

Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2014

- 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: Tiffany Myrum; Andrea Nelson; Curt Powers; Steve DeSpiegler; Brad Bartz; Bernice Piechowski; and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Bartz.
- Minutes Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller and carried 5-0, council approved the minutes of the April 28, 2014 Regular Council meeting and the Special Meeting of May 6, 2014.
- Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Dusing with a second by Warren 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 bills be and is approved as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0.
- Donations to the ambulance service in memory of Leonard Bullock in the amount of \$20.00 were discussed. Council member Warren moved to approve and accept the generous donations given to the City and/or its departments seconded by Member Miller and passed unanimously.
- Building Permits Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved a grading permit for Diane and Jerry Johnson at 215 Washington St So to remove concrete step and walkway to repair or replace sill under door to sunroom.
- Visitors Myrum, Nelson and Powers attended the meeting to update council regarding the BV Celebrate Committee's events for 2014. Powers made the request of the City to cover the liability insurance during the Craft Fair in the Park and 5K Run/Walk.
- The safety of the bleachers at the race track was also discussed. The State Building Inspector has been called to conduct an inspection to identify what needs to be corrected.
- The group also discussed timelines for completing the special events permit and ensuring that the line of communication stays open.
- Communications None
- Unfinished Business Warren informed council that there was a scheduling conflict with the economic director from Princeton so their meeting has been rescheduled.
- New Business DeSpiegler stated that the fire department is planning on hiring the band Eclipse for a street dance the Friday June 27. The planning committee for this event has identified a location for the dance and has already spoken to the neighboring property owners. John Tchida will be serving alcoholic beverages during the event. Tchida will also provide liability insurance coverage for the event.

Upon motion from Miller seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously, council approved changing City Ordinance 118.09. Schmitz will contact the City Attorney to have this changed.

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Bartz and passed 2-1, council approved to establish a special event fee, which may be waived for community events, of \$100.00 per event. Warren and Bartz voting in favor, Johnson voting against and Dusing and Miller abstaining from the vote.

The Browns Valley Fire Department presented a check to the City Council to reimburse funds used to purchase equipment. Equipment included: cold water rescue suits, life jackets and miscellaneous equipment and supplies. The reimbursement funds came from local donations and fundraisers.

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller and passed unanimously, council approved administering the licensing of tobacco sales within the city of Browns Valley.

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller and passed unanimously, council approved the licensing fee for tobacco sales to be \$100.00, retail sales selling to a minor first offense administration fee of \$75.00, retail sale selling to a minor second offense administration fee of \$200.00 and other individual sales selling to a minor administration fee of \$50.00.

During the Alumni Weekend, the Movie in the Park has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 28 at 9:00 pm.

Council discussed the funds from the liquor store account and proceeds from the sale of the store. One idea presented was to place it into the General Fund to be set aside as a fund balance cushion required by the State of Minnesota. Once all business transactions have been completed with the liquor store council will move with a motion.

Department  
Reports

Administration

Schmitz notified council that he has a letter of resignation been read this night at the ambulance meeting.

Council

Warren made a recommendation that some type of recognition be given to new residents to the community. It was suggested that an organization should head up a program. Jeanne will take a request to the Legion Auxiliary regarding establishing some type of welcoming program.

Bartz shared information that was presented during this year's mayor's conference. She shared data from the University of Minnesota's Center for Small Towns showing that research does not support that Minnesota's small towns are dying but are changing.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:49pm by Dusing, seconded by Warren. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Approved by:

Brenda Bartz, Mayor