



## Browns Valley Regular City Council Meeting Approved Minutes March 9, 2026

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

### **Absent:**

**Others Present:** Bryan Bye – Widseth Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike Heck  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

### **Agenda:**

- Upon a motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller, the Council unanimously approved the agenda with additions of semi parking complaints (Casey Nelson) and Service Agreement Contract with Dakota Waste Solutions LLC terminating December 31, 2028.

### **Visitors:**

- Bryan Bye – Widseth engineer: Provided a verbal update on the Well Project.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Upon a motion by Biewer, seconded by Miller, the Council unanimously approved the February 23, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Upon a motion by Johnson, seconded by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved the claims totaling \$126,587.07, including wages (March 2<sup>nd</sup>= \$12,118.37; claims March 9<sup>th</sup> = 114,468.70).
- Upon a motion by Miller, seconded by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved February's Treasurer's Report.
- Upon a motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson, the Council unanimously approved February's Delinquency Report.

### **Department Reports:**

- City Administrator Hook-Hansen reported on administrative activities.
- Library Director Piechowski reported on library activities.
- City Maintenance Supervisor Serocki reported on public works projects.
- Code Enforcement Officer Biewer reported on actions taken to enforce City ordinances and items completed in the office.
- City Attorney Franzese gave a verbal report on actions performed for the City of Browns Valley.

**New Business:**

- Upon a motion by Miller seconded by Dobbs, the Council unanimously approved the Purchase Agreement for land acquisition for BVB Water Project.
- Upon a motion by Dobbs seconded by Johnson, the Council unanimously approved to accept the agreement to terminate the Farm Lease with Jeff Nelson.
- Upon a motion by Miller, seconded by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved advertising for sealed bids, with the opportunity for bidders to increase their bids until the highest bidder is determined. The bids will be opened and considered at the next City Council meeting on March 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
- Upon a motion by Miller, seconded by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved the fencing permit for 221 4th Street South (William Langdeaux), provided all applicable guidelines are followed.
- Upon a motion by Miller, seconded by Biewer, the Council unanimously approved the Liquor License-Browns Valley Liquor Store for the period of May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.
- Upon a motion by Biewer, seconded by Johnson, the Council unanimously approved the Browns Valley Fire Relief temporary liquor license on April 18, 2026, for their annual Fish Fry.
- The Council tabled the motion to review and approve the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct Policy.
- Semi parking complaints (Casey Nelson) The City Council discussed complaints regarding the parking of a semi-tractor in a residential area by Casey Nelson. Council reviewed Browns Valley City Ordinance Section 71.05, which states that no person shall park a semi-tractor, trailer, or any truck rated with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds in any residential area of the city, except when the vehicle is parked in a completely enclosed garage. The Ordinance also prohibits the construction, operation, or maintenance of a parking area, either paved or unpaved, in the front yard of any residential lot. For the purpose of this section, the front yard is defined as the area between the sidewalk, or street line if no sidewalk exists, and the front line of the principal building, extending to the side lot lines.

The Council directed City Attorney Matt Franzese to send a letter to Casey Nelson notifying him that the vehicle is in violation of the City Ordinance and advising that if the semi continues to be parked at the location, the Traverse County Sheriff's Office may issue a parking violation citation.

- Upon a motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson, the Council unanimously approved the Service Agreement Contract with Dakota Waste Solutions LLC terminating December 31, 2028.

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**Dates:**

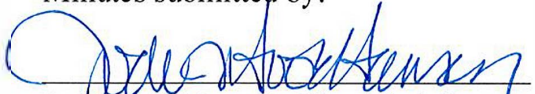
March 10<sup>th</sup> Historical Society 6:00 p.m.  
March 16<sup>th</sup> Library Board meeting 4:30 p.m.  
March 16<sup>th</sup> EDA meeting 5:30 p.m.  
April 6<sup>th</sup> - Board of Equalization at 3:30 PM

**Items for council to consider for future:** Sales Tax / Tier Pricing / Strategic Planning

**Next scheduled meeting Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 PM**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

  
Jodi Hook-Hansen, City Administrator

Approved by:

  
Mike Heck, Mayor