

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, Neil Madison, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Bernice Piechowski and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen.

Additions to the Agenda

Schmitz provided informational sheets that would be used for later discussions.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller, the council unanimously approved the city council minutes of the August 28, 2017.

Financial Reports

Motion by Warren with second by Madison, council unanimously approved the financial report.

Deposits

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved revenues for the month of August

Claims

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims for approval, and 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 is approved as presented.

Prepaid Claims: \$0.00 Claims for approval: \$30,573.51 Wages: \$12,582.67

Memorials/Donations

Motion made by Miller with second by Warren to accept the following donations to these city departments:

In memory of	Department for Donation	Amount donated
Junice LeClair	Ambulance	\$10.00

Visitors

Steve DeSpiegler, from the Browns Valley Fire Department, provided the annual report for the Fire Department and Relief Association. There are 21 active members of the fire department with three starting in 2017. Form SC-17 shows that there is no need to request additional funds for retirees other than the \$3,000.00 that will be included on the levy.

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the increase of the annual retirement benefit for members of the department from \$750.00 to \$850.00.

Grading Permit

Motion by Warren with second by Madison, council unanimously approved the grading permit for Jerry Johnson to replace the 40" X 30" concrete

Correspondence

Council reviewed the financial statement of the Browns Valley Growth Fund managed by West Central Initiative.

Old Business

Motion by Madison with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the estimate of \$14,277.48 by Darrell Issendorf Construction to apply perlins and steel on the roof of the community library.

Schmitz provided copies of City Ordinance § 91.11, the Traverse County Notice of Dangerous Dog or Potentially Dangerous Dog and the Traverse County Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dog Hearing Request Form. The council has started to review the process of the city's ordinance. They believe that the ordinance needs to be amended. Schmitz will contract Matt Franzese and LMC to identify how the ordinance can be amended.

Schmitz reported that both Bob Goodhart and Lee Hansen have been contacted regarding the demolition of 329 W Broadway. They both will bid on the removal of the building. They are to have bids to Schmitz prior to the next council meeting.

The council discussed the sale of the lot at 329 W Broadway.

New Business

Schmitz provided examples of a few health plans with higher deductibles should the council decide not to stay with the existing plan. Health insurance plans for small groups increased anywhere from 5% to 49% with Browns Valley being at 43.2%. Schools, which are large groups, in the cooperative have seen their rates increase over the past few years to the same amount. Discussion of health insurance will continue during the closed meeting following this council meeting.

Council reviewed the Punch List for the sewer project of items that haven't been completed by the contractor.

Library

Library carpets will be cleaned on September 23rd.

Administrator

Schmitz reported that someone stopped by to let the city office that she was working on purchasing BJ's Restaurant and was interested in other properties because she has other business ventures that she would like to pursue.

Tiffany Myrum called to ask if the city would be in favor of a trap, neuter and spay program that she and Joan White of Traverse Animal Rezcue would conduct in Browns Valley in 2018. They would start raising funds if the council approved.

Schmitz reported that fire hydrants will be flushed on September 18th and 19th. Is it being advertized in the Valley News, the public access television channel and the city's Facebook page.

Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 6.28.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor