

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, Neil Madison, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Autumn Roark, Mike Jacobson, Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski, Tanya Brick, Matt Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Mayor Heck.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 23, 2017, Regular Council meeting with correction.

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon motion by Warren and a second by Madison, 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: \$0.00 Claims for approval: \$34,672.05 Wages: Not reported.

Motion passed 4-0.

Visitors

Autumn Roark reported that she would like to start a foundation for the Browns Valley Health Center (BVHS). She would like the foundation to consist of 10-15 members. The foundation would be used to assist the residents of the BVHC to purchase needed items. The foundation would also be used to raise money and awareness for the BVHC's 50 year celebration in 2020. An informational meeting will be held on March 14th at 7pm at the Browns Valley Library meeting room.

Correspondence

Minutes from the December 19, 2016 Library Board of Trustees meeting.

Financial statement for the Browns Valley Growth Fund dated December 31, 2016.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency informed the City that they will be receiving a 2016 Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award for outstanding operations, maintenance, and management of its wastewater treatment facility.

Notification of the League of Minnesota Safety & Loss Control Workshop. The workshop that will be closest to Browns Valley will be held in Alexandria on March 30.

Old Business

The Enactment Of Ordinance Section 31.27, An Ordinance Establishing Fees For Emergency Protection Services was tabled until the next meeting.

Council members read a draft for per diem reimbursements for elected officials. Council was asked to give input in the upcoming weeks so that it is ready to be approved at the next meeting.

Council discussed available room for a mobile home and garage that is being proposed to be built along Ash Street. Schmitz will research property values and vacationing of streets and report back during the next

meeting.

New Business

Mike Jacobson and Matt attended to the meeting to discuss what is available to be done with uninhabitable homes within the city.

Franzese explained the process prior to taking possession of the Ewald building.

Motion by Warren with second by Miller, council unanimously approved reimbursing Franzese for filing fees.

Department Reports

Library

The main server from the Viking Library System was down for one week so the library wasn't able to communicate with other libraries in the System.

Ambulance

Brick inquired if the MN Revenue Recapture System can be used to collect on unpaid ambulance bills.

Brick reported that applications to take the EMR class have started to be returned. She reported that some of the applicants live in an area that is beyond the required response time to the garage. Schmitz and the sheriff have talked about the possibility of moving the police department office to the community center. Sheriff Wright stopped by to inspect the room and agreed to move should the need arise. Phone and internet would need to be provided in the new office.

Schmitz met with the Beardsley First Responder group to answer questions that their members have had over the last few months. He brought employment applications for those that would like to assist in filling the ambulance roster when they can.

Brick reported that there is an EMR class scheduled for March 29 and will be held at the fire hall and will last for 10 weeks. A web cam will be set up for those nights that students are unable to physically be in class.

Public Works

Serocki reported that he had Hormann Recycling bale the steel at the landfill.

Attorney

Franzese provided his monthly report.

Administration

Schmitz reported that he received notice of two CD's that are rolling over at Union State Bank. The interest rate will remain at 0.4000%.

Forty Eight utility delinquency notices were sent out in January.

The DVR for the cameras on Broadway is unserviceable.

Kristi Sibson and Tyson Karsky have filled out applications to become members of the ambulance service. At last week's meeting the crew approved their membership. Sibson has her EMR certification is a member

of the Beardsley First Responder group. Karsky is a senior at Clinton Graceville and will take the EMR test once he turns 18.

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved hiring Sibson and Karsky as volunteer employees of the Browns Valley Ambulance Service.

Council

Moved by Warren with a second by Miller and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 07:44pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Mike Heck, Acting Mayor