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The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at the Public Library. Council members present were Mike Heck, Neil Madison, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Paul Kalibabky, Waste Management; Charles, TG Sanitation, Inc.; and Neil and Darla Bergeson, Dakota Waste Solutions, Tony Serocki, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Mayor Heck.

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Sanitation Services Bid Opening

Three proposals were presented to the council. The terms of the contract is for three (3) years unless terminated earlier, running from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. The hauler will provide weekly pickup to approximately 270 residential and 58 commercial customers. Several commercial accounts will be required to be picked up twice per week. The City will be billed monthly for the cost of the contract and keep the full amount of revenue payments from utility billing.

The contract proposals were from Waste Management, Inc., TG Sanitation, Inc. and Dakota Waste Solutions, LLC.

- Waste Management was only interested in hauling the residential garbage and the city would have to work with another contractor for the commercial accounts. They would supply a 96 gallon cart for the residential services at a charge of \$14.25/month. If an additional 96 gallon cart is needed the monthly cost would be an additional \$8.50/month. Waste Management also offers curb-side recycling if it's requested.
- TG Sanitation, Inc. provided a quote of \$2,200.00 per month or a cost of \$11.00 per resident. The contractor would provide a 35 gallon cart. If larger carts are required the cost per resident would increase. TG Sanitation offered to provide the 35 gallon container being paid for by the City and bill the additional size container(s) to the resident.
- Dakota Waste Solutions, LLC offered to provide the same quality service as delivered in the previous five (5) year contract. Their bid was for \$4,000.00/month for a contract from 2018 – 2021. The City will retain all income receipts from all utility customers. Landfill tipping fees are at the bidder's expense. The bid is for household garbage, not sheet rock, wood, or remodeling debris.

Motion by Miller with second by Warren to accept the bid from Dakota Waste Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$4,000.00/month. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Additions to the Agenda

Motion by Madison with second by Miller to accept the additions to the agenda of claims needing to be paid prior to the next regular council meeting. They are: Ambulance Claims Processing, \$350.00; Lewis Family Drug, \$25.62; Mike Alignment & Brake, \$123.00; and #2 Welding & Repair, \$290.00. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Warren with second by Miller, council unanimously approved the council minutes from the November 27, 2017 regular council meeting.

November Revenues

Motion by Warren with second by Miller, council unanimously approved the revenue statement for the month of November, 2017.

Financial Statement

Motion by Heck with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the financial statement as of December 11, 2017.

Claims

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims for approval, and wages, upon motion by Miller 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: \$2,154.50

Claims for approval: \$42,374.21

Wages: \$26,496.38

Visitors

Representative Backer attended the meeting to explain the process for going forward with the Toelle Coulee Project. The State has bonded \$750,000.00 toward Phase 3 of the Project. Minnesota Management and Budget will not release the funds until there is a resolution adopting flood hazard mitigation assistance for the project and costs associated with Phase 3 showing that there will be a completed project once the funding has been expended. Backer explained that they worked through this process with Phases 1 and 2 of the Diversion Project. Houston Engineering, the City's engineer on this project, will be required to ensure that this phase of the project will total the \$750,000. Backer will then request for additional State bonding of the completion of the project, or Phase 4.

Old Business

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved Resolution 17-16 For Food Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding Assistance to the City of Browns Valley for its Toelle Coulee Project.

New Business

Motion by Heck with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the 2018-2020 contract with Local Union #2022, Council #65, AFSCME, AFL-CIO city employees.

Tiffany Myrum had contacted Schmitz on behalf of the UMP church council to request that the City consider installing a street light on the power pole across the street from the church's parking lot. Schmitz noted that the light in front of the Roger Haanen residence, the next pole along the street, doesn't provide the amount of illumination needed to where should one be installed across from the church's parking lot would be of any benefit in the parking lot. Schmitz was directed to contact Myrum with this information and to let her know that the council recommends that they have lighting installed either on the protective drive-through of the church or to contact Ottetail Power Company to have a pole installed in their parking lot.

The council discussed parking along the south side of the street in front of the ambulance and fire doors. They have several vehicles that will need the extra room to safely back them into the garage stalls. The council will ask Franzese to draw up an ordinance eliminating all parking along the south side of First Avenue South between Third and Fourth Streets.

Schmitz provided a list of people and businesses that have contributed monies to the ambulance service to assist in the purchase of a new power cot and supplement the operations of the ambulance service.

Miller requested that the old Tahoe, used when the City had a police department, be given to the fire department to be used as a rescue rig and to be used when members attend training or meetings out of town.

Motion by Warren with second by Miller, council unanimously approved that the Tahoe be given to the fire department.

The council discussed the responsibilities and exceptional performance of Public Works Director Anthony Serocki.

Motion by Heck with second by Madison, council unanimously approved to set Serocki’s wage at \$20.00 per hour starting January 1, 2018.

Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Michael Heck, Vice Mayor