

1. Pledge of Allegiance
Call to Order
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. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Bartz. Also in attendance were Chad LeClair, Shelly Roscoe, Harold Hansen, Nancy Peterson, and Administrator Schmitz.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes
A motion made by Warren seconded by Dusing to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 Regular meeting of. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. Approval of City bills
Following presentation and of the bills it was moved by Dusing and seconded by Warren 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.

Review of the finances of the liquor store for August showed a loss of \$1,260.55.
4. Building Permits
None
5. Visitors
None
6. Communications
An e-mail was presented from Northland Securities stating that they could assist the City with a new 2014 Temporary General Obligation bond. This bond would be used to replace the \$600,000 General Temporary Sewer Revenue Bond that will be due in February of 2014. The Temporary Bond can be issued and then can be prepaid at a later date when funding for the wastewater replacement project is finalized.

Financial statements of the Browns Valley Community Growth Fund were presented by West Central Initiative. The fund balance after the last 12 months revenue and expenses total \$46,378.73.

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust explaining a land use incentive program. The Land Use Incentive program rewards Property/Casualty members that successfully complete online training about land-use decision making. Cities that meet the training requirements will earn a savings of as much as \$3,750 per land use claim. Schmitz will conduct further research on the program.
7. Unfinished Business
Possible revisions to Chapter 120 of the Browns Valley Code: Residential Rental Property was discussed. Motion made by Bartz, seconded by Johnson to change number of years between rental inspections to four years. Motion passed 5-0.
8. New Business
Motion made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to set the Preliminary Mill Levy at \$493,134.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Two applicants for the bartender position were presented to the council. Schmitz was instructed to call references and report back at the next following meeting.

An applicant for the Browns Valley Ambulance was presented to the council. Tonya Brick has started taking classes at the Stevens County Ambulance Service. A motion made by Bartz, seconded by Dusing to accept Brick as a trainee on the ambulance service.

Insurance payment of \$17,298.28 for repairs to the irrigator. The irrigator was damaged after a wind storm earlier in the year.

Due to new revisions to the Minnesota Sales and Use Tax law the City of Browns Valley should save approximately \$9,000.00 in 2014 on sales and use taxes.

The 2014 PERA Aid Payment to the City will be \$1,029.00.

An abatement notice was sent to Christine Lubben for the violation of the City Ordinance §92.38 at property located at Smith's Addition, Lots 7, 8 & 9.

Haying of vacant lots was discussed. Some lots have been grandfathered in as they were being cut for hay prior to City Ordinance §92.38. Consensus of the council is that unless lots have fit under the grandfathering all vacant lots must be kept mowed shorter than six (6) inches in length.

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| 9. Departmental Reports | Motion made by Bartz, seconded by Warren to sell the liquor store. Motion passed. Bartz, Warren and Dusing voting yes, Johnson voting no and Miller abstaining. |
| Administrator | Schmitz presented membership renewals for the League of Minnesota Cities and Minnesota Mayors Association. Motion by Miller seconded by Dusing to pay membership renewals for LMC and MMA. |
| Adjournment | A motion to adjourn was made by Miller at 6:09pm, seconded by Warren. Motion carried 5-0. |
| | Minutes submitted by: Approved by: |
| | Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk Brenda Bartz, Mayor |