

Special Meeting The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The City Council of the City of Browns Valley held a special meeting April 04, 2013, at 5:30 pm at the Browns Valley Library Meeting Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the re-opening of the liquor store. Closed meeting to discuss an employee disciplinary issue.

Discussion Mayor Bartz, council members Miller, Dusing, Warren, and Johnson were in attendance. Also in attendance were City Attorney Franzese, Nancy Peterson, Amy Doll, Alan Duffield, Shirley Ecker, James Ecker, Todd Johnson, Chad LeClair, Steve Warner, Shelly Roscoe, Dean Ballhagen, Janice Tuff, Tom Hoffman, Lori Goodhart, Curtis Powers, Debbie McAlister, Shirley Hoffman, Kathleen Borgheinch, LaRayne Ingemundson, Kathi Serocki, Rodney Affeldt, John Grimm, Mike Little, Sharnel Tohm, Howard Hansen, Greg Piekert, and Administrator Schmitz.

Bartz opened the meeting at 5:30 explaining that the purpose of this meeting.

Schmitz discussed the timeline he is planning for the reopening of the liquor store. Remodeling has been finished, including repainting of walls, new carpet, tile replaced, floors stripped and waxed, ice cube maker being repaired and cleaned, and cooler being checked and cleaned. Schmitz stated that he is getting bids to give the store a good cleaning before the doors are open. Distributers have been contacted.

Various questions were asked, such as:

- Will Peterson have a job;
- Will Tohm be insured a job;
- Will other past employees have a position;
- Who will be hiring the new employees
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Schmitz explained that part of this meeting, whether Peterson decides to have it open or closed, will be the topic of conversation. Schmitz also explained that due to the union contract, Tohm, being in the union, will be recalled to work and the other past employees will need to reapply for a position. As to who will be hiring, Schmitz responded that a committee will be doing the hiring.

Dusing made a motion to reopen the liquor store, seconded by Johnson, motion passed 5-0.

As per Minnesota Statute, chapter 13D, Open Meeting Law, the employee was asked if she wanted the meeting to be opened or closed. The employee stated that she would like it opened.

Schmitz then explained the meeting rules and meeting order.

Franzese read a statement from the past city administrator Jeff Cadwell.

Mayor Bartz read a statement to the group.

Schmitz asked the employee if she would answer to the allegations or if someone else would be talking to her.

Response to the allegations was given by Amy Doll attorney for the employee.

The council deliberated amongst themselves.

Bartz made a motion to table the discussion until the regular city council meeting. Due to failure of a second.

A motion was made by Miller to retain the employee employment with the city, seconded by Johnson, motion passed 4-1 with Bartz voting no.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dusing, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting closed at 6:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A. Schmitz, Administrator/Clerk

Brenda Bartz, Mayor