

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at the Public Library. Council members present were Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Ken Westbrook, Tony Serocki and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Heck seconded by Dusing and passed unanimously, council approved the minutes of the February 23, 2015 Regular Council meeting.

### **Bills**

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid employee wages it was moved by Warren with a second by Miller that the following resolution be adopted.

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 wages be and is approved as presented.

Prepaid claims: \$427.43, Claims for approval: \$27,887.01, Wages: \$10,628.07

Motion passed 5-0.

### **Visitors**

Ken Westbrook expressed concern about condition of the roads on the north end of town. Equipment was delivered to town prior to posting of weight restrictions to roads. Serocki reported that he had spoken to the engineer earlier in the day and was told that nothing will be done with the roads until the water dries up out of the potholes.

Mayor Hansen expressed concern of the water drainage as it currently is being held in different locations.

Westbrook also inquired if there has been any follow-up with West Central Initiative (WCI) regarding the start up loan given to Amber and Chad Metz for the daycare. Schmitz had contacted Wayne Umlauf via e-mail and was told that payments are being made. The question of whether the loan should have been paid back upon closing the business. Schmitz will make contact with Umlauf again to identify what the contract states and will report back to the EDA board.

### **Communications**

Council reviewed a complaint regarding snow being blown onto a city street. It is against State statute to blow snow from a driveway or sidewalk onto city streets.

### **Unfinished Business**

In 2014 council discussed hanging nets up at the tennis courts since the asphalt has been sealed. It was tabled at that time until the spring of 2015. Serocki stated that there may be nets stored under the grandstand. He will check to see if they are serviceable. Discussion tabled for a later date.

Upon motion from Hansen with a seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved for Schmitz to draft a letter to our representatives stating that the City of Browns Valley would opt out of adding fluoride into city water.

Schmitz read a letter from Attorney Franzese following up the investigation from last fall where a dog

was attacked by another dog. Franzese laid out the future process should the owner not comply with the city ordinance regarding dangerous dogs.

The auditor will attend the April 13 council meeting.

Upon motion from Warren with a second from Miller and passed unanimously, council approved the renewal of the On-sale/Off-sale liquor license for the Browns Valley Liquor store.

Upon motion from Hansen with a second from Heck and passed unanimously, council approved the renewal of the Club liquor license for the William Krensing American Legion Post 58.

### **Public Works**

Reiner Construction's plan, for when the roads get dry enough to work on, is to spread gravel over the streets and grade to fill pot holes. Prior to laying asphalt the gravel will be reclaimed and there will be no cost to the city.

Serocki mentioned that the City will need to also think about tarring streets that are not paved and have been worked on over the past several years. The work on these streets more than likely will not be done until the wastewater project has been completed. The cost to pave one block of street is roughly \$25,000.

The water tower will need to be resealed either in 2015 or 2016. Serocki received an estimated cost to reseal the water tower from the manufacturer. Funding has been levied for this project. Serocki was instructed to have the work done if needed.

Council discussed establishing an ordinance regulating the type of organizations that will be able to council people with drug or alcohol addictions.

The grandstand will need to be repainted before the sesquicentennial. Warren has contacts that he is working with that may be able to assist with paint for this project. Schmitz will measure the surface area of the grandstand to identify number of gallons needed and get that information to member Warren.

There is only one banner left on Broadway. Schmitz asked if the council would like to have new banners hanging for the sesquicentennial. He will connect with Serocki about pricing banners along Broadway and if the company that gave the City Christmas decorations after the 2007 flooding sell them.

Council discussed having pots along Broadway and to ask for volunteers to take care and water them throughout the growing season. Schmitz will connect with Serocki about half barrels that were used several years ago or to identify what could be used as planters for this project.

Schmitz gave an update regarding the bill that Jeff Backer introduced to the House of Representatives that will give flexibility to ambulance services with mutual scheduling between local departments to cover shifts up to 12 hours. The second portion of the bill addresses the use of emergency medical responders to work as responder/driver when on an ambulance call. Browns Valley currently uses this variance to help fill the monthly schedule. The bill has passed in the House and is being sent to the Senate.

Schmitz also updated the council regarding the bill introduced with Backer being one of several that would allocate funding for mitigation projects. The Unnamed Coulee is included within this bill. He was told by Backer that it didn't go through this year but stands a better chance during next year's session.

Dusing shared information from the last economic development meeting. She stated that Member Warren shared literature and presented the program used by the City of Princeton, MN to lure new business to their community. The economic development committee will meet again on March 16 at 6:30 in city hall.

Warren offered the question of what would the City and council do to replace the administrator should he is unable to work for several weeks.

Dusing moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor