

Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2015

- 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 Harold Hansen, Mike Heck, Jeanne Dusing, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance were Jeff Borgheiinck, Jason, Ziebarth, Donald Askew, Bernice Piechowski, Matt Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen. Council member Miller arrived at 5:40pm.
- Minutes Upon motion from Warren seconded by Heck and passed 4-0, council approved the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Regular Council and December 18, 2014.
- Bills Following presentation and discussion of the bills and payroll it was moved by Dusing 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 and payroll be and is approved as presented.
- Motion passed 4-0.
- A donation to the library from the Orlou Severson in the amount of \$100.00, donations to the ambulance service from the Browns Valley Community Fund Drive in the amount of \$575.00 and Hoffman Electric in the amount of \$20.00 was discussed. Dusing moved to approve and accept the generous donations given to the City and/or its departments seconded by Heck and passed 4-0.
- Visitors Mr. Donald Askew shared the mission, vision and value-needs of Holy Place “Rescue Mission”. He stated that the rescue mission would like to help out those in need in the City of Browns Valley. He is looking for a building that he could use to provide his services to the city.
- Franzese explained to Mr. Askew that according to the Statement of Position Public Expenditures: Donations and Dues, public entities have no authority to give away public funds as donations. He continued to read, “Public funds cannot be used to donate to individuals, non-profits, charities, or other groups are not permitted unless they are based on specific statutory or charter authority.”
- Jason Ziebarth attended the meeting to request the council to adjust his January utility bill for Oh La La Salon and Boutique as there was a leak in his water pipe that emptied 150,000 gallons of water into the basement of the building. After discussion, Mr. Ziebarth was instructed to set up a payment plan at city hall to resolve the bill.
- Communications Communication identifying various grants through West Central Initiative was reviewed.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF BROWNS VALLEY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF LIQUOR STORE FUNDS FROM  
GENERAL FUND TO A CD AND RAINY DAY FUND**

**WHEREAS**, in December 22, 2014 the Liquor Store Fund was closed and the funds in the amount of \$123,322.27 were transferred to the General Fund; and

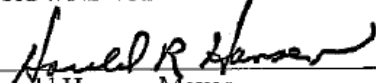
**WHEREAS**, it is the concern of the city council that these funds will be slowly used with no account of how they are spent; and

**WHEREAS**, it was agreed upon by the city council to create a CD and a Rainy Day Fund with these funds; and

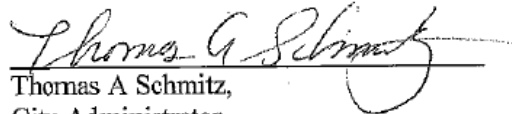
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Browns Valley City Council directs the City Administrator to transfer \$ 100,000.00 into a CD at Union State Bank and transfer the remaining amount of \$ 23,322.27 into the Rainy Day Fund.

**I CERTIFY THAT** the above resolution was adopted by the Browns Valley City Council on February 9, 2015.

BROWNS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

  
Harold Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Thomas A Schmitz,  
City Administrator

Motion: *Dusing*  
Seconded: *Warren*  
Passed: *5-0*

Unfinished  
Business

Warren shared his trip to the City of Princeton to discuss their economic development program that they used to bring business to town. He plans to share the program with the City's economic development committee. Schmitz will send a letter to all members.

New Business

Council discussed a recommendation for a change of animal ordinance. After discussion it was agreed to table until a later date.

The Vicki Dew family called to ask if the City was interested in eight lots on the northeast end of town. After discussion it was decided to recommend to the family to work with a local farmer.

City departments will be closed on February 16.

Administration

The contractor on the wastewater project will bring a road grader to town to use to take care of the streets on the north end of town when the weather warms up.

Adjournment Moved by Miller second by Heck and passed 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor