

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 Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Tony Serocki, Bernice Piechowski, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Vice Mayor Heck. Mayor Hansen arrived shortly after at 5:38.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

Additional claims in the amount of \$1,418.19.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion from Warren seconded by Heck, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the April 25, 2016, Regular Council meeting.

### **Financial Report**

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

### **Bills**

Following presentation and discussion of prepaid claim, 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.

Prepaid claims: \$0.00    Wages: \$9,403.79    Claims for approval: \$23,178.87

Motion passed 5-0.

### **Grading Permit**

Motion by Hansen with second by Miller, the council unanimously approved a grading permit for Dennis Little to pour a 19' X 43' concrete driveway at his residence,

### **Correspondence**

Library board minutes of March 21, 2016

Letter from Mike Kremer, Valley News, to ask if the City would like to advertise in the Special Souvenir Newspaper edition coming out the week before the celebration.

Letter from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture regarding the resale of shrubs or trees to the public without first obtaining a 2016 nursery stock certificate. Residents of Traverse County can order trees through the Traverse Soil and Water District office.

### **Old Business**

After the last meeting's discussion regarding the abatement of abandoned buildings in the community. It was identified through the County's website that the two properties in question have delinquent property taxes for the last three years and will be added to the Auditors auction this fall. A note from the City Attorney identifies that the City could continue with the abatement process. Going forward would accelerate the process by four months with a cost of \$500.00. Mike Jacobson has recommended that the buildings be red-tagged so that whoever purchases the properties during the auction knows that the buildings need to be repaired or removed.

Motion by Miller with a second by Hansen, the council unanimously approved the Source Water Protection Grant through the Minnesota Department of Health.

Schmitz reported that he has received complaints that the impound facilities is not adequate. The building will be locked until it is decided how they will be sheltered.

Abatements have been sent out for tall grass and a nuisance vehicle.

### **New Business**

Nothing

### **Department Reports**

#### **Library**

Piechowski reported that the Pigapaloosa program was well attended. She stated that over 80 people attended including 30 of non school age and a few classes from school.

#### **Public Works**

Serocki reported the park bathrooms will be opened once needed repairs have been completed. On April 26, the contractors will start paving in town.

Serocki requested to eliminate the truck route south of Roger Goodhart's shop and by the park as there isn't a need to have this area designated.

#### **Administration**

Schmitz reported that John Tchida will have a beer stand on Friday night during the sesquicentennial. He will have it set up at Backus Field for the dance. He will assume responsibility of making sure that no minors will be served.

The 4H club will purchase barrel planters and plants to be placed along Broadway.

City Hall will be closed the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Heck with a second by Dusing and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor