

**City of Brownsboro Farm
Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Brownsboro Farm City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at the Brownsboro Farm Community Center. Mayor Mosher called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Ramsey , Marc Salmon, Gregory Moss-Brown and John Shea, Mayor Mosher and City Clerk Dennis Branson. Residents Charlie Spencer, Bill Warde, and Doug White were also present. Guest Clay Porter of the Property Valuation Office was also present.

The agenda was updated to add Commissioner John Shea and Mayor Josh Mosher and adopted.

The minutes from June were approved.

Clerk Branson asked that the June financials be delayed until the July meeting. June is the end of the fiscal year and he wanted to make sure all expenses are put in the appropriate fiscal year. Mayor Mosher asked that the financials be distributed to the Mayor and Commissioners before the end of July.

Guest Speaker

Clay Porter from the Property Valuation Administrators (PVA) made a presentation on property taxes. Mr. Porter touched on multiple PVA topics and mentioned that when you turn 65 you get a homestead exemption which reduces your property taxes. You apply for the exemption once and it follows you for the duration of your life. You keep the exemption if you move, even if you go to a nursing home. You can also get an exemption if you are disabled. However, you must reapply annually for the disability exemption. Mr. Porter urged residents with questions to call him at 574-0839.

The PVA works with www.Lojoy.org for mapping purposes. Last year the PVA got together with Lojoy.org and the Secretary of State and performed a survey of Jefferson County. Over 900 properties that were not being taxed by 6th class cities were located. These properties were assigned to the appropriate cities. The City of Brownsboro Farm picked up 10 properties, 5 taxable and 5 exempt. Mayor Mosher asked about our boundaries. Mr. Porter stated that they used the actual boundaries set by the city over 30 years ago.

Mr. Porter said that all assessments are of January 1st and they are not prorated during the year. If you buy a house with a homestead exemption, it stays with that house for that year. Assessments are mailed out in the spring. Residents have the right to challenge their assessments.

Old Business

Commissioner Ramsey

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LG&E Update – The new light was installed at Little Bend on June 13th. After a few splicing issues were corrected, it was turned on June 27th.

MSD – Cherokee Construction reseeded 2 yards in the 3800 block of Burning Bush. Mike Marling with MSD has said he will evaluate this project again to see what additional work still needs to be done to complete it. He may choose to use a different contractor.

Resident Spencer noted that the new light is brighter than the other lights and asked if it is a 175 watt light rather than a 100 watt light. Commissioner Ramsey said a 100 watt light was ordered and that he will check it out.

The current LG&E bill for the pool was 30% higher than this time last year. Commissioner Shea said that it was due to the new pool heater. Most of the increase was a one time surge for getting the pool up to temperature. We budgeted \$500.00 for pool expense to heat the pool for this year. We are 60% of that amount.

Commissioner Moss-Brown

Commissioner Moss-Brown said that he has received several calls from city residents asking about a citywide yard sale. Due to vacations, he suggested that it be scheduled for early September. Resident Wendy Medley will be asked to spearhead the event.

Commissioner Salmon

Commissioner Salmon brought up the issue of city insurance. He stated in the past it had been divided between the pool and city. However, since the City of Brownsboro Farm is the responsible party, he felt that it should pay the entire insurance bill. Commissioner Salmon made a motion to pay the insurance bill in the amount of \$4,031 for fiscal 2008-09 out of the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Salmon gave a brief update on the sanitation contract with Rumpke. There will be no increase in cost for the next two years, and they have added additional yard pickup for January, February and March. He also noted that Rumpke has a strict limit of 4 feet on yard waste, and that they are strictly enforcing this limit.

Commission Shea

Park Board – Tom Mack wants to continue to look at the riprap on the hillside due to concerns about the stability of the pool. The Park Board suggested that we spend approximately \$1800 with a not to exceed \$2,500 for gutter guards for the Community Center. They need to be in place before the fall. The difference of \$700.00 is for possible adjustments to the existing gutters to allow better water flow if

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needed. The Park Board recommends that we use the Hensey Company, a local company with 28 years of experience.

Tom Mack is getting estimates for new playground equipment. He is looking at both 1 and 2 stations setups, and should have something to present at the August meeting. There was \$250 allocated for playground maintenance last fiscal year that was not spent. It was determined that allocated lapsed with the end of the fiscal year, and a new motion would have to be made.

John Shea made motion 1jps070808 to allocate funds from line 25130 – Pool Monitor in the amount of \$100.00 to pay for Pool Members Life Guard annual bonus. The motion was second by Commissioner Moss-Brown and passed unanimously.

John Shea made motion 2jps070808 to allocate funds from line 25156 – Pool Social in the amount of \$500.00 to pay for Pool Members Adult Shrimp Boil Party chaired by Ron Teaford, and held at the Community Center. The motion was second by Commissioner Ramsey and passed unanimously.

John Shea made motion 3jps070808 to allocate funds from line 25156 – Pool Social in the amount of \$200.00 to pay for Pool Members Adult Pool Members adult wind ding, to be held at the Community Center The motion was second by Mayor Mosher and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Shea announced that the wooded park has been registered as a registered Backyard Wildlife Habitat by Ron Teaford and Charlie Spencer. The Park Board presented the city with a plaque to display.

According to Commissioner Shea and on behalf of a resident, a resident has been trying to get the volleyball court completed. He has bought a net and volleyballs and has requested reimbursement. He also wants to know if the old hydrant and wood frame can be removed. Then resident has planted bushes on city property. The commission has asked that this item be sent back to the Parks Board for review.

Park Path – They are having problems with the slope. They have completed the survey and they will have the cost next month. They should have drawings to present at the next meeting.

The beautification committee has not met yet. Mayor Mosher asked that they meet during the next month.

Commissioner Shea recommended that we spend \$125 to buff and wax the community center at the end of the pool season.

Mayor Mosher

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Mayor Mosher made a motion to have David Self remove up to 5 dead bushes at the front of the city. The cost is not to exceed \$200 and is to come out of the road fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salmon and passed unanimously.

Mayor Mosher made a motion to allocate funds in the amount of \$2,426.18 out of account 20130 – County Tax Assessments to pay the bill to the PVA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salmon and passed unanimously.

The meeting was motioned and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Joshua Mosher, Mayor

Dennis Branson, City Clerk