

**CITY OF BRODHEAD
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

Present: Mayor Pinnow, Aldermen Nyman, Bruce, Fox, Peach and Huntington. City Clerk Withee and City Attorney Michael Faust

Absent: Alderman Anderson

Mayor Pinnow called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows all Aldermen present except Anderson

Minutes: Motion by Huntington to approve minutes from December 10, 2018. Second by Bruce. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Library Board: Director Noel presented year to date information and stated that numbers are good comparatively from last year. The November numbers are 3,061 Visits, 4,239 items out and 248 items added. Program attendees; Children's programs – 238, Young Adult programs – 8, other programs – 44. The library will be closed December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1. The next Library Board meeting will be Monday, January 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety: No report

Pearl Island: No report

Water & Light: No report

Senior/Community Center: Mayor Pinnow presented site plans and a cost proposal from Keller Design Group. The committee would recommend moving forward with the 7,000 square foot building that holds a senior center and accommodations for 300 people for approximately \$1,600,000. Would like a referendum question finalized by January 21st and the citizens will decide in the spring. They want to know if the city wants to move forward with the senior/community center so the city does not lose the grant. The committee would like guidance from council if this is what they want to move forward. A 6,000 square foot building would be \$1,400,000. Having the senior/community center south of Subway may be a good attraction to bring a motel to the city. Estimates will be brought back to the city and they will need to determine what parcel of land would be best. Goal is to at least match the grant by the time of the referendum to keep the grant and then continue to fundraise. If they went with only the senior center portion it would be approximately \$900,000. Bruce asked if there would be any consideration to only do a senior center. Mayor Pinnow stated that after the last council meeting the city made a motion to move forward with a senior/community center. The project has to be completed by 2020 for the grant. Fox stated that the community is suggesting other projects such as roads, etc. but we don't have grant funding for those other projects. Bruce stated that he is against this project and feels that fundraising should have been done before the grant was applied for. Fox stated that it was discussed before and that it is harder to fundraise if you don't have money to match. Bruce stated that grants are not free money it is still tax dollars. We should have plans in place before we apply for grants. He would rather see this project tabled and try for a grant in the future. Peach stated that it is a good idea but that we have the opportunity now to receive a grant and this will be decided by the citizens at the referendum. He does not feel comfortable turning down \$500,000 and the public should ultimately make the decision at the referendum. Huntington agrees with Peach. Fox stated that when she became a council member the committee had already been working on this project for several years. She said there were pledges and planning but no actual fundraising has been done. Grant money is tax dollars but wouldn't it be nice to have our tax dollars spent in the city rather than another community. Bruce would like a guarantee that this project will not raise tax dollars. Mayor Pinnow stated that council

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needs to make a decision and that this has already been discussed at a prior council meeting. The delays have cost the city money and the project costs keep going up. Discussion by council. Motion by Peach to move forward with a 6,000 sq. ft. building for 1.4 million and have this go to referendum. Second by Nyman. Fox stated that she would prefer moving forward with the 7,000 sq. ft. project and Bruce stated that the city should not compete with private business. Three ayes. 2 nays Bruce and Fox. Motion carried. Pinnow asked council to please consider what they are willing to do for the project going forward.

Fire district: Fox stated that they have selected auditors to get further information and all of them have now declined to move forward with the project.

Finance Committee: Nyman made a motion to approve the following checks: BID CK 1445 to 1449 - \$2,438.96, Sewer Fund CK 8079 to 8094 - \$88,370.41 General CK 77411 to 77634 - \$196,245.86. Second by Huntington. Roll Call 5 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Nyman to approve the November 2018 treasurer's report as presented. Second by Peach. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Withee presented Resolution 2018-028 to commit carryover funds for Park & Recreation. Finance Committee has recommended approval. Motion by Peach to approve Resolution 2018-028 to commit carryover funds for Park & Recreation as presented. Second by Peach. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Withee presented Resolution 2018-029 to commit Youth Ball Raffle Funds. Finance Committee has recommended approval. Motion by Fox to approve Resolution 2018-029 to commit Youth Ball Raffle Funds as presented. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Withee presented Resolution 2018-030 to commit PARR Trust Funds. Finance Committee has recommended approval. Pinnow stated that he believed there was money left over after the 2006 sesquicentennial and he was pretty sure that the money left over was put in this fund. No one remembers for sure if the money was put in this fund it was either 1,500 or 2,000. Motion by Fox to table Resolution 2018-030 for further research. Second by Peach. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Report: Future Agendas: town of Decatur agreement for police department, request from pearl island to have a special meeting regarding the bridge project. Motion by Peach to hold special meeting Wednesday, December 26th at 6:00 pm. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried. PARR Trust resolution.

Mayor Pinnow stated that the Holiday Party is scheduled for December 19th at Bridges \$5 per person, deadline to file non-candidacy paperwork is December 21, 2018, and nomination paperwork needs to be turned in by January 2, 2019 by 5:00 pm.

Motion by Peach to cancel the 2nd meeting in January scheduled for the January 15, 2019 and make a decision at the January 14, 2019 meeting to determine if a second meeting is necessary. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Report: No report

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Fox. Second by Huntington. Five ayes. Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Douglas A. Pinnow, Mayor Approved this 26th day of December 2018.
Teresa Withee, City Clerk