

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, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Bernice Piechowski, Tony Serocki, Matt Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

1. Application of Wayne Hoffart for a Land Use Permit

Upon motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the additions to the agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller, the council unanimously approved the city council minutes of the August 14, 2017.

### **Financial Reports**

Motion by Warren with second by Miller, council unanimously approved the financial report from 08/14/17.

### **Deposits**

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the deposits for the month

### **Claims**

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims for approval, and wages, upon motion by Heck 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 is approved as presented.

Prepaid Claims: \$0.00

Claims for approval: \$10,123.66

Wages: \$7,897.93

### **Visitors**

Sheriff Wright attended the council meeting upon request of the council. His staff was also in attendance. The Sheriff presented a document reporting the number of dog calls that his office has received in 2017. Thirteen calls relating to dogs were responded to. Of that number, four were ticketed with one of those receiving multiple tickets. On the remaining nine, the owners were given a warning and educated on the city's ordinance relating to dog-at-large, without collar, license or shot tag. He reminded the council that the city's ordinance does spell out another option that should be done to deal with dog issues and provide additional income for the city.

Wright also provided quarterly reports for the first, second, and two months of the third quarter showing the volume of calls responded to during these times. The Sheriff informed the council that his staff is working in Browns Valley more hours than what the contract dictates and that the call load is decreasing because of their presence. The law enforcement contract runs until 12/31/19.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Old Business**

Schmitz reported that he had talked with Aaron Fattore, Bob Zabel, and the engineer at Design Tree Engineering and Land Surveying (the engineer that Zabel hired to assess 329 W Broadway) as to who would take ownership of the east wall of 329 W Broadway should it remain standing or concerns should it be removed during demolition. Schmitz will be talking to local contractors requesting estimates for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

A motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the appointment of Carmen Hills to serve on the Browns Valley Public Library board. Vi Schildt had resigned because of health reasons.

### **Library**

Piechowski reported that the summer programs were well attended.

### **Public Works**

Serocki reported that there is trouble with the water tower's control system. The system is out dated and parts are not readily available. Tim Hoffman was able to find what is needed to repair the system.

### **Attorney**

Franzese distributed the findings of fact and decision regarding the land use permit for Wayne Hoffart.

### **Administrator**

Schmitz reported that Sara Gronfeld of the Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) would be interested in assisting the City with the mitigation of the Little Minnesota River along Renville Street. He was told that they would use rock for the project. Gronfeld had mentioned that the MN DNR may not approve the permit for this work as it is not one of the environmental practices that they prefer. The City is waiting for the SWCD to hold their fall water meeting to decide if the project should be perused.

Schmitz reminded the council of the auditor's report of having funds enough in the General Fund to last until the first LGA payment is received. He was giving them a heads up that money will need to transfer into the General Fund in December for this purpose.

Schmitz reported that 51 rental units were inspected on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Once corrections are made and approved, the units will be certified for four years.

It has been asked at several meetings what the city of Browns Valley contributes toward the Sheriff Department's annual budget. The Sheriff's budget, which includes Sheriff, Jail and Dispatch, for 2017, was \$1,214,848.39. The city of Browns Valley contributes \$5,005.27, from property taxes, towards that budget.

Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6.25.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor