

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 Brenda Bartz, 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 Candy Duffield, Tony Serocki, Brad Bartz, David Kuschel, Jeff Nelson, and Bernice Piechowski arriving at 5:55pm.

Minutes A motion made by Dusing seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Warren and seconded by Dusing 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 There were no communications for this meeting.

Unfinished Business At this time there have been three people that applied for the bartender position. As mentioned before, there are two employees that are not required to fill out an application. Two of the applicants have been employed at the liquor store in the past plus there is one application that the person is new to the area.

Johnson expressed an interest to participate during the interviews so will be called when there is a date and time.

At this time there will be no liquor committee established but should the need arise one can be formed.

After an extensive discussion, the council decided to honor pre-purchased drink chips up to and through Saturday, June 29th 2013. Drink chips will be honored only in the on-sale area to purchase drinks and will not be reimbursed for cash or merchandise. The council also discussed allowing minors in the liquor store. Minors are allowed to be in a bar or liquor store where they serve food. Minors are required to be with a parent or guardian when in the store. The allowed time is set by the city council. Council members unanimously agreed to allow minors in the liquor store until 9:30pm.

Browns Valley Celebrates was awarded a grant for the amount of \$1,200.00 to be used for advertisement and planning committee start up expenses. The committee is required to promote Browns Valley as a good community to live, start a business or just stop by. The committee is also required to give a quarterly update to the city council on committees, activities, and a summary of financials.

New Business A Connecting Students and Communities Program grant application from the University of Minnesota Morris was presented. The program puts university students studying economic development and planning in touch with small communities to help them in their planning

process, access needs, wants and goals. Then a realistic planning document is set up to be used by the city. A motion made by Miller and seconded by Johnson to apply for the Connecting Students and Communities Program through the University of Minnesota's Center for Small Towns.

Departmental Reports A complaint process, using Concern Sheets, was established when Jeff Cadwell was city administrator. The process has fallen by the wayside. Schmitz would like to see the continuation of the Concern Sheets being used. If residents have complaints in which they would like to have addressed, they are to come to City Hall, fill out a Concern Sheet and sign their name.

Public Works A water service line running from behind Reed Fish Company's lot and under County Road #2. The line has been repaired twice in the past. Serocki will be getting estimates to replace the line. There will be hydrant flushing May 8th and 9th, appliance pickup May 15th and furniture pickup May 16th.

Fire Department After the April fire service meeting several of the crew journeyed to Beardsley to discuss operations of radio, mutual aid, and how the ambulance and how the operation of the Browns Valley's fire department and ambulance service work together. Alexandria / Ridgewater College will be providing training for the Browns Valley service in May. Training will consist of the operation of the new pumps and hose control. Chief Bartz discussed repair activities that have been done within the last few months. The fire department served around 580 people during the fish fry.

The council recessed the meeting at 5:51pm as land bids were to be opened at 6pm.

Council reopened at 5:57.

Piechowski provided an update of upcoming events.

At 6pm bids for the two 10 acre parcels were opened. Bids were as such:
Jeff Haanen - \$126.00 per acre
Mike Toelle - \$205.00 per acre
Jeff Nelson - \$210.00 per acre

Council discussed rental for the 2013 year only and rebidding this fall for the next two years with the option to rent a third year. Council would like to see these parcels to be on the same rental schedule as the sewer pond acres.

A motion by Dusing seconded by Warren to rent the 20 acres of land to Jeff Nelson for the amount of \$210.00 per acre. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 6:02pm, seconded by Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Candy Duffield, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Brenda Bartz, Mayor