

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at the Public Library. Council members present were Richard Johnson, Jeanne Dusing, Ken Warren, and Tony Miller. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Mayor Bartz. Also in attendance were Tom Schmitz, Tony Serocki, Matt Franzese, Brad Bartz, and Paula Heinje.

Minutes Dusing made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Warren and the motion passed 5-0.

Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Warren and seconded by Johnson that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Browns Valley that the payment of the following city and library bills be and is approved as presented.

Motion passed 5-0.

Building Permits There were no building permits presented at this meeting.

Visitors There were no visitors at this meeting.

Communications A letter from the Browns Valley Celebrates committee was presented to the council. The committee requested a grant from the Browns Valley Community Fund for the amount of \$1,200.00. The money will be used for advertising and start-up costs. Schmitz explained that he spoke with West Central Initiative, who oversees the Community Fund, and was told that a grant would need to be sponsored by the City. He also reminded the committee of the requirements that are to be followed if given the grant. A motion made by Johnson, seconded by Miller to sponsor a grant for \$1,200.00 to be given to the Browns Valley Celebrates committee. Motion carried 5-0

Unfinished Business An addendum to the City's nuisance ordinance regarding the piling of snow was reviewed. After discussion it was decided that the addendum wasn't needed.

The remodeling of the liquor store has been finished. Schmitz has a few more items that the auditors would like to see done. Currently the information that the auditing firm has is enough to give the City a pretty accurate report of the finances and inventory of the store. Schmitz stated that outdated and unusable items will be recorded for insurance purposes and disposed of.

New Business There will be a health screening for School and City employees, officers and emergency responders on April 10<sup>th</sup> being held at the BV School Library from 9:00 till 12:00

Departmental Reports The city has 20+/- acres of farmland that is being farmed by Jeff Nelson. The existing contract was finished on 12/31/12. Schmitz asked the council if they wanted put it out for bids, as they did with the last parcel of land, or to rent it to the Nelson at the past contracted price. The council agreed that the land should be put out on bids.

Public Works Serocki asked about getting help this summer for two weeks to help with curb painting and other miscellaneous work. Schmitz is to contact Rural Minnesota CEP to inquire if there will be anyone available.

Serocki also stated the when the ground dries up some they will open the landfill.

Fire Department Chief Bartz updated the council of the fire departments agenda for April. At the April meeting and practice the firemen will exercise the generators for the ponds, city hall and the radio tower.

Bartz will be talking with the Beardsley Fire Department about establishing a mutual aid agreement.

Bartz ordered two entry doors for the fire hall as the existing ones need to be replaced.

There is now a connection wired into the electrical system at city hall to allow for a generator to be hooked to during power outages. This will allow for the overhead garage doors to be opened should the fire department be called out during an outage.

The fireman's fish fry will be held the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

Bartz spoke with Deputy Wright informing him that there are two firemen that had taken the ice rescue class this winter. Bartz asked if he knew of any grants that would allow for the Browns Valley department to purchase ice rescue suits. Trevor informed that there is some equipment money available and would be able to go toward a purchase of ice suits.

Attorney Franzese shared that the easements needed for the upcoming wastewater replacement project will be completed within a few weeks.

Schmitz informed the council that a plaque will be awarded to Linda Schwagel, for her years of service, at the next ambulance meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:05pm by Johnson, seconded by Miller. Motion carried 5-0

Administrator Minutes submitted by: Approved by:

Thomas Schmitz, Administrator/Clerk Brenda Bartz, Mayor

Adjournment