

BROWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting
June 5th, 2009

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ware called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Councilors Cole, Shepherd, Van Sandt, and Chambers present. Also present were City Administrator Scott McDowell and City Planner Bill Sattler. Councilors Ginn and Gerber were excused.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS:

1. Resolution 630 – Sewer Project Accounting. Mr. McDowell said he had gone through a compliance review with Rosanne Volker-Bronson from Rural Development (USDA-RD) and that the audit had gone well. During the discussion, a discrepancy arose regarding \$128,000 of interest earned which is the result of different accounting between Cascades West Council of Governments (CWCOG), who has been doing the City's accounting for the grant, and the USDA-RD system. Rural Development believes that the money is in the City's accounts and needs to be transferred into the project construction account. Mr. McDowell said that this issue goes back all the way to the start of the project five years ago and that trying to untangle the accounting would be extremely difficult and time consuming. Councilor Cole asked if this meant that the City needed to come up with \$128,000 from City revenues. Mr. McDowell said that it did not, the money was from project funds and this was an accounting issue. He said that it did not represent any out of pocket expense to the City. Mayor Ware said that his understanding of the situation was that the City had received \$128,000 in interest from project proceeds, that the money had gone into the City's general account, and was now being transferred into the sewer project account where it should have been. Mr. McDowell said that was correct. Councilor Shepherd asked if there would be a good accounting track for all of this. Mr. McDowell said that the Single Audit for the entire project has already been completed with no problems. Councilor Shepherd moved that Resolution 630 be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilor Van Sandt and was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

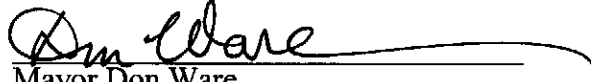
1. Millrace Pump Station Startup. Mr. McDowell said that the new millrace pump station had been successfully started up. He said that there had been a few issues with debris in the millrace since it had not been full last summer but that Jim Smith & Gary Shepherd from the Linn County Road Department had helped out.
2. Linn Way Storm Drain/Sewer issue. Mr. McDowell told the Council that following up on the sewage problem in the Seven Mile Lane ditch had identified where the problem was located. A resident on Depot had hired a contractor to fix their sewer line early this year and the contractor had inadvertently tapped the line into the storm drain line rather than the sanitary sewer line a few feet away. Mr. McDowell said that the contractor had come out and fixed the connection so the problem has been resolved. The Council discussed whether they should seek reimbursement from the contractor for the cost of identifying the problem, particularly the sewer line inspection which had cost about \$1,800. Councilor Cole moved that the City send a letter to the contractor requesting reimbursement of all City expenses associated with the problem. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chambers. Councilor Shepherd clarified that Mr. McDowell was authorized to negotiate with the contractor so as to avoid any litigation over the matter. The addition was agreed to and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Nuisance Abatements. Mr. Sattler told the Council that he had sent out about 32 nuisance abatement notices the day before, mainly for tall grass and weeds plus some other assorted issues such as junk cars and other attractive nuisances.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



City Administrator S. Scott McDowell



Mayor Don Ware