

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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

PRESENT: Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Robert Jacobson, Patricia Jacobson, Ross McIvor, Eugene Navock, Mark Vaerten, Neil Kohler, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Commissioner Chris Lee, Mike Vislosky, Denise Jones, Chief of Police Shane McKibben.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correct Roll Call Vote under Resolution Number 25-02, CM-Ross McIvor did not vote remove from vote he was absent. Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on January 27, 2025. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM-Pat Jacobson to approve and pay the bills as presented. Second by CM-Mark Vaerten. Motion Carried.

01/28/2025 TO 02/10/25.

Following Funds: General - \$21,524.99 (12553 – 12575), Payroll - 01/22/2025 / TO 02/04/2025, \$24,374.95 (11475 – 11489), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,247.46, State of Michigan - .00, Operating Engineers Dues - \$139.50 (11490), Major Streets - \$.00, Local Streets – \$.00, Sanitary Sewer - \$1,011.29 (4340 – 4341), Water - \$6,301.98 (3971 - 3978) , Arsenic – \$.00, Storm Sewer - \$.00, Lead & Copper – \$.00, Equipment - \$1,020.31 (1959 – 1962).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Shane McKibben presented the Police Report. Council would like a report on speed radar's once a month.
SEE ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: CHRIS LEE. SEE ATTACHED.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: None.

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.

Denise Jones had comments about the water meters, and had a few more signatures against the meters. Questioned what rust will do to the meters?

Chris Lee asked if there will be an adjustment period. Yes, up to one year.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Baptist Church: Mngr Chuck Bennett spoke with Chief Building Official Eric Bowerman on having him look at the Baptist Church and give a report. In order for him to get inside the building without owner permission we would have to get a warrant. This would have a cost associated to it as we would have to have our Attorney do the paperwork.

Chief Eric Bowerman's recommendation was if it goes back to the County on the tax roll then just wait until the county owns it. That way we could work with the County to get into the building without needing to get a warrant. The County will more than likely work with us.

The taxes on the Baptist Church need to be paid by March 31, 2025, and if not paid the County will take over on April 1, 2025.

Park Mowing: RFP for Park Mowing Bid. Council questioned if need a license to spray?

Mngr Chuck Bennett will advertise mowing on: Website FaceBook, (1) Paper, City Window.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training: Greg Guetschow is a Senior Advisor with Michigan Municipal will do a training for Council, any office staff, or other board members that want to attend on March 10, 2025. The training will be at 4:30 PM going until approx. 5:45 PM. This will be scheduled as a working meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Board of Review:

The City of Brown City "Board of Review" will meet at City Hall, 4205 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan on:

Tuesday, March 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM – Organizational Meeting.

Monday, March 10, 2025- 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Thursday, March 13, 2025- 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00PM.

The March Board of Review will be conducted by appointment. Please call 810-346-2325 to make an appointment.

POLICE STATION:

Police Chief Shane McKibben, Officer Ron Smith, and Manager Chuck Bennett had a team meeting with Jen from US Senator Peter's office on applying for a appropriations grant to help the city establish a new police station. The meeting went well and we now know more details on the framework of the grant. Next will be getting pricing from contractors so we can have a rough idea of cost.

Chief Shane McKibben has brought in several ideas on what they need.

Police Car: Charger for the new Police Car has been installed on the Police Barn. Chief Shane McKibben suggested to get an extinguisher as there is a higher risk with the charger.

MI Class:

The Retirement Fund that was moved to MI Class earned \$61.77 in interest in January 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Memorial Day Parade.

Proclamation for Steve Murray.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

- 1. Building and Grounds (Navock): None.**
- 2. Personnel (P.Jacobson): Personnel Meeting to discuss Union Contract. Motion by CM-Pat Jacobson to approve changes to Non-Union Employee Benefits. : Vision and Dental, for Part Time pay 100%. PT Police Officers- Short Term Disability if they work at least 8 hrs a week for 2 months straight. Cancer Insurance PT can enroll but must pay100%. Second by CM- Neil Kohler.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**CM-Ross McIvor – Yes CM-Neil Kohler- Yes CM-Eugene Navock-Yes
CM-Robert Jacobson -Yes CM-Mark Vaerten-Yes CM-Patricia Jacobson-
Yes.**

6 Yay's 0 Nay's 0 Absent 0 Abstaining.

Motion Carried.

- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten): Tree trimming needed .**
- 4. Tax and Finance (Kohler): Meeting February 27, 2025 @ 6:00 PM.**
- 5. Water & Sewer (R.Jacobson): None.**
- 6. Police (Mclvor): None.**

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL: None.

DPW: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor, Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson to Adjourn the February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:26 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk