

Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Approved Minutes
May 26, 2020

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The regular 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, Tony Miller, Neil Madison, Ken Warren and Ken Westbrook. Also, in attendance was City Administrator Jodi Hook, City Maintenance Tony Serocki, Library Director Bernice Piechowski, Attorney Matt Franzese.

Visitors: Gary Carlson, Vicki Brockel, Laurie Appel, and Paul Brown Farnsworth Group by phone.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike Heck

Absent: None

Public Comment: Gary Carlson and Vicki Brockel from Maynard's spoke to the council about how the grocery business would hurt and possibly even close if Dollar General were to come into Browns Valley. Lori Apple spoke to the council how she is against Dollar General since the location of the store is across the road. She enjoys the serenity of agriculture being there.

Upon a motion by Warren and second by Miller, the Council unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on May 11, 2020.

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Westbrook and second by Warren, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda

- May 11th, 2020 Council Minutes
- Resolution 20-09: A Resolution Certifying Unpaid Charges
- Resolution 20-10: A Resolution Accepting a Donation to the City of Browns Valley
- Claims- additional Baker&Taylor\$211.20; B. Piechowski\$297.74; Serocki\$5699.08; Madison Life Ins\$12.61; Visa\$116.41
 - Wages: May 15st \$14,397.71
 - Claims May 26th \$26,027.83
- 2020/2021 Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club or 3.2% Licenses
 - Cheetah Inc.
 - American Legion #58
- Delinquency report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Upon a motion by Westbrook and second by Miller the Council unanimously approved the Animal fines/fees that were presented.

More discussion on Dollar General Store no formal motions or resolutions were given. Traverse County meeting to be held on Wednesday June 10th at 8:30am.

Kenny Westbrook and Ken Warren are the building committee and received some quotes for building a new shop. Location and sizes were discussed and no formal actions was taken and was tabled for a special meeting. A three-day notice will be given for the special meeting.

The City council review Chapter 54:01 Rates and Charges Ordinance. The current ordinance reads that the owner shall be liable for water and sewer services supplied to the property, whether he or she is occupying the property or not, and any unpaid charges shall be a lien upon the property. Further discussion was held. The City Councilmen requested Attorney Matt Franzese to amend the ordinance to be re-written to accommodate residents to not pay for vacant property.

Sample ordinance on Sewer/Water Utility Availability (WAC) Ordinance was not considered.

Head Department Reports were given.

**Items for council to consider for future:
Revisions or Amendments of Ordinance 54:01.
Special Meeting to discuss building shop.
Traverse County Meeting June 10th 8:30am.**

Next scheduled meeting June 8th 5:30PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Jodi Hook, City Administrator

Mike Heck, Mayor