

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 14, 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: Pat Jacobson, Gino Navock, Bob Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Neil Kohler, Ross McIvor, City Clerk Sara Muxlow, City Manager Kyle Harris.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS:

Officer Khan BCPD, Kevin Miller, Angel Kreiner, John Kreiner, Chris Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Add Commissioner Chris Lee under Communications, add Maple Valley Estates under new business.

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026- Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM B. Jacobson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 24, 2026 as written. MOTION CARRIED

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Forrester Park had extensive damage from recent storms and Kappen tree came and removed multiple trees that had fallen.

PAY BILLS:

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

General- 55,282.81 (13320-13344)

Payroll- 25,049.18 (12135-12147)

Cemetery- 5,071.17 (2276-2280)

Parks- 4,027.87 (3214-3216)

Sewer- 1,828.18 (4515-4518)

Water- 2,158.66 (4272-4276)
Lead and Copper- 500.00 (198)
Equipment- 15,029.31 (2070-2074)
Fire Authority- 270.14 (6620-6623)
MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT: A police report hasn't been printed however 40 tickets have been issued in the last 2 weeks. Many issues have come up with computers and are being worked on. No questions were asked.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Part time Police Officer wage increase. All part time officers will start at \$30 per hour and after 6 months can participate in the eye and dental insurance plan at their own expense. The City does not provide coverage to part time employees. After the initial 6 months of being hired, the officers will be moved to a scale of 2-5 years- \$30 per hour, 5-10 years- \$31.50 per hour, 10-15 years- \$33 per hour, 15-20 years- \$34.50 per hour, 20+ years- \$36 per hour. Part time officers are not to exceed 25 hours per week unless approved by the City Manager. Hours scheduled are dependent on the budget. CM Kohler commented that the officer wage draft is fair. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM McIvor to approve the Draft Wages.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM McIvor- Yes CM Kohler- Yes CM Navock- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM P. Jacobson- Yes
6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Changes- Since Chief Gorski resigned, Sargent Khan has taken over some duties as chief. He has the Chief Cell Phone and Laptop and doing administrative duties. City Manager Harris would like to give a stipend to Sargent Khan of \$500 per month.

Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM B. Jacobson to approve the \$500 per month stipend to Sargent Khan, \$250 per pay period while he is doing the extra work.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM McIvor- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes
CM Kohler- Yes CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Navock- Yes
6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent
MOTION CARRIED

2. Hollie has taken over all of Dave's duties now that he has retired fully. Stephanie took over payroll and Hollie took utility billing from Stephanie. City Manager Harris would like to give her a pay raise to compensate for the extra duties. Motion by CM McIvor, Second by CM Vaerten to approve a \$2 increase for Hollie. ROLL CALL VOTE: CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM McIvor- Yes CM Kohler- Yes CM Navock- Yes
6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent
MOTION CARRIED
3. Trailer Park- The trailer park has a Master Meter that was installed in 2006 that hasn't been used nor does it work properly. City Manager Harris advised Jeff that he would have to purchase the meters at \$30,000 and have them installed, then the city could bill accordingly. Jeff would like the City to help with the expense. City Manager Harris commented that the Master Meter was not in the initial budget for the water project and will cost around \$11,000 however the existing meter could potentially be refurbished. CM Kohler questioned the liability to the City in the future with the trailer park being private property. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM Navock to put in a Master Meter to the trailer park or refurbish the existing meter. ROLL CALL VOTE: CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Navock- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM Kohler- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes CM McIvor- Yes
6- Yes 0- No 0- Abstaining 0- Absent
MOTION CARRIED

MANAGERS REPORT: Sgt. Khan has taken the responsibilities as Chief. He has the Chief cell phone 24 hours a day and has the Chief laptop. Sgt. Khan is working 10-7. Officer Ford will pick up some OT if necessary to cover evening hours and both will be sharing weekends. Patty will continue as a part time officer. Contractors will be starting on M-90 soon. The permit was obtained from M-DOT. Three water services were shut off after September 1st but service has been restored to those homes. Rail Road Crossings are going to be rebuilt in 2027 where the rail road crosses at Maple Valley, 1st street, 2nd street, and St. Mary's. DPW portable generator is not being used and is not needed by the City. Kyle would like to see what can be done with it. Mike has reached out to other communities to see if it is useful to them. Kyle has ordered a new vacuum for City Hall.

CLERKS REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Miller has many residents questioning her about their concerns over Data Centers in Brown City. She would like to have a moratorium to address their concerns. Kyle commented that we don't have the water or electric capacity to have a data center nor the amount of land required. It could be addressed in the zoning ordinance coming up. Tori added that the ordinance needs to be clear what type of data center.

Trunk or Treat is at 4-5 and Trick or Treating is from 5-7. December 4th is the Tree Lighting time is to be determined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Navock)- None.
2. Personnel (P. Jacobson)- None.
3. Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten)- None.
4. Tax and Finance (Kohler)- None.
5. Water and Sewer (B. Jacobson)- Sidewalks have been started on Vine St. and Lincoln St. They are doing small sections at a time.
6. Police and Park (McIvor)- None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM Vaerten, to Adjourn the September 14, 2026 Meeting of the City Council at 6:35 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow
City Clerk