

A meeting of the Browerville City Council convened at City Hall and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hannah Wieshalla, council members Christopher Minor, Joshua Goertz, Madison Rickbeil and Sue Wiersgalla were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the swearing in of the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: 12/11/24 regular meeting

Payment of Claims: Electronic debits and checks: 12/12/24 -01/08/25; 51216-51275; \$1,528,798.08

Zoning permits: none

Consent agenda approved by a motion from Wiersgalla, second by Goertz CU.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Liquor Store: Monthly financial report received

Public Works: Working on machinery maintenance in down time due to little snowfall

Ambulance: Laura Stier presented the Ambulance Department recommendations for 2025 Officers as voted on by the volunteers. Director: Laura Stier, Assistant Director: Patrick Sutlief, Training: Charles Stier, Maintenance: Erica Myers, Technology: Laura Stier. Approved recommendation by a motion from Minor, second by Rickbeil. CU Reported 276 calls for 2024 and that three volunteers will be recognized with a stork award for successful assistance to a mother in the delivery of a newborn in a pre-hospital setting.

Fire Dept: Patrick Sutlief presented the Fire Department recommendations for 2025 Officers as voted on by the volunteers. Chief: Patrick Sutlief, Assistant Chief: Terry Host, Training: Matthew Stork, Lieutenant: Jeffrey Wiersgalla. Approved recommendation by a motion from Wiersgalla, second by Rickbeil. He also reported that one fire fighter resigned.

Public Safety: Monthly report received from Todd County.

Admin: Fund status report provided.

Department Reports approved by a motion from Wiersgalla, second by Minor. CU

OLD BUSINESS:

Legal guidance received from the City Attorney regarding conflict of interest regarding fire department issues because of the council and related members.

1. Approving salaries and benefits. Active firefighters and their spouses must abstain from the discussion and vote. The remaining council member will need to approve salary and benefit changes.
2. Approving officers and expenses. I suggest the active fire fighter(s) abstain from the vote and the remaining council members approve of the officers or purchases by majority vote.

For other issue we will seek specific legal guidance with the details of the situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Designations and appointments approved as presented with the addition of Christopher Minor as Acting Mayor by a motion from Goertz, seconded by Wieshalla, CU.

Resolution 20250108-1 Acknowledging Donations approved by a motion from Rickbeil seconded by Minor. CU

Application for Tobacco License for the Dollar General approved upon the receipt of the fee for late filing of the renewal application by a motion from Wiersgalla, second by Goertz, CU

Motion to approve the 2024 Fund transfers by Goertz, second by Wieshalla, CU.

The following individuals participated in the interview panel for a public works employee, Alan Fenner, Angela Johnson, Logan Knutson, Charles Buhl and Bobbi Jo Freie. The committee has recommended the City make an offer of employment to Quinten Rickbeil. Motion by Chris to approve recommendation, second by Wiersgalla. CU

DISCUSSION:

Ordinances introduced in October were reviewed by the City attorney, administration will make the recommended changes and bring back to the Council to review at the next meeting.

Discussed option of having the county process cannabis registration for the city. After review of the requirements the city intends to complete this requirement and not delegate this to the County.

Council member Rickbeil will be reviewing the bank statements monthly.

Provided information for the council to complete training for the Board of Appeals and Equalization.

The meeting was adjourned by a Motion from Rickbeil, second by Goertz, at 7:45 p.m. CU