

Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2015

- 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 Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Ken Warren, and Tony Miller. Also in attendance were Lori Goodhart, Paula Pistorius, Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski, Brad Bartz, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen.
- Minutes Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Heck and passed unanimously, council approved the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Regular Council and December 18, 2014 library board meeting minutes.
- Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills and payroll it was moved by Dusing with a second by Miller 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 and payroll be and is approved as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0.
- A donation to the library from the BV Community Drive in the amount of \$275.00 was discussed. Miller moved to approve and accept the generous donations given to the City and/or its departments seconded by Heck and passed unanimously.
- Council reviewed revenues and expenditures by department for fiscal year 2014.
- Communications Council reviewed programs from the USDA Community Facilities Program. Literature describing Board of Appeals and Equalization online training was discussed. Currently council members Dusing and Miller have the training for four more years.
- Unfinished Business It was discussed that all of the liquor store reserves should have not be included with the General Fund as it would be better if an amount would be set aside for projects such as economic development, Sesquicentennial, unforeseen expenses with equipment or infrastructure. It was agreed to move \$100,000.00 of the amount to a separate fund. A resolution will be created to move the funds.
- Serocki was able to obtain a rough estimate of the cost of water access to a lot without utilities. Currently the amount would be approximately \$2,500.00, which would include the replacement of the asphalt in the street. Property owners would still have the expense for the hook up for the sewer from the building to the main and repaving of the street.
- Warren presented an overview of his visit with the City of Princeton, MN's economic development program. He will provide literature from his visit to Hansen and Heck.
- New Business Moved by Miller with a second from Heck and passed unanimously; council approved the special events permit for John Tchida to have the liquor store open on Super bowl Sunday.

Moved by Miller with a second from Warren and passed unanimously; council approved the federal fuel reimbursement rate for work related travel.

Department Reports Moved by Hansen with a second from Miller and passed unanimously; council approved reimbursing Tony Serocki, Darrell Dobbs and Candy Duffield for work related use of their cell phones in the amount of \$15.00 per month.

Fire Department Brad Bartz gave an update of fire department activities. The fire department will be applying for a grant DNR again this year. They will also be sponsoring Big Bucks Bingo again this year.

Library Bernice reported of several events already scheduled for this spring. Doug Oman, photographer, will be coming again this year but they do not have the date set.

Public Works There have been several dogs running at large in town. He asked if there is some way to add fees to the ordinance and also keep track of residents that will not claim the dog when caught but will acquire another dog to replace the one that the had impounded. Serocki will bring suggestions to the next meeting update the dog ordinance.

Ambulance Schmitz will be meeting with the Browns Valley South Dakota District's board at their annual meeting.

Schmitz expressed a concern about those residents that have their utilities unhooked but still live in the house. We are required to be accountable for the amount being processed of water and sewer.

Administration The City be participating with the BV School in a health screening on Wednesday, March 11 from 9am to 12pm.

Adjournment Moved by Miller second by Dusing and passed 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor