

February 27, 2014 Special Meeting

Those in attendance were Mayor Bartz, Richard Johnson, and Ken Warren. Also attending was Administrator Schmitz.

Mayor Bartz opened the meeting at 1:30pm.

Bartz informed the members that there has been a water main break on Fourth Street by Francis Millers. The water temperature, using an infrared thermometer, in the hole is at 34 degrees. Bartz stated that she checked the water at her residence, City Hall and at Maynard's and the water temperature is at 32 degrees. Mayor Bartz has declared an emergency in the City.

Cities north of Alexandria have been having problems with water main freezing for near one month. Bartz has been monitoring the City Mayor list serve to see how other communities have been trying to mitigate the freeze up problem.

Issues of concern are the amount of water going through the treatment plant and the amount going into the ponds.

Alerting residents is being done by church groups calling members of their congregations to let them know to let the water run just a steady stream above dripping or one pencil lead's thickness. Other alerting measures will be done through the Traverse County Sheriff's Office with the emergency alert telephone system.

Motion made by Warren, seconded by Johnson and passed 3-0, council approved the Resolution Declaring a Local Water Emergency.

WHEREAS the cold temperatures has caused frost to penetrate to the depths of the city water lines; and

WHEREAS the frost has caused a water main to drop to freezing temperatures and start leaking; and

WHEREAS there must be mitigating measures taken to reduce the possibility of other water main breaks; and

WHEREAS additional water main breaks will cause an undue expense that the City of Browns Valley cannot afford to incur; and

WHEREAS the City Department of Emergency Management requests the Browns Valley City Council to declare a LOCAL EMERGENCY for the City of Browns Valley; for the water main freezing and breaking event of February 27, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Browns Valley City Council declares a Local Emergency for the water main freezing and breaking event of February 27, 2014.

Adopted by the Browns Valley City Council this 27th day of February, 2014.

Motion by Warren, seconded by Johnson and passed 3-0, council approved residential water rates will be adjusted to be equal to the rate it was in the month of March 2013.

Motion to adjourn at 1:40 pm by Warren, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk/Administrator/Treasurer

Brenda Bartz, Mayor