

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at City Hall. Council members present were Mike Heck, Neil Madison, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Bernice Piechowski, Tony Serocki, Tonya Brick, Matt Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Mayor Heck.

Additions to the Agenda

Motion by Warren with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved additions to claims of: Review of the ordinance establishing fees for emergency protective services.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Miller seconded by Warren, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular Council meeting with correction.

Financial Report

Motion by Warren seconded by Madison, the council unanimously approved the financial report.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon motion by Warren and a second by Madison, that the council unanimously passed the following resolution:

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.

Prepaid claims: \$0.00 Claims for approval: \$20,122.39 Wages: \$7,606.08

Motion passed 4-0.

Visitors

Roy Klemm reported that he would like to move into town. He wants to move in a new mobile home and have a storage building built on one of the City's lots by the UMP Church. He explained how he would like to have them set on the lots.

Correspondence

The January 2017 USDA Rural Development Rate Update was available for council review.

A flyer regarding the 2017 Legislative Conference for Cities was available for council review.

Properties purchases prior to tax forfeiture were inspected for hazardous materials. Inspection reports were available for council review.

Old Business

Franzese passed out and excerpt from an ordinance from another city regarding city council compensation. He explained that, by MN statute, an amendment to an ordinance dealing with council compensation would not go in to effect until after the next election or January 1, 2019.

New Business

Council was given a draft of an ordinance establishing fees for emergency protective services. Franzese

explained that according to MN statute an ordinance should be in place to authorize a city to charge for fire services when the department is called out. Council will review and the subject will be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Motion by Miller with a second by Warren, council unanimously approved the Special Event Permit for John Tchida to open the Browns Valley Liquor Store on February 5, 2017, Super Bowl Sunday from 12pm to 12am.

Department Reports

Library

Piechowski reported the number of books, magazines, audio recordings, and videos checked out, the number of times people hooked up to the wireless internet, and how many people used the computers in the library.

Public Works

Serocki reported that the people doing the sewer cleaning on Broadway were cleaning and grouting service connections to business on Broadway.

Serocki reported that there were issues with seven or eight vehicles that didn't move off of the street for snow removal. He now has tags that will be placed on the windshields.

Ambulance

Brick reported that the ambulance crew completed their biennial refresher class. She reported that she is planning to host an Emergency Medical Responder, (1st Responder) class this spring. There are several people that have shown interest in joining the service, but live farther out in the rural area to where they cannot respond in the required time. Brick asked about the possibility of using the old police office as a bedroom should these people decide to join the service as they would need a place to stay when on call.

Brick reported that the MN State Emergency Services Regulatory Board conducted an inspection on our trucks and documentation.

Administration

Ron Lebeau has been cutting trees off of the lot at 514 3rd St No.

Schmitz reported the renewal for the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Assn. The City hasn't utilized the services for several years. The services that were used at one time are being fulfilled by another agency. Schmitz recommended that the City not renew with them. All members agreed.

Council

Heck reported that a community member had requested to view a time stamp on the video of main street and found that the recorder was not working. Serocki will be trying to identify the issue and report back to the council.

Moved by Warren with a second by Heck and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 07:15pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Mike Heck, Acting Mayor

