

The monthly Browerville City Council Meeting for September met at City Hall on September 13, 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 was present at the meeting to ask questions regarding the proposed 2018 Improvement Project. Mr. Lucas was not content with the information provided by the City and Bolton and Menk. The City has not televised the sewer main, instead basing its knowledge on day to day operations and maintenance.

**Consent Agenda:**

- A) Approval of Minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- B) Payment of Claims in the amount of: \$110,730.89
- C) Building Permits:
  - Three Star Construction/Eugene Servatius – 529 Creamery Lane - to build a 40’ x 76’ house w/attached garage
  - ProAg Farmers COOP – Parcel # 30-0040600 Railroad Ave. – to build a 10” x 32’ addition to existing building
  - Lightway Construction – 30265 241<sup>st</sup> Ave. – to build a 40’ x 64’ storage building
  - Big Boyz Truck Wash – 30727 241<sup>st</sup> Ave – to build a 50’ x 100’ storage facility

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

**Department Reports:**

**Liquor Store:** Liquor Store Manager Angie Benning was present to inform the Council that the Liquor Store made a profit for the month of August. She also update the Council on upcoming events in the planning stage which include a Halloween Party, Gun Raffle & Deer Hunting Big Buck Contest.

**Public Works:** Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk was present at the meeting to update the Council in regard to funding sources for the proposed 2018 Project. Louwagie informed the Council that PFA had informed the City and himself that the City might be able to qualify for grant funds for the project through Rural Development. The City would need to send PFA a letter stating that the City would be willing to accept loan only funding through PFA, the City has not received any grants from PFA on any projects, in order to maintain its position in the funding list with PFA. The Council asked that Louwagie run the numbers to see if Rural Development funds would be a possibility. Motion by Fenner, second by Iten to send a formal letter to PFA in order to maintain funding eligibility for the 2018 Project. CU

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

**Other Business:**

**Prairie Sanitary** – Ginny Bruder was present at the meeting to update the Council regarding the sale of Prairie Sanitary Services to Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc., owned by Terry and Matt Lanoue. Motion by Wieshalla, second by Santer to reassign the existing contract, with the same term to Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc. CU

**Resolution 09132017** Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Browerville on Behalf of its City Attorney. Motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to approve the Resolution as presented. CU

**Joint Powers Agreement for Legal Data Communications for City Attorney** – motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to approve the agreement as presented. CU

**Joint Powers Agreement Amendment** – motion by Wieshalla, second by Santer to approve the Agreement Amendment as presented. CU

**Zoning Variance** – Victor Soule – 241 7<sup>th</sup> St. E. – after hearing the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee, motion by Fenner, second by Iten to approve granting the Variance. CU

**2018 Preliminary Budget/2018 Preliminary Levy** – after review of the proposed budget including the long range planning for future improvements, a motion was made by Wieshalla, second by Fenner to approve the Preliminary Levy for 2018 payable in the amount of \$198,904.70, a 2% increase over 2017. CU

**Set Truth in Taxation Hearing** for December 13 at 6:45 p.m. – motion by Iten, second by Wieshalla to approve setting the Truth in Taxation Hearing. CU

**Todd Co. Soil & Water** request for \$200 toward Enviro-Fest – motion to approve a donation of \$200 to Todd County for the Enviro-Fest by Wieshalla, second by Fenner. Motion failed.

**525 Main St.** – bid on building demolition – Council reviewed the quote received to demolish the building located at 525 Main St. the quote was for \$38,422.00. Council discussed options regarding the filling of the hole that will be created and decided to hold off on the demolition until the 2018 Project so that fill from the project can be utilized thereby reducing the cost by approximately \$9,000. Council ordered that the rear basement entry be removed and filled and the building secured until such time as demotion takes place.

**Community Center** – Carpet Replacement – Council heard that the carpet at the Center is wearing badly and needs replacement. The City received funds in 2014 from St. Francis Health Services as a fee for selling bonds to cover the non-profit's costs of construction. Those funds could be used to flooring replacement. Council requested that staff get at least two quotes for both carpet and tile.

**Prohibition of Excessive Force Policy.** – motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to approve the policy as presented. CU

Local Purchase: 82%

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

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Lynn Fabro  
City Administrator

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Bob Heid  
Mayor