

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 12, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Robert Jacobson, Eugene Navock, Walter Robison, Stacy Biel, Pat Jacobson. City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: Councilmember- Ross McIvor

GUESTS: Cody Wilcox, David VanCura, Ethan Workman, Rae Ann Kreiner, Mark Vaerton, Eric Burgess, Ron Bennett, Dalton Formaz, Police Chief Ron Smith, Bob Armstrong, Allen Francis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Eugene Navock, Second by CM Pat Jacobson, to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, January 22, 2024, as written. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Pat Jacobson, Second by CM Stacy Biel, to Pay Bills in the Following Funds: General - \$20,668.52 (11965 – 11993), Payroll - 01/10/2024 / TO 01/23/24, \$23,764.40 (11021 – 11032), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,899.03, State of Michigan - \$1,973.59 (11033), Payroll – 01/14/2024 TO 02/06/2024, \$22,650.72, (11034 – 11048), Operating Engineers-union dues - \$109.50 (11049), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,937.93, Major Streets - \$0.00, Local Streets – \$0.00, Sanitary Sewer - \$2,227.15 (4211 – 4218), Water - \$2,501.41 (3775 - 3785), Arsenic – \$256.49 (1682 - 1685), Storm Sewer - \$75.00 (1372), Lead & Copper - \$175.00 (138 – 139), Equipment - \$115.10, (1901 - 1902). Motion Carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Bob Armstrong for the Festival Events Booklet. Motion to approve the Festival Events Booklet for \$1083.00 by CM-Stacy Biel, and Second by CM-Eugene Navock. Motion Carried

POLICE REPORT: None.

DPW REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by CM-Walter Robison to set the Public Hearing on 2/28/24 @ 6:05 PM, Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT: GFL Holiday Schedule: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. This is posted on the Web, and City Hall Window.

SEWER OVERFLOW- January 26, 2024 with heavy rains and snowmelt the Sewer System overflowed approximately 1000 gallons into the Storm Water System. EGLE was made aware of this violation, and per their recommendation the County Health Department was called, and it was reported to the local newspapers. This happened due to the large amount of infiltration that the City Sewer System takes on.

BOARD OF REVIEW: BOR will happen on March 11, 2024 from 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM and on March 14, 2024 from 2:00 PM To 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM To 9:00 PM.

EDC GRANT- SEE ATTACHED.

FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS GRANT: Ethan Workman and Charles Bennett will have a meeting with Chris from F&V on February 13, 2024 to work on the grant application for the Federal Appropriations from Lisa McClain's office.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to appoint Cory Faust to the Brown City Park Board, Second by CM-Stacy Biel. Motion Carried.

United Missionary Church will be having the Easter Egg Hunt at the Park on 3/23/24.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

- 1. Building and Grounds (Mclvor): Absent.**
- 2. Personnel/Park & Recreation (Biel): Park Board meeting 2/20/24.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): No.**
- 4. Tax & Finance (P.Jacobson): Questioned budget.**
- 5. Water & Sewer (R. Jacobson): No.**
- 6. Police (R. Jacobson): No.**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: Anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items not on the agenda may do so. When recognized by the Council, please state name and address for the record. Please direct all remarks to the whole City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, until such time as when they are fully informed on the matter. Please note that Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes unless an extension is approved by a majority of the Council. NONE.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

1. **Introduce An Ordinance to Amend Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of Chapter 52 of the Brown City Code to Reflect a Necessary Increase in Monthly Utility Fees and Subsequently Adjust Rates Annually for inflation on April 1, 2024. Based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Published by the United States Government, and adjust to the Whole Dollar.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: City Attorney Allen Francis was in attendance and introduced himself to Council. He has been in practice for 20 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL: CM-Walter Robison questioned if the \$5,000.00 built into the budget could be used for the Sewer Study.

CM-Stacy Biel said there were 2 lights out on Main. DTE was contacted and the lights were repaired.

CM-Pat Jacobson asked about the water in the Park. Mgn Charles Bennett said the tile is plugged and broke that runs from the Park to Vine Street.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Christine Lee/Report attached.

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM -Stacy Biel, Second by CM-Pat Jacobson, to Adjourn the February 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:27 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk