

Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
Call to Order	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: Public Works Director, Tony Serocki; Fire Chief, Brad Bartz; Librarian Bernice Piechowski; and Deputy Clerk Candy Duffield. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Bartz.
Minutes	Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Warren and carried 5-0, council approved the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Regular Council meeting with changes and March 17, 2014 Library Board Meeting.
Bills	<p>Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Miller with a second by Warren that the following resolution be adopted.</p> <p>BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Browns Valley that the payment of the following city bills be and is approved as presented.</p> <p>Motion passed 5-0.</p> <p>Donations to the ambulance service in memory of Gary Reed and Leonard Bullock in the amount of \$560.00 were discussed. Council member Warren moved to approve and accept the generous donations given to the City and/or its departments seconded by Member Dusing and passed unanimously.</p>
Building Permits	None
Visitors	None
Communications	None
Unfinished Business	<p>Schmitz will attend the League of Minnesota Cities Conference in June. Miller will check his schedule to identify if he could also attend.</p> <p>The bond on the new fire truck will be paid in full on April 30, 2014.</p> <p>Attorney Franzese has mailed an abatement notice in regards to excessive garbage in a resident's yard.</p> <p>Warren shared his findings from the conversation with the Community Development Director for the City of Princeton Minnesota. Through its annual budget the City of Princeton set aside funds for community development. With the funds they developed a program to lure new businesses into the community. Through an application process, established by a committee, prospective businesses owners and established businesses vied for loan and grant funding that would be used to assist in the startup of a new business or expansion of an existing business. Warren and Dusing volunteered to meet travel to Princeton to meet with the development director and business owner that benefitted from this program.</p>
New Business	Action to be taken on a work order from Traverse Electric Cooperative Association was discussed. Serocki explained the current operation of wastewater being pumped to the irrigator and how that operation will change after the improvements during the wastewater project this summer. Pumps that are currently controlled by a gas engine generator will be run by off-peak three phase electricity which will save fuel costs. A backup generator is also being considered to run the pumps when the electricity is being

controlled by the cooperative.

Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren, council approved the work order from Traverse Electric Cooperative Association in the amount of \$84,711.00.

The City of Browns Valley was approved for an \$8,810.00 grant to complete several action items identified in its wellhead protection (WHP) plan. The funding will be used to seal off an unused unsealed well at the City's well site, several educational pieces identified in WHP plan and trying to identify other unused unsealed wells in the City's drinking water protection area.

The City received a \$5,000.00 payment-in-lieu of taxes. The City receives \$10,000.00 annually from St. Francis Health Services for its past use of borrowing capital of tax free bonding that was used for building renovations in 2002. The agreement runs from 2002 to 2017. A recommendation was made to deposit the funds into the operation of the library. It was recommended during the annual audit that the City try to establish and maintain funds of three up to five months for the purpose of slush or emergency.

Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Miller and passed unanimously, council approved depositing the \$5,000.00 payment-in-lieu into the library's operation fund.

Upon motion from Miller seconded by Dusing and passed unanimously, council approved the Club License for the American Legion.

Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Warren and passed 4-1 with Councilman Johnson voting no, council approved the repeal of the Browns Valley Ordinance, Section § 112.31e, An Ordinance Dealing with the Liquor License in the City of Browns Valley.

Department Reports	Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved putting the question of Sunday sale of liquor on the fall ballot.
Fire Department	<p>Chief Bartz reported that an instructor from Alexandria Technical College attended April's fire training. The training included members from the ambulance service. Instruction entailed cutting apart two vehicles and extricating volunteers. The training will award participants with three training hours and was paid with a training grant through the State of Minnesota.</p> <p>Bartz also reported that the annual fish fry served 560 persons. Bartz expressed concern of fireman not showing up to help during these special events.</p> <p>Upcoming fire department training will consist of SCBA mask fit testing on May 19 and an Emergency Vehicle Driving course on July 19.</p>
Public Works	Serocki requested to change the location of the traffic signs to where a vehicle will yield onto 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street. This will slow traffic coming down the hill.
Library	<p>Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approve public works to change the location of the traffic signs to yield onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.</p> <p>Piechowski will be gone from June 4-14 on vacation. The library's taco feed will be on June 27. The library received \$500.00 from Rau Foundation for technology. It will be used to update all of the licenses and computer software.</p>
Attorney Adjournment	The closing for the sale of the liquor store was to be completed by May 1, 2014 but we currently are not sure if Mr. Tchida will have an approved liquor license from the State of Minnesota. An inspection from MN Public Safety's Alcohol and Gambling

Enforcement Division may be required. If that is the case it could take an additional two weeks before Tchida could get a license. An addendum to extend the purchase of property and business agreements was drafted to extend the time to May 26, 2014 to allow for this possible time lag.

Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Miller and approved unanimously, council approved the extension of the purchase of property and business agreements of the Browns Valley Liquor Store to John Tchida until the date of May 26, 2014.

Motion to adjourn at 6:10pm by Dusing, seconded by Warren. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Brenda Bartz, Mayor