

The monthly Browerville City Council Meeting for June met at City Hall on June 14, 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 Lucas, property owner of 131 Gillis Ave., was present at the meeting to discuss the proposed improvement project tentatively scheduled for 2018. Mr. Lucas brought up several questions. Was the public hearing notice published the required two times in the paper? Were the sewer mains on Gillis Ave. televised? Was a traffic study done on Gillis Ave. to determine the need of the sidewalk? He also voiced his opinion that the project was too big and that the City faced the possibility of bankruptcy as a result of the project. He voiced his opinion that the project would place a financial burden on residents who could not afford to live elsewhere. He stated that other, better, engineers could do the project for less money. He stated that the retaining wall on Fourth St. did not need to be replaced and that he had a structural engineer look at the wall and that the engineer had declared the wall to be sound. Council members pointed out that the project had been under consideration for several years due to the poor condition of the infrastructure and that the City Council was not undertaking a very expensive project without careful consideration into financial feasibility and planning for the future of the community. Council member Santer asked if the project could be done without curb and gutter being installed to reduce the costs. It was pointed out that the curb and gutter served to direct storm water away from property owners lawns and to preserve the integrity of the pavement. After speaking for 30 minutes, it was determined that many of the issues Mr. Lucas brought up should be addressed by the City's engineer and that the matter would be addressed when the engineer was present.

Consent Agenda:

- A) Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting
- B) Payment of Claims in the amount of: \$141,481.14
- C) Building Permits:
 - Alicia Muller – 321 7th St. E. – install a privacy fence in side and rear yard
 - Konetzko's Meats – 516 Main St. – tear down the Lions shelter
 - Ryan Spandl – 24084 300th St. – build a 50' x 104' building

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

Department Reports:

Liquor Store: Angie Benning was present to update the Council. Store sales were slow in May and the purchases of beer for Memorial Day led to a slight loss for the month. It was determined that a Committee made up of Mayor Heid, Council member Wieshalla and Liquor Store Manager Benning would look at long range planning for maintenance and improvements at the Liquor Store.

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

Other Business:

CentraCare Health representative Nicole Bjerke was present to provide the Council with information regarding the proposed Wellness Center that CentraCare hopes to build in Long Prairie.

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Three Star Construction – Council was informed that Three Star submitted bills for the Water/Sewer hook-up for the new house on 6th St. The program that the City has in place allows for the forgiveness of the Water Access Charge and the Sewer Access Charge. Motion to pay the submitted bills by Wieshalla, second by Heid. Motion failed unanimously.

Todd County Development Corporation request for funding – Council heard that the TCDC had submitted a request for funding for the year 2017. Motion by Iten, second by Wieshalla to approve a \$200.00 donation. Motion failed unanimously due to the item not being budgeted.

Dialogue Items:

Council heard that progress has been made on purchasing 525 Main St.

Council heard that the Browerville Lions generously donated \$1,500 for the purchase of flowers for City beautification.

Adjournment: Motion by Wieshalla second by Iten to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Lynn Fabro
City Administrator

Bob Heid
Mayor