

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: Mayor Hansen, Members: Mike Heck, Neil Madison, Tony Miller, and Ken Warren. Also in attendance: Lloyd Heaney, Bernice Piechowski, Tanya Brick, Tony Serocki, Brad Bartz, Matthew Franzese, and Tom Schmitz. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hansen

Motion by Warren with second by Heck, council unanimously approved closing the meeting relating to the discussion of ambulances finances.

At 5:53 a motion by Heck with second by Madison to reopen the meeting.

Motion by Warren with second by Heck, council unanimously approved to table the discussion until a later date when there are more findings.

Additions to the Agenda

Lloyd Heaney will be attending the meeting to provide an update of the Historical Society's plans to host a powwow and additional claims for: Smart Media in the amount of \$102.80; Thein Well in the amount of \$275.00; Hawkins Inc. in the amount of \$167.00; Matthew Franzese in the amount of \$1,000.00; and Dakota Waste Solutions in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion by Warren with second by Heck, council unanimously approved the additions to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Heck seconded by Warren, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the April 9, 2018, Regular Council meeting with the addition of closing and re-opening the meeting.

Financial Statements

Motion by Warren with second by Miller, council unanimously approved the April 23 Financial Report.

Bills

Following presentation and discussion of claims to be paid, a motion was made by Heck and a second by Miller, 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 Claims for approval: \$14,746.47 Wages from 02/28/18-04/14/18: \$43,269.24

Motion passed 5-0.

Building Permit

Motion by Heck with second by Warren, council unanimously approved the replacement of the roof on the Browns Valley Middle School.

Correspondence

Council members reviewed correspondence from:

- The March 19, 2018 Library Board meeting minutes
- The Capital credit notice from Traverse Electric Cooperative
- The monthly report of delinquent utilities

Visitors

Lloyd Heaney spoke with Danielle Decoteau, who works with the July 4 pow-wow at Old Agency Village Veterans Day pow-wow at Dakota Magic Casino. He has also contacted Gabe Derosiers, a Browns Valley resident. Gabe travels throughout the area assisting with pow-wows. Both Danielle and Gabe would be willing to work with Lloyd to set up the pow-wow. Lloyd has several important positions arranged for the event. They include: an arena director, an MC, and a host drum group. Gabe Derosiers recommended that the event be held in the middle of the week, as weekend pow-wows will already be set. Many of the local dancers would be able to attend on a weekday or weeknight. In his research, Heaney identified that the last recorded pow-wow in the City of Browns Valley was on July 4, 1886. Native Americans had a permanent village at this location and pow-wows had been held here for eight generations.

The target date for the event would be the first Tuesday/Wednesday in August, 2019.

Unfinished Business

The council was given a copy of the engineer's report of the building located at 302 W Broadway.

The owner of 308 W Broadway has offered to donate the building to the city. A motion by Warren with second by Heck to not accept the building. Motion passed 5-0. Schmitz will contact the owner to inform him that the city didn't accept his offer.

Schmitz will contact Bob Goodhart regarding the demolition of 326 W Broadway. The original estimate to remove the debris was with using the City's trucks. An estimate will need to be provided with Goodhart doing the trucking. Schmitz will need to reconfirm with Union State Bank that they would accept the east wall of the building being demolished on a quit claim deed.

Warren provided an update regarding the law enforcement contract with the Sheriff. City committee members asked several questions that they would like answers to at the time of their next meeting. The Sheriff will approach the County Board regarding this meeting and two Board members will be assigned to accompany Sheriff Wright at future meetings.

Chief Deputy Greg Forcier added that Todd Johnson and Tom Monson were assigned to the law enforcement contract negotiation committee for the County.

New Business

Motion by Warren with second by Heck, council unanimously approved Resolution No. 18-05 A Resolution By The Browns Valley City Council Requesting The Auditor Of Traverse County To Impose A Special Assessment.

Motion by Heck with second by Miller, council unanimously approved Invoice #2 from Houston Engineering for work being done on the Toelle Coulee project.

Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approved participating in the Department of Human Service's Expanded Ambulance Supplemental Payment program.

The council was informed that if they see anyone by the irrigator that the annual service has been scheduled.

The old Minnesota sign that hung at Backus Field is being remade.

Since there will no meeting on May 14, Schmitz asked if he could get approval to pay bills that will be due

prior to the May 29th meeting. Motion by Miller with second by Warren, council unanimously approves to pay claims that will be due prior to 05/05/18.

Department Reports

Library

Piechowski provided an update of future events being hosted at the library. They are Photographer Doug Ohman showcasing the book *Barns of Minnesota* and jewelry class will be coming May 16th. The summer reading program will begin on June 3rd and run until the end of July.

Public Works

Serocki reported that many of the water valves under the streets have not been exercised since they were installed. There have and will be times when these valves will need to be shut off, that they will malfunction. He stated that MN Rural Water has a valve exercising machine that they rent for \$850.00 per week. He added that exercising the valves will help them to remain functional and in use for a longer period of time. The council gave their approval to rent the machine for one week.

Fire Department

Chief Bartz reported that they had ball joints and shocks installed in the Chevy Tahoe. He said they also found that part of the light bar is malfunctioning and will need to be fixed. Bartz thought that to get the Tahoe safely operational there would be a total cost of near \$3,000.00.

Bartz reported that they served 650 people during the fish fry. The extra space for seating proved to be a benefit. The next project planned is to replace the three overhead doors with one door.

Ambulance

Brick reported that Curt Powers had contacted the service to ask if they would consider assisting with registration during the Crafts in the Park event during the Sam Browns Day weekend. The committee would make a donation to the service for their help.

During EMS Week, several ambulance members are planning to conduct various demonstrations at the school.

Attorney

Franzese reported that he has sent a letter to Reiner Construction requesting items that haven't been completed in the punch list.

Motion by Heck with second by Madison, council unanimously approves of Attorney Franzese to go forward with a small claims court action against Reiner Construction.

Motion by Warren with second by Heck, council unanimously giving Attorney Franzese authorization to collect monies for EMR class and mileage and filing the lawsuit.

Administration

Schmitz reported:

- The Sam Brown Day committee has asked, if there is inclement weather, permission to use the St. Luke's Church for the ecumenical service that will be held the Sunday during the weekend.
- Arlene Reinart asked about the open position at City Hall. Schmitz reported that he would have her take care of the utility billing to start out. He thought that he would have her work 8 hours per week to start and assess further needs in the future.
- The window one of the storm doors at the Community Center was broken. I asked him to take it to Hardware Hanks to have it fixed.
- On May 5th there an Emergency Vehicle Operations Class will be held in Browns Valley for both fire and ambulance members there were unable to attend in Beardsley.

- The Army Corp of Engineers will be spawn sampling along the Little Minnesota River.
- That he was contacted by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry about possible employment practices. He will be sending a response back to DOLI.
- Tanya Brick submitted her resignation as Ambulance Manager as of April 26.

Moved by Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 07:10pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Thomas A Schmitz, Clerk

Harold Hansen, Mayor