

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 Brenda Bartz, Richard Johnson, Jeanne Dusing, Ken Warren and Tony Miller. Also in attendance were Carolyn Roark, Nancy Peterson, Neil Bergeson, Marcy LeClair, Chad LeClair, Shelley Roscoe, Bernice Piechowski, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Bartz.

Minutes A motion made by Warren seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Dusing and seconded by Johnson 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 and library bills be and is approved as presented.

Motion passed 5-0.

Building Permits Gary Klempke – removal of garage and replace with 12’X16’ shed; Autumn Roark – build a 160’ fence for privacy and safety for her child and dog. Motion to approve both building permits by Miller, with a second by Warren. Passed 5-0.

Visitors Neil Bergeson – attended the council to address questions that were brought up at the last meeting.

Communications

Unfinished Business A motion by Bartz to continue services with a four year contract for \$143,000.00 with the Traverse County Sheriff’s Office with the fourth year being optional and to buy a squad car in the year 2015, The motion was given a second by Warren. With no discussion the motion passed 4-1 with Johnson voting no.

New Business

Schmitz included the repair estimate for the City’s loader.

A motion by Bartz to appoint Warren and Dusing as the personnel committee, with a second by Miller.

A discussion about the possible sale of the race track was held. Several pros and cons were identified. Future racing was discussed with the consensus that more information needs to be found before decisions being made to sell off the land. Miller volunteered to contact the neighboring communities that hold races to identify steps to become involved and what the added cost with insurance might be.

The City was given the offer, by a land owner, the donation of a vacant lot. The lot has also been offered to other organizations. It is unknown if the lot would be offered to a private party should someone ask. Schmitz will contact the owner to make this identification.

Departmental Reports

Schmitz will attend a meeting in regards to the new legislation that will affect the City regarding what items the City will no longer be required to pay sales tax on.

Library The summer reading program has wrapped up for the year. She identified several upcoming events that will be offered through the library system.

Attorney Franzese discussed duties, requirements and conduct of City officials.

Administrator Schmitz has not had luck with concrete contractors returning his call to do some repair work on Broadway and possible work in front of the library.

Adjournment

Schmitz hired a new bartender. Her name is Kristin Peiker, who is part owner of Ooh La La. He requested a motion to approve the hire. A motion made by Dusing with a second by Warren to hire Kristin. Motion passed 5-0.

Schmitz and Serocki sat down with a younger gentleman to discuss the part-time position in the public works department. He was to come to work on the following week but has not shown up.

Schmitz discussed the upcoming rental inspections to be held in August and October of this year. He stated that the practice has changed from what is identified in the rental ordinance. Franzese will draft a revision of the ordinance for a first reading at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:17pm by Dusing, seconded by Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Candy Duffield, Deputy Clerk

Brenda Bartz, Mayor