

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 Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Steve DeSpiegler, Bernice Piechowski, Tanya Brick, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Mayor Heck.

Additions to the agenda

Items added to this meeting were: Minutes to the December 10, 2015 library board meeting; Special council meeting minutes from January 20 discussing rate schedule fees for sewer and water; Press release regarding the contract for law enforcement services between the City and Traverse County; Five additional bills that need to be paid as they will be overdue prior to the next meeting; and building permit from CHS Border States Cooperative to build a 41' X 41' addition and mixing and load-out tower.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Miller, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 11, 2016, Regular Council meeting with corrections mentioned.

Financial Report

Motion by Dusing seconded by Miller, the council unanimously approved the financial report.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon motion by Dusing and a second by Miller, 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.

Prepaid claims: \$19,875.45 Claims for approval: \$38,936.89 Wages: \$13,227.54

Motion passed 4-0.

Building Permit

Motion by Miller with a second by Heck, council unanimously approved the building permit from CHS Border States Cooperative to build a 41' X 41' addition and mixing and load-out tower.

Visitors

Steve DeSpiegler reported that at a prior meeting pay for firemen was discussed. Schmitz compiled information from his resources showing different types of firemen's and ambulance pay from various cities. It was suggested that firemen's pay be tabled until DeSpiegler attends the next fire meeting and finds out what the firemen suggest after seeing the compiled document.

Old Business

A press release was reviewed regarding the law enforcement contract between the City and Traverse County. It will be printed in the Valley news.

New Business

Motion by Dusing with a second by Heck, council unanimously approved Resolution 16-03, A Resolution Amending The Rates For Water, Sewer, Garbage, And Other Various Services In The City Of Browns

Valley, Minnesota.

Department Reports

Ambulance

The South Dakota district of the Browns Valley ambulance service will be conducting their annual meeting on January 26, at 1pm in the meeting room of the library.

Fire Department

Schmitz reported that the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust conducted the ISO Public Protection Classification survey. The survey is a tool used as a factor in determining premiums. Chief Bartz hasn't received the report for the outcome of the inspection.

Administration

Schmitz reported that he is completing the end of the year reports and starting to work on documentation needed for the upcoming audit on February 29.

Council

Warren was asked if the city could help out with some costs associated with the car show during the sesquicentennial. Since funds have already been pledged for the celebration the person asking should talk to the committee.

The BV Celebrate committee is finalizing the schedule for the upcoming celebration.

Council discussed fire pay.

Heck reported that the when the crew that was grouting the sanitary sewer lining to the resident connections, his home received another blast of sewer water that hit the ceiling in his bathroom.

Moved by Heck with a second by Warren and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 06:25pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Mike Heck, Acting Mayor