

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held at the library meeting room. Council members present were Harold Hansen, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Matt Franzese, Neil Madison, Tanya Brick, Mike Jacobson, Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Mayor Hansen.

Additions to the Agenda

- Claim for Thein Well for the annual inspection pumps and wells in the amount of \$275.00.
- Claim for Madison National Life for the monthly premium of \$18.60.
- An Ordinance Enacting Section 120.23.

Motion by Dusing with second by Miller, council unanimously approved the additions to the agenda with additions.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Dusing, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the October 10 , 2016, Regular Council meeting.

Financial Report

A motion by Miller seconded by Warren, council unanimously approved the financial report.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of claims to be paid and employee wages, upon motion by Dusing and a second by Warren, 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.

Wages: \$6,927.44 Claims for approval: \$14,245.22
Motion passed 4-0.

Grading Permit

Motion made by Miller with second by Hansen, council unanimously approved the grading permit from Peggy Reich to enlarge the gravel parking area by her home.

Correspondence

The minutes of the September 19 Library Board meeting were reviewed.

The annual usage report for Rainbow Rider was reviewed.

A thank you from West Central Initiative for the City's contribution to the WCI Endowment Fund.

A mailing from Someplace Safe Traverse County Advocacy Office identifying upcoming events sponsored by them.

A letter from the Minnesota Department of Commerce identifying a reimbursement for the dumping of contaminated soils arising from the wastewater project. A reimbursement of \$21,792.56 was approved.

Old Business

Council held an emergency abatement hearing on the property located at 209 Renville Street South. The property owner was notified by certified mail of the hearing and date, but did not make contact with either Franzese or Schmitz. The owner was not present during the hearing. The Mike Jacobson, MN Building Inspector, gave witness to what he found when the house and surrounding buildings were inspected. An audio recording of the hearing is available at Browns Valley City Hall for public review.

Motion by Miller with a second by Warren, council unanimously determined that a public nuisance exists or is being maintained on the premises and that a delayed abatement of the nuisance be a reasonably danger to public health, safety, or welfare.

Motion by Dusing with a second by Hansen, council unanimously voted to abate the nuisance by a controlled burn and the Browns Valley Fire Department can utilize said burn as a training exercise. Once burned to the ground, the ashes will be hauled to the Roberts County Landfill.

New Business

Motion by Dusing with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved a five year lease of 21 acres to Jeff Nelson in the amount of \$150.00 per acre.

Thein Well inspected municipal water wells number two and number three. Serocki explained Thein's findings and the actions that they recommend.

Motion by Miller with a second by Warren, council unanimously approved to have Thein Well conduct the work outlined in the inspection report this fall.

Kit Johnson provided a listing of non-conservation land located in the city. The parcels described in the listing have been forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of property taxes.

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved Resolution 16-10, A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Browns Valley To Acquire By Purchase Tax Forfeited Lands Located Within The City Of Browns Valley, Minnesota.

Motion by Dusing with a second by Hansen, council unanimously approved Amendment To Ordinance Section 120.18, An Ordinance Dealing With The Identification Of Tenants Living At Rental Properties In The City Of Browns Valley.

Motion by Hansen with a second by Dusing, council unanimously approved Summary of Ordinance Amending Section 120.18, An Ordinance Dealing With The Identification Of Tenants Living At Rental Properties In The City Of Browns Valley.

Motion by Dusing with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved An Ordinance Enacting Section 120.23, An Ordinance Requiring New Tenants At Rental Properties In The City Of Browns Valley To License Their Dogs.

Motion by Dusing with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved Summary Of Ordinance Enacting Section 120.23, An Ordinance Requiring New Tenants At Rental Properties In The City Of

Browns Valley To License Their Dogs.

Motion by Miller with a second by Hansen, council unanimously approved as amended Amendment To Ordinance Section 91.02(B)(2), An Ordinance Dealing With The Licensing Of Dogs Within The City Of Browns Valley.

Motion by Dusing with a second by Miller, council unanimously approved as amended Summary Of Ordinance Amending Section 91.02(B)(2), A Summary Of An Ordinance Dealing With The Licensing Of Dogs Within The City Of Browns Valley.

Library

Piechowski reported that the library has been busy with library users. She informed the council that they are moving items up and out of the way so that the carpets can be cleaned over the weekend. She will be able to apply for Legacy Grants and has two programs scheduled.

Public Works

Serocki reported that the sewer project hasn't been finalized. The general contractor is trying to avoid paying for damages they caused to the power cord on one of the lift stations. Serocki informed the council that there are a number of service lines that need to be inspected a second time. Serocki also stated that there will be some minor paving done this fall. Repairs to the downspout on the Carnegie library are being made.

Ambulance

Brick reported that the ambulance service will be participating in the Halloween event at the United Methodist Presbyterian Church. The annual pancake fundraiser will be Sunday, November 14. She stated that the crew sent a thank you to BV Celebrate and let them know how the donation will be used.

Administration

Schmitz reported that he informed the EDA committee members that he hasn't awarded the Business Loan Incentive Program monies to Fischer Enterprise as financial documentation is required as per the programs rules. Schmitz discussed abatements should to be sent out for trees and branches that weren't removed after the storm in July. Schmitz reported that he contacted Matt Goodhart to make repairs to the damages to the library after the storm. Schmitz stated that he will be reimbursing LMCIT for an insurance payment for damages to Dorothy and Fritz Fiala's home.

Moved by Dusing with a second by Miller and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Approved by:

Harold Hansen, Mayor