

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 Mayor Harold Hansen, Ken Warren, and Tony Miller. Also in attendance were Lloyd Heaney, Donna Stewart, Richard Johnson of the Browns Valley Historical Society, Ken Westbrook, Public Works Director Tony Serocki, Librarian Bernice Piechowski, City Attorney Matthew Franzese, and City Administrator Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Hansen.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

Additions to the agenda were:

- A claim for Toshiba Financial Services in the amount of \$242.45
- A claim for Ann Dayton in the amount of \$1,500.00
- Claims totaling \$16,964.91

Upon a motion by Warren with second by Miller, the Council approved the additions to the agenda 3-0.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion from Warren and second by Miller, the Council approved 3-0 the minutes of the Regular Council meetings of October 8, 2018.

### **Revenues by Department**

Upon a motion by Warren with second by Miller, the Council approved 3-0 the Revenues by Department for September 2018.

### **Financial Statement**

Upon a motion by Warren with second by Miller, the Council approved 3-0 the Financial Statement of October 22, 2018.

### **Bills**

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, claims to be paid, and employee wages, upon a motion by Warren and a second by Miller, 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: \$16,964.91      Wages: \$19,421.96

### **Correspondence**

- The Council reviewed a Thank You from West Central Initiative for the gift of \$500.00 to towards the WCI Endowment Fund
- The Council reviewed the Library Board minutes from September 17, 2018

### **Unfinished Business**

Upon a motion by Miller with second by Warren, the Council approved 3-0 to accept the quote from Sweeney Controls Company to replace the water tower control system in the amount of \$26,050.00.

### **New Business**

Upon a motion by Warren with second by Miller, the Council approved 3-0 the revised job description for the Ambulance Manager position.

Upon a motion by Miller with second by Warren, the Council approved 3-0 the resignation of Lindsey Duffield from the Ambulance Service as of March 31, 2019.

The Council reviewed costs of employee health insurance from several providers. They include three options and deductibles with the City's current provider, comparable insurance benefits using age-banded costs through Medica, BCBS, Health Partners and Preferred One, and three options offered by Minnesota Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP).

Upon a motion by Miller with second by Warren, the Council approved 3-0 the \$700/\$1,400 Deductible, Value Option through Minnesota Public Employees Insurance Program.

Upon a motion by Miller with second by Warren, the Council approved 3-0 that Kyle Homan, Chad Sibson, Kelly Homan, and Chad Holz to become members of the Ambulance Service.

## **Department Reports**

### **Library**

Piechowski reported that Bill Jamerson will be at the Library the night of October 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be providing a musical tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corp.

She said that the Wednesday after school and Saturday programs has been well attended.

### **Public Works**

Serocki reported that Second Avenue South from Third Street to Fourth Street has been tiled and tarred.

He reported that the street light by Maynards Food needs replacing. He has an LED fixture on order.

The street light pole on the North East corner of Goodhart's shop is bent from being hit with a vehicle. Bob Goodhart has asked at various times if the light could be removed. There is another street light just North of the intersection from the light pole that is bent.

Upon a motion by Warren with second my Miller, the Council approved 3-0 to remove the light pole on the North East corner of Goodhart's shop.

### **Administrator's Report**

Schmitz reported that the overhead garage doors and pickup trucks have been advertised for sale by sealed bids.

He reported that the next council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> as Monday is the Veteran's Day holiday for the employees.

### **Attorney**

Franzese reported that he was able to confirm that Ed J. Lamers owns the strip of land along Renville Street. Now that the owner known, Traverse Soil and Water Conservation District and the City can work toward armoring the riverbank to eliminate additional erosion along the river.

Meeting was adjourned by Warren at 6:10 p. m.

Minutes submitted by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Approved by:

Harold Hansen, Mayor