

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at City Hall. Council members present were Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Mike Jacobson City's building inspector, Bernice Piechowski, Candy Duffield and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Mayor Hansen.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Heck, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the October 26, 2015, Regular Council meeting.

### **Bills**

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee 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 and payroll be and is approved as presented.

Claims for approval: \$491,727.98

Motion passed 5-0.

### **Memorials/Donations**

The library received two donations this past month. The first in memory of James Hannen from Chet Bigelow and seconded in memory of Lenora Ubel from Bernice Piechowski. The total donation received was \$125.00. Miller moved to approve and accept the generous donations given to the City and/or its departments, seconded by Hansen and passed unanimously.

### **Grading Permit**

Motion by Miller with a second by Heck and approved unanimously, grading permits for Tanya Brick to install a sidewalk from her deck to the curb and for Cory Hoffman to install a 4' x 35' sidewalk.

### **Visitors**

Mike Jacobson reported that he had inspected four properties to identify if they would be considered a blighted property. He explained the inspection process that is required by the State as well as the process for notification and timeline of the property owner for the repair or removal of the property. The properties are located at 501 2<sup>nd</sup> St. No., 313 3<sup>rd</sup> St. No., 516 5<sup>th</sup> St. No., and 108 Logan Ave. N.W.

Motion by Miller with a second by Warren and approved unanimously, to start the process of the repair or removal of the properties listed above.

### **Unfinished Business**

Schmitz reported that the County Board didn't accept the proposal that was worked out between negotiating committee members of the City and County. They gave a counter proposal and have asked to sit down to continue negotiations.

Motion by Hansen with second by Miller, the council unanimously approve the appointment of Ken

Warren to replace Hansen on the law enforcement negotiating committee.

Schmitz reported that he had ordered cords to make the connection between the cameras and recorder for Broadway. They will be here shortly.

Motion by Dusing with a second by Miller, council approved the bid 4-1 to farm 300 acres from Mike Toelle in the amount of \$160 per acre. Mayor Hansen voting against.

**New Business**

Motion by Heck with a second by Miller, the council unanimously approved signing the engagement letter for CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

Council discussed the final levy. Several recommendations were made depending upon how the negotiation with the County regarding law enforcement services.

**Administration**

Schmitz reported that motor on the sander is not repairable and cannot be replaced. He has a quote for a new tailgate sander/spreader which is made out of stainless steel. It will cost with the controls is approximately \$5,000.00.

Warren, Heck, and Dusing will attend a meeting at the tribal office on November 16. Schmitz will post the notice for a quorum.

Moved by Warren second by Miller and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor