

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 Public Library. Council members present were Brenda Bartz, Richard Johnson, Jeanne Dusing, Ken Warren and Tony Miller. Also in attendance were Bernice Piechowski, Brad Bartz, Matt Franzese, Nancy Peterson, and Deputy Clerk Duffield. Visitors present were: Shirley Winters, Jim Stallman, Dean Ballhagen, Shelly Roscoe, Alan Duffield, Sharnell Tohm, Burton Gonsoir, Harold Hansen, Courtney Ceroll, and Greg Pieckert. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Bartz.

Minutes

A motion made by Dusing seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of the bills it was moved by Warren and seconded by Johnson 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 and library bills be and is approved as presented.

Motion passed 5-0.

Building Permits None

Visitors Residents representing the employees of the liquor store expressed their opinions regarding several policies and procedures that have been established since reopening.

Communications None

Unfinished Business The law enforcement services contract will end 12/31/13. A motion was made by Bartz to table the discussion until the next regular meeting, and seconded by Warren. Motion passed 5-0. Warren and Dusing volunteered to participate on a law enforcement services contract committee.

New Business A proposal to replace the pivot bearings on the City's loader was presented to the council. The proposal from RDO Equipment Company for the amount of \$5,648.93. Johnson made the motion to accept the proposal from RDO for the amount of \$5,648.93. The motion was seconded by Miller and passed 5-0.

The council was given a year-to-date expense account for the Community Center that includes:  
Sale of social services building @ \$56,000.00  
Purchase of clinic building @ \$16,898.00  
Repair and maintenance @ 32,835.00  
Total expenses as of meeting: \$49,733.00

Additional costs for the installation of a handicap accessible bathroom will be \$6,400.00.

A proposal to replace the furnace, along with the installation of an air conditioner, was presented to the council from Hoffman Electric. The estimate for the air conditioner would be \$2,895.00. The council discussed replacing the old fuel oil furnace for approximately another \$2,000.00. After discussion, Dusing made a motion to purchase both furnace and air conditioner from Hoffman Electric for \$5,000.00. Seconded by Miller and passed 4-0 with Johnson abstaining.

A concern sheet was presented regarding residential and commercial lots that will need mowing prior to the alumni weekend celebration. Abatements have been sent out. Bartz explained the City's ordinance and abatement process regarding lots that are not being mowed.

Some of the properties of discussion are being foreclosed upon or in probate. Franzese interjected the processes and timelines regarding these properties. Miller made a motion Miller to give Franzese the authority to conduct the redemption acceleration on the Cindy Thompson property and all the costs affiliated with it. Seconded by Warren and passed 5-0.

Franzese brought an amendment to be included in the City Ordinances, Chapter 130: General Offenses, Section 130.05, An Ordinance Dealing with Disruptive Intoxication before the council. Motion made by Bartz, seconded by Dusing to approve the draft of Section 130.05 with changes and second reading at the next regular council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Franzese updated the council regarding a meeting held between Roger and Jeff Haanen, Ron Frauenshuh Jr. Brenda Bartz, Tony Serocki, Tom Schmitz, and himself regarding the City well property, easements from Roger and Janet Haanen to allow Public Works to access our wells, and a request for a permanent easement from the Hannens to continue to farm part of the well property that they are currently farming. A motion by Warren, seconded by Dusing to approve a completion of a survey to define property lines and create an easement stating the above parameters between the City and Haanens. Motion passed 5-0.

Franzese is going forward on probating the Marion Issendorf property so the City may access the property for the wastewater replacement project.

The City's engineering firm is currently redrafting plans for the placement of a pump station, to be located on West Broadway, on City-owned lot three beside the Karen Smith property.

Departmental Reports Dusing will prepare a short article, for the upcoming newsletter, giving a wrap up of the first annual craft fair and 5k run coming up this weekend.

Library Piechowski gave an update of past and upcoming events from the library.

Fire Department Chief Bartz presented an update of new equipment, grants, training, non-profit status, and State requirements for the department.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 6:50pm by Dusing, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Candy Duffield, Deputy Clerk

Brenda Bartz, Mayor