

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 13, 2026

City Hall, 4205 Main St. Brown City

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Julie Miller, Council Members: Patricia Jacobson, Robert Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Gino Navock, Neil Kohler, Ross McIvor, City Clerk Sara Muxlow, City Manager Kyle Harris.

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Chief Gorski BCPD, Sargent Khan BCPD, Mike Vislosky DPW, Becky Visloski, Kevin Miller, Denise Jones, Jennifer Griffin, Angel Kreiner, Ryan Jager, Eileen Meeks, Robert Meeks, Sara McPherson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Add The Crown Victoria under New Business, Move Audit Report to after Pay Bills.

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of June 25, 2026- Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM Vaerten, to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 25, 2026. MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: Council received minutes from multiple committees to look over.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM P. Jacobson, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds:

General- 29,933.56 (13248-13261)

Payroll- 57,298.78 (12060-12093)

Major Streets- 746.37 (4223-4224)

Local Streets- 1,718.13 (4476-4478)

Sanitary Sewer- 3,978.15 (4499-4505)

Water- 6,837.15 (4247-4253)

Storm Sewer- 532.64 (1416)
Equipment- 629.94 (2059-2060)
Parks- 4,189.78 (3202-3205)
MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT REPORT: Wes Messing with King & Messing Audit Services LLC. He thanked the City employees for their help. He reported better record keeping from last year with recommended changes. The General fund had an increase of approximately 120,000 even with the increases in inflation.

Major Streets had a good ending balance of close to 715,000, but with upcoming street projects that will be used.

Local Streets ended close to 250,000 that will help with the continuing street projects.

Festival Commission fund had close to 50,000, the highest in 5 years.

Cemetery has 90,000 balance with no concerns.

Park Fund has 60,000 but will need to watch spending. City Manager Harris asked if there were restrictions on spending.

Storm Sewer fund has 150,000 with no issues.

Sewer, Water, and Equipment fund showed growth even with the expenses. Overall the City is financially doing well.

Wes addressed that it is the end of their contract and has proposed a new contract for the next 5 years. It reflects the increase and changes for the next 5 years.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Gorski stated that the software is being finalized and should be running in the next couple weeks. The Tahoe needs to get some breaks and the Crown Victoria has some major issues needing addressed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Denise Jones 4288 Main St. addressed her concerns for the major dangers of the smart meters. The FCC hasn't updated the dangers since 1996. The meters can give off something called electronic smog. She gave the mayor a handout with some information on the things she discussed.

Jennifer Griffin 15479 Jeddo Rd. She is interested in purchasing the property at 4296 Main St. She is curious what the City would like to do with the property because she would like to put an antique store there. She will be put on the next council meeting agenda.

Sara McPherson owns a business and already has a meter. She's received multiple letters that she's not happy about, after she was under the impression she didn't need to make an appointment. The company hasn't shown up for the appointment she made.

She would like council to have a discussion about data centers and read a paper about the issues that can come to communities that have them.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 5 year Audit Agreement- Motion by CM Kohler, second by CM Mclvor to approve the 5 year agreement with King & Messing Audit Services LLC, 1st year- \$11,000, 2nd year- \$11,500, 3rd year- \$12,000, 4th year- \$12,500, 5th year- \$13,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Navock- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes
CM Kohler- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM Mclvor- Yes

6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent

MOTION CARRIED

2. Pay Off the Skid Steer- The money is in the equipment fund and it will save money on the interest for the loan. The payoff is \$38,051.06. It's \$5.89 per day of interest. Motion by CM Navock, Second by Vaerten to pay off the Skid Steer loan of \$38,051.06.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM P.
Jacobson- Yes CM Mclvor- Yes CM Kohler- Yes CM Navock- Yes

6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent

MOTION CARRIED

3. Brakes and rotors for the Police Tahoe- Chris Lindsay quoted \$832.43. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM Vaerten to approve the brakes and rotors to be replaced by Chris Lindsay for \$832.43

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Navock- Yes CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Kohler- Yes
CM Vaerten- Yes CM Mclvor- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes

6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent

MOTION CARRIED

4. The Crown Victoria needs around \$1000 more in repairs. It only works half the time. Mike commented that it overheated that day. The best option would be to scrap the car. A used vehicle will cost around \$15,000-\$20,000. CM Vaerten believes there is a market for used Police Cars and it should be put up for auction. New options will be looked into for the next month. Chief Gorski will look for a few quotes.

