

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Browns Valley was held at City Hall. Council members present were Mayor Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Arlene Reinart, Tony Serocki, Matt Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Hansen.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Warren and a second by Miller, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the July 13, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon motion by Dusing and a second by Heck, 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: \$1,700.31, Claims for approval: \$687,644.93, Wages: \$8,650.60

Motion passed 5-0.

Building Permits

The council reviewed a building permit from Curt Powers, 134 East Broadway to reroof home. Upon motion by Hansen and a second by Heck, the council unanimously approved the building permit.

The council reviewed a building permit from Ernie Rendon to build a 24'x24' garage on top of the concrete slab on the lot located at Fourth Street South and Third Avenue South. Upon motion by Dusing and a second by Warren, the council unanimously approved the building permit.

Unfinished Business

Sheriff Wright was requested to attend the council meeting. Due to work-related commitments he was not able to attend. He communicated that he would be available by cell phone should the Council have questions for him. Council chose to not call as they would like to speak with him face to face. Sheriff Wright will be requested to attend the next council meeting. Schmitz was directed to contact the County Coordinator to request to be placed on the Board agenda with the Sheriff.

New Business

Upon motion by Miller and a second by Heck, the council unanimously approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, the City of Browns Valley and the Browns Valley Fire Department.

Michael Toelle has informed the City that he and Robert do not plan on extending the contract leasing the acreage by the sewer ponds. After discussion it was decided that Schmitz will advertise the land at the appropriate time as not to interfere with existing contract dates.

Neil Bergeson met with two business owners regarding garbage being missed during the commercial pickup

day one week. Bergeson did have his crew pick up those missed the following day. Another issue that was discussed with the business owners is the need to call Bergeson directly to have problems resolved as soon as possible.

With the theft of the flower pots at Lewis Drug council members discussed the installation of cameras along Broadway at various locations to assist with surveillance of businesses down town. Schmitz will explore options and report his findings at the next meeting.

Department Reports

Public Works – Serocki reported that the wastewater line on West Broadway was televised to identify the beginning elevation for this portion of the project. He explained that he had this done to see if the beginning elevation could be raised to reduce costs. A section of pipe was televised along 2nd Avenue South and 4th Street and along 2nd Avenue North and Sixth Street to identify if the clay pipe is able to be lined instead of expense of replacing it. Individual lot service lines will be pressure checked once the project is complete.

Serocki reported that there is a water leak in front of the ambulance and fire bays. He's drilled several holes along the street to try to isolate the location of the leak. If this test doesn't The two curb stops will be excavated to identify if the leak is coming from there.

Library – The last program that was at the library was a ventriloquist. Over 50 people attend the performance. On Wednesday July 29, Jack Person will be at the library. He is a storyteller and musician. Summer programs are provided using by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage, or Legacy Funds. Programs funded through this grant are no cost to the library. The programs have been well attended. The last of summer activities, the reading program, will be wrapping shortly.

Administration – Schmitz reported that the building inspector has initially inspected Ed Stallcop's building. He noted changes that needed to be made presently and going forward. He returned the following week and re-inspected Mr. Stallcop's progress. The inspector did approve the amendment to the building permit for the lean-to car port and shop.

Schmitz reported that he is utilizing the code to draft regulations to be placed in a document for City Hall, to be put on the website and sent to landlords. Once he is finished, he will have it approved by the building inspector.

The State Surcharge is being charged to new permits.

Steve Rudney will be conducting rental inspections July 28th and 29th.

The preliminary tax levy is due at the County Auditor's office on September 15. The budget committee will schedule a date and time to review Schmitz' draft budget.

The Browns Valley Health Center is having their annual carnival on August 1.

Council – It has been reported that there are many golf carts being driven without the proper permitting requirements being taken. Concerns about golf carts pulling out of intersections or from the curb in front of moving vehicles were discussed. Schmitz will review the ordinance relating to golf carts and post in the newspaper.

Upon motion by Heck and a second by Dusing, the council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting, which was done at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor