the 2017 City Audit at the finance committee meeting and the City received a “clean bill of health”

#### **Public Works Director Colerick**

- Reported that staff continued to clean up storm debris and reminded everyone that the City will not pick up branches after August 17.
- Thanked the street crew from the City of Fort Morgan for their assistance with the storm clean up and also all the neighbor helping neighbor.
- Reported that street trees will be addressed when time permits.
- Explained the various types of street maintenance; fog sealing, slurry seal and chip seal. Ray Street will fog sealed next week.

#### **Community Development Director Schminke**

- Stated that when a citizen wanted to make a claim of property damage to the City’s insurance, they should submit a letter to her office so that she can start the claim process.
- Reported that airport damage had been reported to the City’s insurance company.

### **City Clerk Strand**

- Announced upcoming meetings and other announcements.

### **City Administrator Torres**

- Reported on the progress of the fire department building.
- Reported that the Tornado Disaster Declaration had been submitted and staff will work with federal and state officials to determine the level of participation.
- Discussions is being held with the school district to consider having the City take over the water mains. Waiting for engineers and the state for comments. It will be brought forward on a future agenda.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Councilor Becker**

- School will be starting next week and he hopes the police officers continue to walk through the schools.

### **Councilor Baker**

- Reported that she is very impressed with the work the East Morgan County Library continues to do for the community.

### **Councilor Quinlin**

- Compliments the city crews on their clean-up efforts

### **Mayor Rick Bain**

Read the following:

As you know, Brush and surrounding communities were hit by 2 confirmed EF-2 tornadoes, on Sunday (July 29th), with wind speeds between 110 -135 mph. We were very fortunate these tornados did not occur another 3 miles to the west.

This event not only brought out the best in our community but also the best in our surrounding communities.

There are several entities we would like to thank, that helped our efforts after this terrible storm.

- Fort Morgan graciously provided crews that helped our city crews with debris cleanup,
- The city of Yuma reached out to us with offers of help,

Many power companies assisted with restoring power after the storm. In Brush and the surrounding area we had over 2100 people without power. Someone mentioned to me when these trucks rolled into town it looked like the Calvary had arrived and I can't argue with that. Our hospital was running on generator power for a period of time.

Our thanks to:

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- First responders as always pitched in to help where needed.
- Thanks to the school district for providing space for shelter at the high school and to the Red Cross and the Emergency Operations Center for coordinating the effort.
- AC Ice distributed ice to people needing it.
- Laura McConnell Director of East Morgan County Library called me bright and early the next day to let us know they were opening the library early and providing donuts, coffee, internet, phone charging capability, for anyone needing help the morning after the storm.
- To city staff, city workers your performance during this event were nothing short of incredible. There were several long days of incredibly hard work put in by our team, and I have had people coming up to me and expressing how well they thought our clean-up efforts were handled.
- To our residents, I was not surprised to see our community out right after the storm starting to clean things up. I told reporters our people won't sit back and wait for help. We had neighbor helping neighbor and block helping block to get out from under this storm. Council would like to express special thanks to those who hauled limbs themselves to the landfill and those who managed to get them over by our recycling lot so that our crews could load them from that spot. This action took some of the burden off of our streets as well as providing additional help to our street crews.

Senator Cory Gardner was traveling home and was waiting this storm out in Fort Morgan when he heard our airport had been hit and drove directly there offering help and support to us.

I signed a local disaster declaration on July 31st and we are tracking the cost of damages. We have had reports that one of our sirens lost power during the storm and we are looking into that and have a work session scheduled tonight on that subject.

Senator Gardner came back last week and Monty and I met with him and other local officials so that he could tour the damage to property and crops in the area.

After having seen the damage that this storm has caused, it should serve as a good reminder to us all that when the weather turns as quickly as this one did, get inside, get to a lower level if you have one and tune to local media for information on what is going on.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The August 13, 2018, meeting adjourned at approximately at 6:40 p.m.

### **ATTEST:**

/s/ City Clerk Andrea Strand

/s/ Mayor Charles R. Bain