

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, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Chad Metz, Jeff Nelson, Jim Madison, Bryan Bye, Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Hansen.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion from Warren with second by Dusing and passed unanimously, council approved the minutes for the April 27, 2015 Regular Council meeting.

Motion from Hansen with second by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved the minutes of the April 4, 2015 Board of Equalization meeting.

### **Bills**

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages it was moved by Dusing with a second by Miller and passed unanimously, 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 bills and payroll be and is approved as presented with the exclusion of the claim from A-Ox Welding and Supply in the amount of \$244.92.

Prepaid claims: \$1,183.43, Claims for approval: \$25,683.01, Wages: \$12,505.80, Claim removed: A-Ox Welding and Supply in the amount of \$244.92 for a five year lease was removed as Administration is getting quotes from another supplier.

Motion passed 5-0.

### **Memorials/Donations**

A donation to the fire department from Brenda Reed in the amount of \$250.00. Dusing moved to approve and accept the generous donations given to the City and/or its departments seconded by Heck and passed unanimously.

### **Visitors**

Bryan Bye, WidsethSmithNolting, presented Change Order No. 3 amounting to a net contract decrease of \$10,385.47. Motion from Heck with second by Hansen and passed unanimously, council approved Change Order No. 3.

Bye presented Partial Payment Estimate No. 4 for contractor services from 4/1/15 to 4/24/15 in the amount of \$222,952.36. Motion from Dusing with second by Warren and passed unanimously, council accepted Partial Payment Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$222,952.36 from Reiner Contracting, Inc.

Jim Madison addressed the council regarding an amount for unpaid utility services assessment on a building that he purchased in 1996 from Al Winters.

**Unfinished Business**

Motion from Hansen with second by Miller and passed unanimously, council approved the purchase of 20 banners for the light poles on Broadway.

Schmitz had updated information on banners for Broadway. Sample drawings need to be sent before making a decision on what to purchase.

**Public Comment**

Jeff Nelson addressed the council regarding concerns of activities, practices, and spending with the fire department. Council advised that department issues should be addressed internally first with all members present. Council members volunteered to attend the fire department meeting on June 8.

Chad Metz addressed the council concerning rumors being distributed regarding the sale of the daycare business and amount owed of the start-up loan through the Community Fund. Metz informed that they had contacted West Central Initiative (WCI) notifying them that they were closing the business and moving. They made an arrangement with WCI for continued payments double the amount that they were paying when in business. Schmitz stated that WCI had not relayed this information to the City.

**Department Reports****Administration**

The next council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26, due to Memorial Day being on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council discussed explanation of levy requests compared to the amounts received.

Wastewater pond land will need to be planted in alfalfa in 2016.

Jeanne reported that she has had an excellent response from the alumni in the ticket sales of the Polaris Ranger.

Moved from Dusing with second by Warren and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor