

Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
Call to Order	The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at the Public Library. Council members present were Brenda Bartz, Richard Johnson, Jeanne Dusing, Ken Warren, and Tony Miller. Also in attendance were; Larry Van Hout, Tony Serocki, Brad Bartz, Bernice Piechowski, Ken and Ginny Westbrook, Chief Deputy Wright, Sheriff Plautz, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Bartz.
Minutes	Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Warren and carried 5-0, council approved the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Regular Council meeting.
Bills	<p>Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Warren with a second by Dusing that the following resolution be adopted.</p> <p>BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Browns Valley that the payment of the following city bills be and is approved as presented.</p> <p>Motion passed 5-0.</p>
Building Permits	Katherine Bartz to put steel on roof on lower part of roof at 37 6 th St No
Grading permit	Jeffery Long to build a 20 X 34 foot two sided shelter James Berg for a grading permit to replace sidewalk around the house
	Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved the building and grading permits.
Visitors	<p>Larry VanHout, engineer for the City, gave the council an update of the project. A notice to proceed will be given after the preconstruction meeting on August 26. The contractor will have 60 days to remove, install and have the irrigator operating properly. The first phase of the project will be done on the north end of town. The rest of the project will be continued the spring of 2015. He also presented an engineering agreement for approval for the design and engineering fees of the final changes made to the project. During the first bid opening the wastewater project bids were over the projected costs. It was decided to downsize the project and make changes to reduce the expense of the project.</p> <p>Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved the engineering fees of \$21,243.00.</p>
Communications	None
Unfinished Business	Schmitz reported that he had advertised for the cleaning position at the community center. He will be taking applications up until the next council meeting.
New Business	<p>Sheriff Plautz presented plaques of appreciation and an outstanding citizenship award to Kenny Westbrook for the part that he played during the robber of the Union State Bank on June 13, 2014.</p> <p>Upon motion from Johnson seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved to allow the position of a volunteer emergency medical technician to cover 48 hours of on-call week day shift for the amount of \$288.00 per week.</p>

Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren and approved unanimously, council directed Schmitz to send out requests for proposals to insurance agents, the city attorney and garbage handler.

The Sheriff's Office is currently utilizing vehicles on a State lease program. The cost of the lease over a three year time period is less than the sticker value of a vehicle and all maintenance is taken included except tires and fuel. The lease amount is less than the current amount being paid by the City.

Department
Reports

Upon motion from Dusing second by Johnson and passed unanimously, council approved leasing a squad car for the Sheriff's Office. All arrangements will be made through the Sheriff's Office for the lease of the vehicle.

Chief Bartz reported that the fire department purchased 6 new polycarbonate SCBA tanks. Their current tanks are antiquated and heavy to carry. The new tanks are lighter and have a service life of 15 years as they are a fairly new product. The department is putting money annually to replace these tanks in that 15 year time period.

The fire department had a good turnout for the annual appreciation dinner.

Fire

The fire department was approved for a \$3,200.00 DNR matching fund grant.

Department

The mural on the library is still being worked on. Piechowski is working on programs for the winter and next spring using Legacy Funds.

The public works department has been trimming trees overhanging streets, working on the irrigator and will be working with the sewer related items within the next week.

Deputy Wright reported that the Sheriff's Office purchased body cameras for each deputy. They will be used on all calls for liability issues that may occur during a call.

Library

The sheriff's auction of Valley Vista will be conducted on September 17 at the Law Enforcement Center.

Public Works

The City received notification from the Department of Education that the Minimal Local Support Requirement for the library is \$48,468.00. This number has remained constant since 2012.

Sheriff

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously, council went into closed session for the discussion of negotiations with the bargaining unit and budget.

Administration

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously, council reopen the meeting to the public.

The discussion during the closed portion of the meeting regarded union negotiations and budgeting and how it affects the residents in the community.

Upon motion from Miller second by Johnson and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Brenda Bartz, Mayor