

The monthly Browerville City Council Meeting for April met at City Hall on April 12, 2017 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Heid, Iten, Wieshalla, Fenner and Santer were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens: Calvin & Mary Jo Lucas were present at the meeting to speak against the City undertaking the 2018 Improvement Project, stating that it was too expensive. George Jagush was also present stating that he had concerns regarding the curbing and sidewalks on 4th Street in front of his apartments being taken out and replaced during the 2018 Project. A meeting was scheduled with Mr. Jagush to discuss the improvements planned for 4th Street.

Consent Agenda:

- A) Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting
- B) Payment of Claims in the amount of: \$177,983.55
- C) Building Permits:
 - Tim Schettler – 921 Perry Ave. – build a 23' x 32' garage in rear yard
 - Gerald Winkler – build an 8' x 12' deck in rear yard
 - Sisters of St. Pius – install a chain link fence around north and east side of property

Motion by Iten second by Santer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. CU

Department Reports:

Liquor Store: Angie Benning was present to update the Council on March sales at the Liquor Store. Benning stated that March had been a very good month for the Liquor Store. She also updated the Council regarding the replacement of a Viking Coke cooler, the purchase of two sets of Bean Bag games and the planned replacement of the carpet in both entrances of the Store.

Public Works: Chuck Buhl was present to update the Council on progress in finding a replacement snow truck. Buhl informed the Council that he had found a 2012 Penske truck chassis for \$25,000. The unit had low miles and was a very good purchase with the type of motor, transmission and brakes recommended by local mechanics. Motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to approve the purchase of the truck chassis for \$25,000. CU

Buhl also informed the Council that he believed he had a box, hoist and controls lined up for the chassis and that the cost would be well within the budget of \$13,000. Motion by Fenner, second by Wieshalla to approve the purchase of a box, hoist and controls not to exceed \$13,000. CU

Buhl also brought to the Council the request by the City of Clarissa to have Browerville sweep their streets as a one-time operation as the sweeper in Clarissa is not functioning. Motion by Iten, second by Wieshalla to approve allowing the Public Works Department to sweep the streets of Clarissa at the following rate: \$200 Activation Fee plus \$150 per hour. CU

Motion by Wieshalla second by Iten to approve Department Reports. CU

Other Business:

Pictometry Cost Share for 2017 – 2019 for fly over imagery – Council heard that the County would be hiring the fly over photography that they have done in the past. The cost to the City for

the high-resolution photography and software would be \$2532 spread over a three-year period. Motion to approve the agreement with the County by Wieshalla, second by Santer. CU

Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting – set meeting for April 20th at 1:00 p.m. – motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to set April 20th at 1:00 p.m. for the Board of Appeal & Equalization. CU

Copier for City Hall – Lynn Fabro updated the Council regarding the purchase versus lease/rental of a new copier for City Hall. Motion by Wieshalla, second by Fenner to approve purchasing a new RICOH multifunction machine at a price of \$1,959.00 plus an annual service contract. CU

Resolution Supporting IRIS – motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to approve the Resolution Supporting IRIS (Infants Remembered In Silence) and the setting of October 15th, 2017 as Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day. CU

Proposal to install Wi-Fi at Community Center – Council heard that the Ambulance Department, Fire Department and some of the people renting the Community Center would like WiFi installed in the building. After some discussion, motion by Wieshalla, second by Santer to install WiFi charging out the cost of installation between the Comm. Center/Ambulance/Fire and establishing a charge to Center users of \$10.00 for use of the WiFi. CU

Dialogue Items:

Council heard that the City has had very low participation in the housing grant program and that there is a substantial amount of funds still available for home repair.

Council was updated on 525 Main Street and wish to continue to move forward with the issue.

Local Purchase: 95.7%

Adjournment: Motion by Wieshalla second by Fenner to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Lynn Fabro
City Administrator

Bob Heid
Mayor