

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 14, 2024

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

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

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Marc Perez, Tyne Kreiner, Tara Owens, Ethan Workman, Tim Heich, Becky Vislosky, David Fahe, Carrie Bennett, Ron Bennett, Jamie Faust. Rae Ann Kreiner, RJ Kreiner, K Moller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Correction under Clerk's Report name Jaci Wedlake is correct spelling of first name.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Minutes on 10/14/24. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING: October 7, 2024

New Business: Review of City Manager's Evaluation.
City Hall Hours.

Motion by CM-Stacy Biel to approve the Personnel Committee Minutes for October 7, 2024. Second by CM-Walter Robison. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Police Chief Interviews. September 30, 2024.

Motion by CM-Stacy Biel to approve the Special Meeting Minutes on September 30, 2024. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to approve and pay the bills as presented. Second by CM-Stacy Biel. Motion Carried.

09/24/2024 TO 10/14/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$34,259.40 (12369 – 12405), Payroll - 09/18/2024 / TO 10/01/24, \$17,024.67 (11313 – 11334), State of Michigan - \$.00, Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,858.45., Operating Engineers - \$109.55 (11335), Major Streets - \$3,761.29 (4182-4185), Local Streets – \$1,761.29 (4442-4444), Sanitary Sewer - \$1,513.53 (44304 – 4307), Water - \$2,366.63 (3908 – 3919), Arsenic \$348.66 (1719-1723), Storm Sewer - \$738.26 (1385-1387), Lead & Copper – \$104.00 (160 - 161), Equipment - \$146.97 (1938 - 1939).

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution No. 24-14

A RESOLUTION FORMALLY CAUSING TO BE LEVIED A SPECIAL TAX OR ASSESSMENT TO RECOVER MONIES OWED THE CITY OF BROWN CITY.

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to approve Resolution No. 24-14 Special Tax or Assessment to recover monies owed the City of Brown City. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**CM-Ross McIvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes
CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

**6-Yay's 0-Nay's 0-Abstaining 0-Absent
Motion Carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

Ethan Workman: Ethan asked council if they would allow the marijuana business within the City Limits or would they like to see the business in the industrial area. How many licenses would the business hold? Council stated they would not want the business to grow the marijuana, but having it downtown was agreed on.

Ethan Workman also suggested council look into communication. Ethan feels TextMyGov would benefit the City and he provided a proposal showing how Citizens could text questions, and get automatic response. Council asked Ethan to

check what other small city's are doing, and would it be something the City would like to do. Ethan will bring back report at the next Council Meeting.

POLICE REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

DPW REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Chris Lee presented the report from the September 17, 2024 City/Village/Townships Meeting.

***County Administrator, Nathan Roskey, presented the Masterplan Award.**

*** CPA, Gregory H. Soule, AHP CPAs & ADVISORS, presented the 2023 Audit Report.**

***Mary Gilbert, Community Nutrition Instructor, MSU Extension, gave an Overview of the Senior Project Fresh program.**

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

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Fence Permit at 6898 James Street – Installer is Action Fence. Will be a wire fence.

ORDINANCES: Attorney Allen Francis to discuss next steps on noise ordinance, and discuss finding an ordinance that would suit the City's needs better.

Attorney Allen Francis first stated that the Council cannot amend an ordinance in a regular Council Meeting.

Motion by CM-Ross McIvor to rescind the prior motion granting the Whiskey Jar an extension to 11:00 PM for music on September 9, 2024. Second by Walter Robison. Motion Carried.

Attorney Allen Francis is not in favor of using the decibel usage. Allen Francis will check out options and have available for future meeting. He also stated if the door was closed there would be no violation. Council talked about having both residential and commercial noise ordinance set at 11:00 PM.

Council will need to have first meeting to introduce new ordinance, and second meeting to have Public Meeting.

Motion by CM-Ross McIvor for a Moratorium on Noise Ordinance. Second by CM-Stacy Biel. Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Hall: Hours of Operation will be Monday - Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM and closed from 12:00PM – 12:30PM for lunch. This will result in an extra half hour of service time for residents. The new hours will start December 2, 2024.

Veterans Day: November 11, 2024 City Hall will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

DWSRF Grant: Discussed the details of the grant.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison to let Eagle know the City would like to move forward with the grant. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson.

Roll Call Vote:

**CM-Ross McIvor – Yes, CM-Walter Robison – Yes, CM-Eugene Navock – Yes
CM-Robert Jacobson – Yes, CM-Stacy Biel – Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson – Yes.
6-Yay's 0-Nay's 0-Abstaining 0-Absent
Motion Carried.**

2024 DPW Street Sweeper Proposal:

City of Bellville is putting a sweeper up for Bid. Bid need to be in by October 18, 2024. The truck does need some work, and comes with extra parts and some brushes.

Mike Vislosky would drive down before October 18 and inspect the truck before we would put a bid in at \$8,500.00 to \$9,000.00 if Mike's inspection is favorable.

Currently the Equipment fund has \$94,875.00 in Savings.

Motion by CM-Robert Jacobson to put a bid in on the Street Sweeper if the inspection shows the truck is in good condition. Second by CM-Walter Robison. Motion Carried.

DPW: Mike Vislosky would like to have an extra week vacation in lieu of getting paid for Council Meetings. Memorandum of Understanding letter was received consenting to

the vacation time instead of meeting payments. The Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on 10/14/2024.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison to give Mike Vislosky an extra week of vacation time in lieu of getting paid for Council Meetings. Second by CM-Ross McIvor. Motion Carried.

Chickens in City Limits: Ordinance / Possible Permit each year, set number of chickens no roosters. Inspection of coop.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Special Thank-You to the United Methodist Church and Festival Committee for the Fall Decorations, and the work they did to place them on Main Street.

Thank-You for the donations: Jay Berry/Straw, Ben's Supermarket/Mums, Carol VanDamme/Corn & Pumpkins, and UMC for the pizza.

Scare Crows will go up for auction.

Chili Cook Off: 10/19/24.

Christmas Tree Lighting: 12/6/24 at 6:00PM

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

- 1. Building and Grounds (McIvor): None.**
- 2. Personnel (Biel): None.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): MDOT Grant approved for Buby Street \$54,000..**
- 4. Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson): Budget Meeting 10/21/24 @ 4:00PM.**
- 5. Water and Sewer & Park (Robison):**
 - * Need to put on Agenda for next Council Meeting to have 1 person from the BCCPA on both committees.**
- 6. Police (R. Jacobson): Getting numbers together for Shane and Mark's Salary.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Allen Francis discussed the steps on Noise Ordinance issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jamie Faust

Jamie stated that an extra balance form will be provided with the report to Tara Owens the head of the Festival Committee. Jamie feels some of the issues they have are due to communication.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM-Walter Robison stated needed to honor the Garden Club for work on the Bee Hive. (Proclamation).

**Questioned the Website and how much to maintain, \$75.00 month.
Question is the Website ADA Compliance. Mgn Chuck Bennett to check out.
Committee Reports should show Past and Current Year.**

CM-Ross Mclvor made a motion to have Attorney Allen Francis at all meetings when possible. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-No, CM-Eugene Navock-No
CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-No, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

**3-Yay's 3-Nay's 0-Abstaining 0-Absent
Mayor Julie Miller – Yes due to tie.
Motion Carried.**

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion by CM-Stacy Biel, Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson to Adjourn the
October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:21 PM. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk