

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**AUGUST 26, 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 Mclvor, Eugene Navock, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: Stacy Biel.

GUESTS: Tara Owens, Ethan Workman, David VanCura, Jared McPhail, Olivia Liebler, Ryan Jager, Ron Marion, Alecia Parks, Tori Ruckman, Lauren Marion, Dale Wilcox.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.**

**ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Manager Report addition.**

**CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on August 26, 2024. Second by CM-Ross Mclvor. Motion Carried.**

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

**08/13/2024 TO 08/26/2024.**

**Following Funds: General - \$25,907.78 (12306 – 12333), Payroll - 08/07/2024 / TO 08/20/24, \$24,237.88 (11268 – 11281), State of Michigan - \$1,871.33 (11282), Includes EFT Tr-County Bank - \$4,992.63., Operating Engineers Dues - \$.00, Major Streets - \$67.79 (4180), Local Streets – \$67.79, (4441), Sanitary Sewer - \$59,070.94 (4286 – 4292), Water - \$4,860.75 (3879 – 3890), Arsenic \$.00, Storm Sewer - \$1,732.00 (1381 ), Lead & Copper – \$21.52 (153), Equipment - \$102.09 (1933).**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Jared McPhail representing Park Board of Directors to discuss proposed lease of Brown City Community Park.**

**Jared McPhail** stated that the Rotary would like to build a 40X80 building, and would let the Park use it when needed. Jared stated they are flexible and will have an attorney

draw up a new lease. The lease at this time would be for 20 years, and they will come back in a couple weeks with more information.

**Ryan Jager** – To discuss hunting geese at the City Lagoons. They would only let 6 to 8 people hunt at a time. They have three groups that hunt, and usually kill around 70 birds in a year.

**Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve Ryan Jager's groups to hunt geese at the City Lagoons, Second by CM-Ross McIvor with the agreement that the forms will be signed and turned in.**

**Alisha Parks** – Moffit's Corner Disposal would like to bid for the Brown City garbage, and will put a quote together for the next Council Meeting. Question if the day of garbage pick up could change?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: Ethan Workman** shared that the Community Energy Management Grant has been delayed due to the influx of applications, and should expect to hear from them within the next 4 weeks.

**The Michigan Economic Development Corporation** to discuss different funding options that will be available in the future, as well as what Brown City is looking for, and funding that could match our needs.

**GFL** donated \$5,000.00 to the fitness court project.

**Aspire Health Systems** reached out and there is conversation that they would like to open an afterhours/urgent care clinic in Brown City.

**Library** as well as many businesses from around town attended the park for the unveiling of the story walk that was installed on behalf of the Sanilac Health Department.

**POLICE REPORT: None.**

**PUBLIC HEARING: None.**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: 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.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**RESOLUTIONS: 24-11 Approving contract between the City of Brown City and MDOT and authorizing signatures to execute contract.**

**Motion by CM-Walter Robison to approve the contract between the City of Brown City and MDOT and authorizing signatures to execute contract. 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-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

**5 – Yay’s      0 – No’s      0 – Abstaining    1-Absent.  
Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTIONS: 24-12 Resolution to formally apply for assistance from the Risk Reduction Grant Program – Security Cameras for the City Hall, DPW and Police Building.**

**Motion by CM-Robert Jacobson to approve the Security Cameras for the City Hall, DPW and Policy Building for \$10,578.07 with \$5,000.00 Grant from the Risk Reduction Grant Program.**

**Roll Call Vote: CM-Ross McIvor – Yes, CM-Walter Robison – Yes, CM-Eugene Navock – Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson – Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson.**

**5 – Yay’s      0 – Nay’s      0 – Abstaining    1 – Absent.  
Motion Carried.**

**ORDINANCES: None.**

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Storm Water Drainage at 4154 4<sup>th</sup> Street.** Trombley Excavating turned in bid for \$6,900.00 and Daws Excavating bid was \$6,400.00.

**Motion by CM-Walter Robison to have Daw’s Excavation to do the repairs for the Storm Water Drainage at 4154 4<sup>th</sup> Street for \$6,400.00. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.**

**Water Main Repair –** Approximately at 3PM on 8/17/24 on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and James Street a lightning strike hit a tree in the front yard of the home. The lightning strike was powerful enough that it traveled down the roots of the tree to the copper water line going

to the house and then to the PVC Water Main. The water main was damaged by the strike and was leaking profusely. DPW Foreman Vislosky was on the scene shortly after, he called in Austin and Andy. The City of Sandusky and Croswell were also called into assist with parts, manpower and equipment. Everyone worked diligently until approximately 4AM Sunday morning. Thank you to the amazing job by Brown City DPW and amazing support from Sandusky and Croswell.

Manager Chuck Bennett sent Thank-You cards to those who helped.

A claim has been turned into the insurance company as this Water Main was brand new in 2022. Manager Chuck Bennett has spoken with the claims adjuster and turned in documentation. Additional updates to come.

**Baptist Church – Question should the City have owners fix the roof where the animals are getting into building? Council said to start ordinance process.**

**County to clean ditch.**

**Flynn's will remove the rotted tree on West Main near Carman Funeral Home.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT: Festival 10/19/24.**

**Trick or Treat 10/31/24. Motion by CM-Walter to have Trick or Treat time 5PM to 7PM. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.**

**Rotary Gun Raffle: Now until 10/26/24.**

**Christmas Lighting 12/6/24.**

**COMMITTEE REPORT'S:**

- 1. Building and Grounds (McIvor): None.**
- 2. Personnel (Biel): None.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): None.**
- 4. Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson): None.**
- 5. Water and Sewer & Park (Robison):**
  - \* Park Meeting 8/27/24.**
  - \*Sewer Meeting 9/10/24 @ 4:00 PM.**
- 6. Police (R. Jacobson): Lap Top in car.**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: None.**

**CLERK'S REPORT: None.**

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL: Cody Wilcox report.** Cody is home and walking with a walker. A donation page has been set up. Chuck Bennett and Ron Smith will fill in for Cody in his absence.

**Web Page** has been corrected to show Council start time @ 6:00PM.

**Ditch on Corner of Maple Valley Rd. needs mowing.**

**Question Wells St. property owned by Michelle Spokaeski-Ford has it been mowed?**

**Maple Valley Estate has this property been mowed?**

**DPW: Mike Vislosky reported on several projects that were completed, and a copy of his report is attached.**

**CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by CM-Robert Jacobson, Second by CM-Ross McIvore to Adjourn the August 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:01 PM. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela Willer  
City Clerk