

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 27, 2026

City Hall, 4205 Main St. Brown City

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 6:05 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Gino Navock, Bob Jacobson

GUESTS:

Officer Khan BCPD, Officer Ford BCPD, Mike Vislosky DPW, Becky Visloski, Denise Jones, Dan Jones, Jennifer Griffin, Angel Kreiner, Ryan Jager, Alecia Parks, Martin Mehlberth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

A moment of silence was held for Randy Armstrong, Mike Vislosky's father in law Becky's dad, who has passed away.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of July 13, 2026- Motion by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM Vaerten, to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 13, 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- 25,688.09 (13248-13261)

Payroll- 57,298.78 ()

Sanitary Sewer- 72,508.11 (4506--4508)

Water- 1,159.75 (4254-4259)

Equipment- 44,057.34 (2064-2067)
Parks- 4,721.16 (3206-3207)
Festival Commission- 3,485.00 (599)
Fire Authority- 4,458.45 (6602-6606)
Cemetery- 200.00 (2272)
MOTION CARRIED.

DPW REPORT: Mike had nothing to add. Mayor Miller added that there was a barn fire that Mike had to monitor the pumps.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Denise Jones 4288 Main St. had some concerns about the church building on main street. Upset that the building is zoned commercial without being notified and no buffer zone between properties. City Manager Harris clarified that the property is zoned as residential and the zoning for commercial is for tax purposes.

Alecia Parks 103 W. Mechanic St. in Yale, MI- Is friends with Jennifer Griffin, who is interested in purchasing the old church property and putting an antique shop in. Knows the building has been empty for a long time and likes the thought of bringing a new business into Brown City.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Church Property- The county has given the City until the next day to decide to purchase the property or not. The City can purchase the property for the minimum bid. If the City declines then they will turn in the City's lawn care amount to add to the purchase price. The concern is that individuals will purchase properties cheap and not take care of the property having it continue to be a blight. Purchasing the property would come with many issues due to the amount of contents in the building. The personal property will start with having an eviction notice, all contents taken to the road for 24 hours, whatever is left is held for 60 days, and then items could be sold to regain some of the purchase price. The building has mold, mildew, and damage from the leaking roof. It could be costly to repair. It would take 4-6 months to rezone the property as multi-use. The property can not be sold for a profit unless it is held for 7 years. Lawyer Tori added that the current owner has not filed a claim for the surplus, but Brown City could be responsible for any future legal fees for the City and County. CM Kohler added that there would be a lot of man hours to clear out the building and isn't a good buy for the City. It was decided by the Council that the purchase had too many costs and they would not like to purchase the property.
2. MOU Sanilac Co. Drug Task Force- The Drug Task Force program for training for the City's officers cost would be paid by the City but reimbursed by the

County. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM P. Jacobson to sign with Sheriff Rich and Lt. Moore a Memorandum of Understanding for the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Local Interdiction Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM McIvor- Yes
CM Kohler- Yes

4- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 2- Absent

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ryan Jagger- Has hunted the past 7 seasons at the lagoons to keep the goose population down. This will be the 8th season. The season runs September 1-30th. They were more diligent last season and they harvested 137 birds. He has forms that will be filled out prior to hunting and is requesting permission to hunt the geese at the lagoons for this fall. Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM Kohler to allow Ryan and his group to hunt at the lagoons. MOTION CARRIED
2. Jennifer Griffin, 15479 Jeddo Rd, hearing that the City would not like to purchase the Old Church Property she feels like there's no sense wasting council's time.

MANAGERS REPORT: The EPA approved the waiver for the matching funds. The City will not have to pay the \$500,000 for the sewer project. F & V will not be able to help with the application process. CM Kohler added that parts that were already camera'd can be avoided to save cost.

The water project will be starting on M-90 in the next couple weeks, all permits except the railroad permit are in place. Streets and sidewalks will be repaired at the end of August into September.

The City has received the final disbursement of \$17,500 from MSHDA for the Master Plan project.

City Hall was insulated over the weekend and the police garage will be insulated throughout the week.

CLERKS REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Read a Thank You card from the family of Randy Armstrong. Prayers for Bob and Pat, Bob is in the hospital.

Halloween hours are usually 5:30-7:30. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by McIvor to set the Halloween trick or treating hours for 5:30-7:30 on Halloween. MOTION CARRIED
Trunk or Treating set up around 3 and Trunk or Treating from 4-5.

Christmas Tree lighting is December 4th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Navock)- None.
2. Personnel (P. Jacobson)- Questioned about the police hours. Kyle added that the hours have been fixed and he's overlooking hours to get the most coverage including some on Sundays. He's looking for part time officers.
3. Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten)- None.
4. Tax and Finance (Kohler)- None.
5. Water and Sewer (B. Jacobson)- None.
6. Police and Park (McIvor)- None.

Kyle added that Election Day is next Tuesday August 4th. Office staff will be running the elections and Kyle will be in the office to answer any questions anyone has. He plans on keeping City Hall open.

Grants to replace the dump truck will be an EV or alternative fuel will be free, but if the City goes with another diesel engine there is a 25% match available. An Electric Dump Truck can not have a belly blade due to the batteries. CM Kohler recommends an alternative fuel due to its cost being covered.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM Kohler, to Adjourn the July 27, 2026 Meeting of the City Council at 6:48 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow
City Clerk