

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 Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski, Mickey Gruettner, Lloyd Heaney and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the February 22, 2016, Regular Council meeting.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon motion by Dusing and a second by Warren, 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: \$3,414.51 Claims for approval: \$49,665.87

Motion passed 5-0.

Memorials/Donations

A donation was made to the ambulance service include from Mark Hansen for \$10.00 in memory of Janet LeClair. Miller moved to approve and accept the donation given to the City and/or its departments seconded by Heck and passed 5-0.

Building Permit

Mike Fischer is requesting a permit to add a 36'x30 addition to the side of the store. He is requesting that the utilities be run coming from Sixth Street. He asks permission to run them behind the store. Part of the hill will need to be excavated to allow this. The utilities are currently are run under the cement and pumps in front of the store.

A motion by Dusing with a second by Heck, council unanimously approved the building permit for the addition to the Cenex C-Store for Mike Fischer.

A motion by Hansen with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved supplying water to a curb stop and allowing sewer and water lines to run behind the store from Sixth Street.

Visitors

Mickey Gruettner addressed the council concerning his hearing that his father's house being red tagged. Schmitz explained the reason for the red tag being that the utilities had not been paid and the water being shut off resulting in the house being deemed as uninhabitable. Schmitz also explained that being that the utility bill was paid and water turned back on negates the status of it being uninhabitable and red tag.

Lloyd Heaney addressed the council representing the Browns Valley Historical Society. He reported that they have been in contact with the Brookings Renegade Muzzleloaders Club. Heaney the Club would like to attend the Sesquicentennial. They would like to set up camp in the area west of the Sam Brown cabin. They are asking if it be allowed for them to dig a fire pit and be able to give demonstrations of them loading

and shooting their guns. The guns would be firing paper wadding and the sod from the fire pit area would be replaced.

Placing a foot bridge across the river in the vicinity of that location was discussed. The idea of a dock instead of a bridge was mentioned. Schmitz will contact the DNR to follow up this discussion.

Old Business

Ken Warren reported that he has flyers made to advertise the Browns Valley Challenge Business Loan program. He will begin distributing them around the county and in other communities outside of the county during his travels.

New Business

Schmitz reported that Kristi Lillehaug has been working on a new website for the city. The website provider that she uses is more user friendly and she will conduct maintenance along with Schmitz.

Motion by Hansen with a second by Warren, council unanimously approved of changing website providers and using Kristi Lillehaug for continued maintenance.

Motion by Hansen with a second by Heck, council unanimously approved Resolution Number 16-04 Traverse County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion by Heck with a second by Dusing, council approved Ordinance Number 55 Ottertail Power Company.

Motion by Hansen with a second by Miller, council approved the Amendment to Ordinance Section 150.01(D), An Ordinance Adopting the Minnesota State Building Code in the City of Brown Valley.

Hansen reported that David Duffield has approached him to ask if he could connect to the water line on the Dew property that he purchased. He plans to graze cattle on this land and will need the access to water.

Motion by Hansen with a second by Warren, council unanimously approved the resignation of Candy Duffield.

Department Reports

Public Works

Serocki reported that the city of Beardsley has asked to borrow the sewer jetter. It was agreed that it would be borrowed with the agreement that if it gets damaged that they would pay for repairs.

Serocki reported that he would like to add another two inches of gravel along select streets that are used by some trucks.

Administration

Tiffany Myrum contacted Schmitz to report that she has contacted MNDOT asking to close Broadway for the entire celebration this summer. She was told that they would allow it for short periods of time, such as during the parades.

Devin Tohm has asked about the free lots. He plans to build a slab on grade house with approximately 1,200 square feet of living space. Utilities would need to be extended to this area. Council asked that approved plans are provided for the building inspector to review.

Several lights do not work at Backus Field. They will be replaced before the celebration.

Council

Dusing recommended having minor painting done on Broadway and install hanging baskets along light poles.

Attorney Franzese provided a February's timesheet. Heck had questions relating to the timesheet. This will be discussed during the next meeting when Franzese is in attendance.

Moved by Heck with a second by Dusing and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor