



Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Approved Minutes February 12, 2024

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Chad Metz, Arlene Reinart, Bryan Bye, and Matt DeLaHunt (Widseth)

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Visitors: Widseth-Bryan Bye and Matt DeLaHunt were present to inform the council that Their Well was hired to drill a test well for the City of Browns Valley. Preliminary test pumping was completed, and the well was found to only produce 10 gpm. This is not adequate for the City of Browns Valley. A sample of the water was tested prior to sealing the well. The water has low iron and manganese, some arsenic, but high concentrations of ammonia and total dissolved solids. Chlorination of the water will be a challenge due to the ammonia. In their opinion, the following alternatives should be considered for Browns Valley:

1. Construct wells and a joint water treatment plant with the City of Beardsley. The wells and water treatment plant will be constructed in Beardsley.
2. Construct wells near or in Beardsley in the deep aquifer and construct a water main to a water treatment plant in Browns Valley.
3. Connect to a rural water system, if available.

Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Upon a motion by Biewer with a second by Madison, the Council unanimously approved the January 22, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Upon a motion by Biewer with a second by Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved the claims for a grand total of \$42,040.41, including Wages (February 1st = \$12,998.62) and Claims (February 12th = \$29,041.79).
- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Miller, the Council unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.
- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved the Delinquency Report.

Department Reports:

- Library Director Piechowski and Library Aide Arlene Reinart reported on activities at the library.

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- City Maintenance Supervisor Serocki gave a report on public works items completed
- Code Enforcement Officer Biewer reported on actions done to enforce City ordinances and items completed in the office.
- City Administrator Hook-Hansen reported on administrative items completed in the office.
- Fire Chief Dave Kuschel asked the council for permission to sign the BIA Fire Contract as written.
 - Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Miller, the Council unanimously agreed to allow Fire Chief Kuschel to sign the agreement with the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to assist in the suppression of fires on Indian lands for the next five years, unless cancelled by one of the parties sooner.

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business:

- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Miller, the Council unanimously approved of hiring Justin Stallman for Fire and Ambulance Department.
- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Miller, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 24-04, a Resolution Removing a Parcel from Tax Increment Financing District No 1-1.
- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 24-05, a Resolution Accepting a Donation to the City of Browns Valley from Eugene Anderson in the amount of \$20.00.
- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 24-06, a Resolution Accepting a Grant to the City of Browns Valley from MN Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$269,681.00.
- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Miller, the Council unanimously approved of Serocki to purchase a used Proline pressure washer in the amount of \$4,028.34

Public Hearing: To Consider Potential Ambulance Department Equipment Funding Sources for purchase of Stryker Power Load System and Tempus Monitor.

- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Biewer, the Council unanimously agreed to apply for a USDA Grant for the purchase of Stryker Power Load System and Tempus Monitor.

Public Meeting with Townships: Folsom, Windsor and Becker townships were present to discuss the potential increase of fire and ambulance contracts. It was mutually agreed to increase the fire contracts from \$150.00 to \$175.00 per section starting in 2025.

Public Comment: None at this time

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Other Business:

- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved of Serocki to replace the curb stop at 18 2nd Street North.
- Council instructed staff to post maintenance job opening with an application deadline of March 8th.

Dates: March 5th Primary Election


Items for Council to consider for future: Ordinance concerning the public use of Hemp and Cannabis Products

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


The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:



Jodi Hook-Hansen, City Administrator



Mike Heck, Mayor