5. Fire Authority Agreement- Motion by CM Mclvor, Second CM Kohler to approve the agreement with the Fire Authority. MOTION CARRIED

6. Eileen Meeks- 4093 Third Street- Wanted to discuss the Day Care Center that is wanting to purchase the house across the street from her. She feels the street is narrow, quiet and there isn't traffic. She questioned how many children would be

in the daycare, and whether someone would be living in the home or if it was just going to be used as a daycare. The state would determine how many children would be allowed and that the home would be used only as a daycare center. Eileen asked why there wasn't a notification for survey for residents in the area and City Manager Harris stated that the City Ordinance allows for a daycare center. She loves kids but doesn't want the noise of a daycare. She also believes her property value will decrease with a daycare across the street and that parents and children have changed over the years. Chris Lee added that not everyone would be coming and leaving at once and doesn't feel like the street would become congested. Robert Meeks questioned whether it is a business in a residential area if the building is locked up at the end of the day. City lawyer Tori stated that the ordinance approves for a daycare center with council approval.

7. Michelle Sanders Appointment to the Park Board- Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM McIvor to appoint Michelle Sanders to the Park Board. MOTION CARRIED
8. 4296 Main Street- \$8,240.27- The old Baptist Church Building is being auctioned for back taxes. The City has the first opportunity to purchase the property. There are holes in the roof and mold inside. The City has been maintaining the yard around the property. The City can not sell the property for a profit. The building is full of personal items from the previous owners. Demo would be the cheapest option. The issue is tabled until the next council meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT: Kyle met with the MEDC and the local Economic Development Corporation to discuss potential development possibilities for the City to help advance economic development. The SRO agreement had some language changes. Nothing that would impact the budget.

There is a grant that would replace older diesel engines. The dump truck would be eligible and an EV could be its replacement. CM Kohler added that it is an easy process. Propane or EV dump trucks are very expensive and there would be no belly blade for an EV due to the battery needing the space.

A request for \$325,000 from F&V for Waldorf and Sons. The funds haven't been released. The funds were taken out of the Water MI class account. When the funds are released they will go back into the account.

There's an agreement with Wade Trim and MEDC to rewrite the zoning ordinance. Once a kick-off meeting is scheduled, MEDC will release the initial installment of funds. The Park Board didn't have a quorum. The tree cut down at the park came to \$4500. The board of directors gave \$500 to help with the cost. The city will have to pay the remainder. CM McIvor suggested that Rotary and little league should be notified to help

pay. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM B. Jacobson to pay \$4500 to Joe Biel for the emergence removal of the tree at the park.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Navock- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM Kohler- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM Mclvor- Yes

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To reduce costs, 4 porta Johns will be removed from the park and they will stop mowing certain areas of the park.

MIOSHA came out and looked at the electrical cabinet at the park. Kyle was told to get it replaced. One quote came in at \$38,000. Looking for other quotes and looking for grant money.

The 2 million for the sewer system. Asking to stop the matching funds which would total around \$500,000. They are still determining.

50% of the meters are complete. 262 have been installed. 88 have not been scheduled yet. Shut off will be September 1st.

CLERKS REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Adding Ryan Jager to the agenda for July 27th to talk about goose hunting. She said sorry to Eileen Meeks for not wanting the daycare in her neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Navock)- None.
2. Personnel (P. Jacobson)- None.
3. Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten)- Asked about the sidewalks that were affected by the water project would be replaced. City Manager Harris commented that any sidewalk destroyed would be replaced.
4. Tax and Finance (Kohler)- None.
5. Water and Sewer (B. Jacobson)- Asked about a loop system for fire hydrants. Kyle stated that it would be expensive. Bob would like to see a T added for any future projects.
6. Police and Park (Mclvor)- Asked about the police overlap in shifts. There won't be an overlap once school starts. 5 ½ hours a day are overlapped and CM Mclvor believes the shifts should be rotated. Discussions were made about what hours would look like once school starts back up and what hours officers schedules were in the past. A Personnel and Police meeting was scheduled for Tuesday the 21st at 10 am.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Her email was changed to a .gov. Recommended that the City call the Sheriff Department to see if they are auctioning police cars. There should be funds available after the November election for the church property. The daycare would have strict guidelines per the Government for how many children will be allowed to attend. There's only so many square feet per child. The Corporal George F. Sepsey, a WW2 Vet's remains were brought home to Croswell and buried.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM Vaerten, to Adjourn the July 13, 2026 Meeting of the City Council at 7:31 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow
City Clerk