

Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 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; Shirley Ecker, LaVonne Forrest, Matt Franzese, Bernice Piechowski and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Bartz.
- Minutes Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren and carried 5-0, council approved the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Regular Council meeting.
- Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Miller 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.
- Building Permits Jerry Johnson – 215 Washington St So – Build a 40 x 80 metal pole shed for cold storage
- Grading permit David Nigg – 101 East Broadway – Demo a house
- Tony Miller – 421 3<sup>rd</sup> St No – Pour concrete apron in front of shop
- Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Johnson and passed unanimously, council approved the building and grading permits.
- Visitors LaVonne Forrest attended the meeting concerned as to why the curb painting job wasn't advertised.
- Communications A citizen complaint was read concerning grass not being mowed.
- Unfinished Business Schmitz reported that there are approximately 15 dog licenses from the 2014 list that have not purchased. Deputy Wright will be notified to send out citations.
- New Business Four people have signed up to take the EMT class through FM Ambulance Service in Fargo. Books and fees will be approximately \$1,000 per person.
- Upon motion from Warren seconded by Johnson and passed unanimously, council approved the expenditures for the EMT class.
- Upon motion from Dusing seconded by Miller and passed unanimously, council approved a new emergency medical technician contract.
- Following presentation and discussion it was moved by Dusing seconded by Miller and approved unanimously that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Browns Valley that Kathi Serocki be approved as an election judge for the 2014 Primary and General Elections.

Following presentation and discussion it was moved by Dusing seconded by Warren and passed unanimously, council approved the Per Diem for classes, out of town meetings and trainings with travel time of \$50.00 from zero to four hours and \$90.00 if the class or meeting is over four hours.

A party has volunteered their time to construct the City's quarterly newsletter. The party will be given information one month prior to the due date allow the administrator and council time to review the document before it is sent out.

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Dusing and passed unanimously, council approved hiring someone to clean the Community Center.

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Miller and passed unanimously, council approved the establishment of a Care Taker amount of \$25.00 per year in perpetuity for storage, care and remedial repair if needed on all material should claims be made as to ownership and requested return of said items. At any time in the future such request must be properly proven as to the propriety of the request and substantiated by presentation of prior written agreements / documents and payment of the care taker costs so assessed based on the date of the original loan or gift.

Resolution  
14-15

### **A Resolution Establishing a Question to be on the 2014 General Election Ballot**

**WHEREAS**, the Browns Valley City Council has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine, and declare that with the sale of the Browns Valley Liquor Store it is necessary and expedient to allow establishments that qualify under M.S.A. §340A.504, Subd. 3(a) to sell intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises ("on-sale") in conjunction with the sale of food between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and 2:00 a.m. on Mondays;

**WHEREAS**, the Browns Valley City Council has the authority to direct that a question be placed on the ballots to be used by the electorate in the City of Browns Valley;

**WHEREAS**, the Browns Valley City Council desires to exercise said authority to poll the electorate pertaining as to whether statutorily eligible establishments may be allowed to sell intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises in conjunction with the sale of food between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and 2:00 a.m. on Mondays; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposition of authorizing the issuance of on-sale licenses to statutorily eligible establishments for the sale of intoxicating liquor in conjunction with the sale of food between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and 2:00 a.m. on Mondays shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Browns Valley at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Browns Valley City Council directs the Traverse County Auditor-Treasurer to take the necessary steps to place the following question on the ballot to be used in the November 2014 general election:

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ON-SALE LICENSES FOR THE SALE  
OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON SUNDAYS IN THE CITY OF BROWNS  
VALLEY**

The Browns Valley City Council has authorized a referendum for the purpose of determining whether the citizens of the City of Browns Valley desire the Browns Valley City Council to issue on-sale licenses to statutorily eligible establishments for the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays.

Yes

Shall the Browns Valley City Council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, bowling centers, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?

No

STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
COUNTY OF TRAVERSE    )

I, Thomas Schmitz, City Administrator, Browns Valley, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the City Council of said City with the original record thereof on file at City Hall in Browns Valley, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on August 11, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said Board at said meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Schmitz

Motion to adopt by Dusing, seconded by Warren and passed 5-0.

Adopted by the Browns Valley City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of 2014.

Department  
Reports

Initial union negotiations will be on August 21st at 12pm at City Hall.

Administration

Candy will no longer be the ambulance manager as of the end of the year. Council discussed various methods to fulfill these duties.

Traverse Early Childhood Collaborative will be coming to a future council meeting to share what it's about.

Council  
Adjournment

Council discussed future budgeting and levy for the preliminary levy which is due to be reported to the County Auditor by September 30.

Upon motion from Dusing second by Miller and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Brenda Bartz, Mayor