

CITY OF BRITT – BRITT IOWA – AUGUST 4TH, 2020

The City Council of the City of Britt, Iowa met in pursuant to law and the rules of said Council in regular session at 7:00 o'clock P.M. the 4th day of August 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arndorfer, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Stacy Swenson, Curt Gast, Karrie Wallen, and Paul Verbrugge

ABSENT: Chad Luecht

The Mayor presented the agenda for approval. It was moved by Verbrugge and seconded by Gast to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen & Verbrugge

Nays: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Wallen that the following items contained in the Consent Agenda be approved and adopted:

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion. Consent Agenda items may include any non-controversial subjects.

- a. Approve Minutes of the 07/21/2020 Council Meeting
- b. Claim list in the amount of \$450,803.94
- c. Approve extension of a Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) for Hob Nob from Friday, August 7th, 2020 @ 6 p.m. to Sunday, August 9th, 2020 @ 10 a.m.

A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen & Verbrugge

Nays: None

The motion carried, and the Consent Agenda items were approved and adopted.

Present to be heard was Minneapolis Jewel and Collinwood Kid for Ohio to discuss the facilities at the Hobo Jungle. In addition, several other hobos were present to support their request. At the last council meeting the council decided to open the bathrooms and the shower at the Hobo Jungle from Friday, August 7th at 8 a.m. to Sunday, August 9th, 2020 at 10 a.m. They would be responsible for keeping the area clean. Collinwood Kid asked the council to reconsider their earlier decision to have the bathroom/showers open all week along with the electric turned on and access to the garage. It was determined that a majority of those who are currently staying at the Hobo Jungle will be gone on Friday. It was moved by Wallen and seconded by Gast to approve the opening of the restrooms/showers to be opened Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 instead of Friday morning. Motion as follows: Ayes: Swenson, Gast & Wallen Nays: Verbrugge.

Department head reports were given. Linda Friedow, Library Director reported the library is still on phase 2 of 4 and will remain so until the COVID numbers begin to go down. Under Public Works, Arndorfer stated Vance Hagen is looking for an answer to the issue of dumping at our tree dump. We still are finding people dumping items that are not supposed to be dumped and the compost pile is not for use by the loader bucket, but rather small buckets scooped out by a shovel. We don't want to close the tree dump so we are getting quotes for a surveillance system. Hagen met with the lost control agent from EMC and received an excellent report. Mark Anderson, Police Chief, reported they had 151 calls for service in July 2020. All abatements have been updated and those needing to be sent to the City Attorney have been. Jon Swenson, Fire Chief, reported they had 7 calls in the month of July 2020, 5 were standby for the races with 1 extraction. The new Spartan fire truck was delivered. They sold the 1988 fire truck for \$15,000 to the Town of Thor, IA. Swenson

met with the new lost control agent from EMC and received a good report. Under Zoning, it was reported that MaxYield will be replacing their driveways and sidewalk. They will be laying the standard 8” driveway and will pour the sidewalk at the same depth. They will only be eligible for the standard reimbursement for replacing sidewalks; this means they will get ½ of 4”. The City Administrator has been instructed to mail a reminder letters to those needing to still fix their sidewalks.

The City Administrator presented her report. Sawyer presented Resolution No. 24-2020 To Approve, Accept and Authorize a Form of Loan Agreement and Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Securing the Payment of \$440,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020, of the City of Britt, State of Iowa, Under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and Providing for a Method of Payment of the Notes; and Approval of the Tax Exempt Certificate. It was moved by Gast and seconded by Swenson to approve Resolution No. 24-2020 To Approve, Accept and Authorize a Form of Loan Agreement and Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Securing the Payment of \$440,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020, of the City of Britt, State of Iowa, Under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and Providing for a Method of Payment of the Notes; and Approval of the Tax Exempt Certificate.

A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen & Verbrugge

Nays: None

The motion carried, and the Resolution was approved and adopted.

Next, Sawyer presented an equipment agreement for the Reverse Osmosis Pilot Program. This is tied to the new Water Treatment Plant that is scheduled in Britt. It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Verbrugge to approve the equipment agreement for the Reverse Osmosis Pilot Program in the amount of \$55,050. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Arndorfer presented his report. Arndorfer discussed the advertisement for the public works department. It was moved by Verbrugge and seconded by Swenson to advertise for a general maintenance position for the public works department. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Next, Arndorfer discussed his recommendation for yearly salary increases. It was moved by Swenson and seconded by Wallen to approve the Mayor’s recommendation for the annual salary increases. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Finally, the Mayor spoke about resuming the late charges for overdue water bills. He reached out to mayor’s around the city and the responses showed some resumed late charges in July or will resume in August or September and felt this was appropriate at this time. Arndorfer rescinded the proclamation which halted the late charges from being assessed. As of September 1st, 2020 late charges will again be assessed to those with a late bill.

With no further business it was moved by Verbrugge and seconded by Gast to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Debra R. Sawyer, City Administrator/Clerk

Ryan L. Arndorfer, Mayor

“These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular meeting.”

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ACCO	CHEMICALS/POOL	\$2,121.30
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$85.52

BASE	MEDICAL REIMB	\$262.52
BOLTON & MENK	ENGINEERING FEES/DIAGONAL ST	\$20,253.00
BRENT HALVERSON	Cook-3rd Street SW	\$1,072.50
CHOSEN VALLEY TESTING	DRILLING/SAMPL/ENG FEE/DIAGNL	\$3,500.00
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	GARNISHMENT	\$163.93
COMM 1	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	\$671.13
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DNTL/VISN-PRETX	\$476.98
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$6,330.18
GRIMM CONSTRUCTION	WATER LINE REPAIR	\$750.00
HANCOCK CO PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL/SLIDE INSPECTION	\$418.00
HAUGLAND REPAIR	1/2 MOWER REPLACEMENT	\$5,430.20
HEARTLAND ASPHALT	ALLEY OVERLAY PROJECT	\$70,310.56
IA DEPT OF NAT'L RESOURCE	NPDES STORM SEWER PERMIT	\$350.00
IMWCA	INSURANCE #2 INSTALLMENT	\$1,088.00
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$10,271.54
JOHN SWEERS	STUMP GRINDING	\$275.00
MARK OR JOANNE EARLES	LAND PURCHASE NEW WTP	\$26,818.00
MCKINNES EXCAVATING	SWR SVC/WTR REROUTE 3RDST/3RDA	\$49,757.70
MIDWEST ROOFING	FIRE DEPT ROOF REPAIR	\$747.35
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	DEFERRED COMP	\$20.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/29/2020	\$22,738.38
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/31/2020	\$1,015.27
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	\$49.00
SPARTAN FIRE	NEW SPARTAN PUMPR/CITY PORTION	\$215,092.50
STATE TREASURER	STATE TAXES	\$2,687.00
SWENSON'S HARDWARE	MISC SUPPLIES	\$534.47
UHC	HEALTH-PRE-TAX	\$7,513.91
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$450,803.94

GENERAL FUND	\$36,721.93
LIBRARY FUND	\$4,261.86
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$215,162.65
ROAD USE FUND	\$76,568.27
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$1,088.00
LOCAL OPTION TAX FUND	\$5,430.20
CAP PROJECT - LAND ACQUIS FUND	\$3,500.00
WATER FUND	\$34,541.32
SEWER FUND	\$70,362.13
STORM WATER FUND	\$3,167.58