



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, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Biewer and City Attorney Matt Franzese.

Absent:

Others Present: Traverse County Sheriff's Deputy Tammy Borgheiinck, Building Inspector Mike Jacobson, and Angus McEachern.

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:

Angus McEachern was present to request the council to reconsider a modification of the designation of his dog from being a Dangerous Dog to a Potentially Dangerous. This is primarily based upon his inability to afford the insurance required by the Ordinance if he intended on keeping the dog. He stated that his dog is normally not an aggressive animal, had never attacked another animal or person before, and that this was an isolated incident. Traverse County Sheriff's Deputy Tammy Borgheiinck and Code Enforcement Officer Terry Biewer stated that they had visited the dog today and did not show any signs of aggression, and noted that there had never been any previous reports of aggressive behavior from the dog. It is also noted that Section 91.11(C)(2) allows the City to modify a dangerous/potentially designation, including complete rescission of the designation.

- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved to modify Angus McEachern's Dangerous Dog citation to a Potentially Dangerous with conditions that all other requirements of the regulations be completed in 14 days.

Building Inspector Mike Jacobson was present to inform the Council of the Hazardous buildings. The properties have the following conditions at:

326 W Broadway

- The roof has collapsed into the building, allowing the elements and animals to get into the building.
- Main Street structures have common walls with framing from both adjoining buildings attached to the common wall. This building is in danger of further collapse, which could compromise the buildings on either side of the shared walls.

538 2nd Ave N

- There is a sag in the roof, indicating rot.
- The chimney is in very poor condition.

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- The foundation shows signs of rot and failure.
- Floor framing that has been exposed shows significant rot.

Abatement notices have previously been sent to the owners of each property. The City Council considered all the relevant evidence it has received.

- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Madison, the Council unanimously approved of declaring the buildings at 326 W Broadway, and 538 2nd Ave N as Hazardous Building and to be removed or repaired with a reasonable amount of time to repair or remove the hazardous conditions. Failure to make repairs or remove hazardous conditions may be grounds to allow the city to demolish the building.

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 Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved the March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Upon a motion by Madison with a second by Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved the claims for a grand total of \$63,038.40, including Wages (April 1st = \$23,688.03) and Claims (April 8th = \$39,350.37).

Department Reports:

- Library Director Piechowski reported on activities at the library.
- 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 Attorney Franzese gave a verbal report on actions performed for the City.
- Deputy Borgheinck reported on recent law enforcement activity within the City.
- City Administrator Hook-Hansen reported on administrative items completed in the office. Hook-Hansen wished well for Darrell Dobbs on his retirement on March 29th with almost 26 years of service for the City of Browns Valley. City Wide Clean Up will be May 13-14th.

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business:

- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 24-10, a Resolution Accepting Donation to the City from Foster Township in the amount of \$222.00.

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- Upon a motion by Miller with a second by Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved the Rental Licenses for:
 - Garrick Stahl 14 4th St. No.
 - Todd Johnson Four Seasons Apt.
 - John Tchida 314 2nd St. No.

- Upon a motion by Dobbs with a second by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved the employment application for new hire Jon Fryer, contingent on his agreeing to have his probation period extend until June 1, 2025, for the sole purpose of obtaining his CDL, which is required for employment with the City.

Public Comment: None at this time

Dates: April 22nd Public Hearing for Intoxicating Club On-Sale Liquor License

Items for Council to consider for future:

Next scheduled meeting: Monday April 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:



Jodi Hook-Hansen, City Administrator



Mike Heck, Mayor