

The monthly Browerville City Council Meeting for November met at City Hall on November 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.

**Consent Agenda:**

- A) Approval of Minutes of the October 12th
- B) Payment of Claims in the amount of: \$135,875.96
- C) Building Permits:  
Lightway Construction – 30265 241<sup>st</sup> Ave. – to build a 50’ x 80’ structure with a 6’ x 46’ long porch on the south west corner.

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. Benning told the Council that the month of October was slightly below expectations. November with the deer hunting season in full swing has been excellent.

**Fire:** Lynn Fabro informed the Council that both she and P.J. Sutlief were working on a FEMA grant for the Fire Department.

**Ambulance:** Council heard that the City is using a loaner ambulance while the City’s rig is being repaired after a deer/vehicle accident.

Motion by Fenner second by Santer to approve Department Reports. CU

**Other Business:**

Creamery Lane Assessments – motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to set the assessments for the Creamery Lane Improvements at \$10,185.66 at an interest rate of 1% for a period of 15 years. CU

Hazardous Building – Council heard about the condition of the building located at 525 Main Street. Council discussed how the use of the building in its current condition could negatively impact the entire block. Motion by Iten, second by Wieshalla to approve moving forward with the condemnation process. CU

Amendment to Browerville Code of Ordinances, Title 4, Chapter 1, Subdivision 3: motion by Wieshalla, second by Santer to amend the Ordinance to include the following Subsection:

B. Nuisance Parking and Storage

The outside parking and storage on residentially zoned property of large numbers of vehicles and vehicles, materials, supplies, or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes is a violation of the requirements set forth below because it: (1) obstructs views on streets and private property, (2) creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas, (3) prevents the full use of residential streets for residential parking, (4) introduces commercial advertising signs into areas where commercial advertising signs are otherwise prohibited, (5) decreases adjoining landowners’ and occupants’ use and enjoyment of their property and neighborhood, and (6) otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

1. Unlawful Parking and Storage

- a. No person shall place, store or allow the placement or storage of ice fishing houses, skateboard ramps, playhouses, or other similar non-permanent structures outside

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- continuously for longer than twenty-four (24) hours in the front yard area of a residential property unless more than one hundred (100) feet back from the front property line.
- b. No person shall place, store, or allow the placement or storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery, or similar materials, including all materials used in conjunction with a business, household furnishings or appliances outside on residential property, unless shielded from public view by an opaque cover or fence.
  - c. No person shall cause, undertake, permit, or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on residential property unless it complies with the following requirements:
    - (a) No more than four (4) vehicles per lawful dwelling unit may be parked or stored anywhere outside on residential property, except as otherwise permitted or required by the city because of nonresidential characteristics of the property. The maximum number does not include vehicles of occasional guests who do not reside on the property.
    - (b) Vehicles, watercraft, and other articles stored outside on residential property must be owned by a person who resides on that property. Students who are away from school for periods of time but still claim the property as their legal residence will be considered residents on the property.

C. Nuisance Inoperable Motor Vehicles.

Any motor vehicle described in this section shall constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the residents of the community as such vehicles can harbor noxious diseases, furnish a shelter and breeding ground for vermin, and present physical danger to the safety and well-being of children and citizens. Motor vehicles also contain various fluids which, if released into the environment, can and do cause significant health risks to the community.

1. Inoperable motor vehicles. It shall be unlawful to keep, park, or store *any* un-licensed, unregistered or inoperable vehicle, including boats, snowmobiles, trailers or any other means of conveyance, or abandon any motor vehicle that is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling, or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation within the state, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 168B.011, subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time.
2. Screening. This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a lawfully erected building and/or kept out of view from any street, road, or alley, and which does not foster complaint from a resident of the city. Privacy fencing is permissible.

Assessments – motion by Wieshalla, second by Iten to approve the special assessments for unpaid services, as presented, to be placed upon the property taxes, payable 2017. CU

Lightway lot sale – motion by Fenner, second by Santer to approve selling Perry Mast, owner of Lightway Construction, Lot 2, Block Two of the Browerville Industrial Park for the sum of \$1.00 plus all closing costs. CU

**Dialogue Items:**

Council heard that the Mayor will be signing a proclamation of December 6<sup>th</sup> in honor of Florence Rickbeil for her service at the Browerville Area Food Shelf.

Local Purchase: 90.76%

Adjournment: Motion by Wieshalla second by Iten to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Lynn Fabro  
City Administrator

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Bob Heid  
Mayor