

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at City Hall. Council members present were Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Jean Karst, Tiffany Myrum, Bryan Bye, Jason Johnson, Sandy King, Ginger Kuschel, Dorothy Fiala, Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski, Matt Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Mayor Heck.

Additions to the Agenda

Additions to the agenda included two claims from Serocki Excavating. One for water repair in the amount of \$274.25, and second for \$39,668.40 for asphalt patching.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Dusing, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the May 9, 2016, Regular Council meeting.

Financial Report

A motion by Dusing seconded by Warren, council unanimously approved the financial report.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon motion by Dusing and a second by Miller, that the council unanimously passed the following resolution:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Browns Valley that the payment of the following city bills and payroll be and is approved as presented.

Prepaid claims: \$0.00 Wages: \$17,625.64 Claims for approval: \$91,523.59

Motion passed 4-0.

Visitors

Sandra King, West Central Initiative (WCI), presented a packet to the council. WCI is celebrating its 30th year and the City of Browns Valley is a participating partner. Sandra reported of programs and projects that WCI has been involved in. She talked about their forgivable childcare loan program. It is available for any home-based childcare business that is being established.

Bryan Bye, WidsethSmithNolting, provided an explanation of Change Order Number 9, (CO #9) that decreased the project costs by \$222,453.17.

Motion by Dusing with second by Warren, council approved CO #9.

Bye provided an explanation of Pay Estimate Number 11 (PPE #11) in the amount of \$426,860.58. PPE #11 is for paving of streets.

Motion by Dusing with second by Miller, council approved PPE #11.

Issues were brought up regarding poor work being done by the contractor.

Jean Karst and Tiffany Myrum addressed the council with questions that will assist finalizing the planning for the sesquicentennial.

Motion by Heck to reconsider that the Browns Valley Liquor Store be open on Sunday, June 26, 2016 during the Sesquicentennial, second by Dusing and unanimously approved.

Ginger Kuschel and Dorothy Fiala addressed the council with concern regarding the quality of work being done by the contractor, the cost of utilities when watering gardens and the proposed change in Ordinance Section 91.07(A) An Ordinance Dealing With The Regulation Of Barking Dogs.

Building Permit

Building permit from Tim Peltier at 422 St. NW to remove a window and replace with a patio door that is wider than the window opening and a permit from Rita Kloecher to build an addition onto her garage.

Motion by Dusing with second by Miller, council approved both permits.

Correspondence

Library board minutes of April 18, 2016

Letters from Karen Hovey regarding a high meter reading on her father's house. The equipment is functioning accurately. She has asked that the overage on the bill be forgiven. The council unanimously agreed that the bill will remain as is.

Old Business

Schmitz reported that Merl Sing dropped his post office box. He hand delivered the bill directly to Merl. Schmitz also reported that there is someone living at the Nerison house. He noticed an extra vehicle that the house one day, but no one answered the door.

The council tabled the amendment to the barking dog ordinance.

New Business

Motion by Warren with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved Resolution 16-06, Resolution Approving Certification Of Compliance Review Of Nondiscrimination By recipients Of Financial Assistance Through U.S. Department Of Agriculture.

Department Reports

Library

Piechowski reported an update of upcoming activities for the summer

Attorney

Franzese provided a time sheet for the month of May.

Public Works

Serocki reported that there have been electrical and mechanical issues with the F511 mower. He provided literature and estimates for two different mowers.

Serocki reported that they have been replacing fence posts at the Sam Brown park as they are rotting off in the ground. They will be replacing more after the celebration.

Administration

Schmitz asked if the council would agree to reimburse the ambulance manager \$15.00 per month for the use of her cell phone. Motion by Dusing with second by Miller, council unanimously approved the reimbursement.

Schmitz requested to hire Dan Ellison from Herman to assist in finding and writing grants for the preservation and conservation of the building. Ellison charges \$100.00 per hour for grant writing. The council decided to not hire a grant writer until they hear a proposal from the Historical Society how the building will be used and how often it will be open to the public.

Moved by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor