

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 Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Chief Deputy Greg Forcier, Todd Johnson, Bernice Piechowski, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Hansen.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Dusing, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the September 28, 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 Warren, 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: \$578.07, Claims for approval: \$98,982.67, Wages: \$10,928.75

Motion passed 5-0.

Visitors

Change Order Number 7 and Partial Payment Estimate Number 9 were tabled until the next meeting.

Chief Deputy Greg Forcier read a letter from Sheriff Wright. Motion by Miller and a second by Warren, that the council unanimously approved the appointment of Mayor Hansen and Council Member Heck to meet with County Commissioners Johnson and Monson and Sheriff Wright to negotiate a law enforcement contract that is agreeable to both parties.

Communication

Schmitz will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities' annual meeting on October 21, in Battle Lake.

Unfinished Business

Schmitz reported that there is signage directing visitors to the Plateau Cemetery and Sam Browns' grave site. Council agreed to not replace the existing signs at this time.

New Business

Schmitz reported that Mike Fischer, owner of the Browns Valley C-Store, would like to have a new water access line installed from the street to the proposed addition to the building. He has plans to discontinue the use of the existing water line. According to Ordinance, the City is responsible to provide water access from the street to the curb stop. The Ordinance does not address if a new water line is requested by the owner. Mr. Fischer has asked if he would be responsible for the new water line. Schmitz was directed to contact Mr. Fischer and request him to apply for the "Discover Browns Valley Challenge" Business Loan Incentive Program. If awarded, the funds would pay for the complete waterline installation and possibly be forgiven after a set number of years.

Motion by Heck and second by Miller, council unanimously approved the appointment of Jeanne Dusing to represent the City of Browns Valley on the West Central Initiatives Economic Development District Board.

Department Reports

Administration

The BV Celebrate committee again asked that the City paint the bathrooms and provide better lighting in the bathrooms in the grandstand. Tom will contract Tim Hoffman regarding lighting and advertise for volunteers to help with painting.

EDA manager Johnson will be meeting with members from West Central Initiative regarding programs/grants available to business owners that will help in the beautification of Broadway.

Bidding for the land contract has been advertised. Bids will be opened at the next council meeting.

Schmitz reported that the temporary sewer revenue bonds can be refinanced with a loan from USDA Rural Development. The interest rate is lower now than what it was when the temporary bonds were taken out. If a loan isn't taken before the end of the year it will need to be taken out at the end of the project or July 2016. Schmitz was directed to contact those involved to start the process of refinancing the temporary loan.

Council

Council Member Heck asked when the assessment of the tax forfeited lots need to be requested to be reassessed through the County. Schmitz will contact the County Auditor regarding these properties.

Moved by Heck second by Warren and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor