



Browns Valley Special City Council Meeting Approved Minutes September 19, 2022

The special council meeting of the City of Browns Valley, MN was held in the meeting room of the Public Library.

Council members present were Mayor Mike Heck, Ken Warren, Neil Madison, Kenny Westbrook, and Tony Miller.

Also, in attendance were City Maintenance Tony Serocki, City Administrator Jodi Hook-Hansen, Library Director Bernice Piechowski, and Code Enforcement Officer Terry Biewer

Absent: None

Others present: Jan Biewer and Dianne Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mayor Mike Heck

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Agenda

- Upon a motion by Madison with a second by Miller, the Council unanimously approved the agenda.

New Business:

- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Madison, the Council unanimously approved to cash out CD's # 914939 and #914943 and deposit to FIB in Beardsley at 2% interest for 19 months.
- Council instructed staff to continue to move forward with building plan and Lease Purchase Agreement with FIB in Beardsley.
- After lengthy discussion the council agreed to decrease the budget with recommendations and to meet with the Traverse County Sheriff's department to discuss the Agreement for Law Enforcement.
- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Warren, the Council unanimously approved to increase the levy by 10 percent from the current rate. Hook-Hansen will present the council with a resolution on September 26th to approve the increase of \$31,515.00 to the levy for a total of 346,665.00.
 - The council instructed the staff to move forward for price increase for January 2023.
The water base will go from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and per 1000 gallons will increase to \$3.50.
The sewer base will go from \$33.10 to \$35.00 and per 1000 gallons will increase to \$3.50.
Hook-Hansen will present a resolution with the increase for council to formally approve.
- Hook-Hansen present to council the initial proposal of the AFSCME, MN Council 65, Local Union a wage schedule for 3 years, insurance, holidays, vacations, leaves of absence and mutual consent contingency.
- Upon a motion by Heck with a second by Warren, the Council unanimously approved to freeze all union and non-union wages and approved to continue to pay 100% single health insurance coverage including 2023 increase.

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Upcoming Dates:

December 5th TNT Hearing

December 19th Final Tax Levy to Auditor

Items for council to consider for future:

September 26th – Approve proposed Tax Levy

Next scheduled meeting Monday September 26th at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:



Jodi Hook-Hansen, City Administrator



Mike Heck, Mayor/ Acting Mayor