

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 13, 2025

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

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

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Commissioner Chris Lee, Tara Owens, Becky Vislosky, Mike Vislosky, Angel Kreiner, Denise Jones, Dan Jones, Lt. Mark Perez, Chief of Police Shane McKibben, Sara McPherson, Bryan Kalamara, Jamie Bird.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Add Tara Owens personal appearance for Park Board.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on December 30, 2024. Second by CM-Mark Vaerten. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM-Pat Jacobson to approve and pay the bills as presented. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.

12/31/2024 TO 01/13/25.

Following Funds: General - \$24,630.34 (12517 – 12538), Payroll - 12/25/2024 / TO 07/07/25, \$26,228.82 (11445 – 11459), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,714.75, State of Michigan - .00, Operating Engineers Dues - \$139.50 (11460), Major Streets - \$1,735.42,(4190) Local Streets – \$1,735.43 (4450), Sanitary Sewer - \$14,168.48 (4331 – 4335), Water - \$27,152.76 (3955 - 3962) , Arsenic – \$15,586.00 (1738 - 1741), Storm Sewer - \$29.96 (1392), Lead & Copper – \$10,330.00 (168 – 169), Equipment - \$2,254.72 (1957 – 1958).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Tara Owens/Park Board concern 1 person on Park Board. CM-Neil Kohler said he will see if a person from the School and Little League would join the Park Board.

Rotary is going forward with the 60X80 building. Tara stated she thought the building was a 40X60. Tara does not like the location of the building.

Darrin Wheeler has placed a bid to mow the Park, \$23,100.00 to mow without trails. \$25,900.00 to mow with trails added.

POLICE REPORT: See Attached.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: None.

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.

Denise Jones still does not want the Bike Lane, and has petition with 42 names that also does not want the Bike Lane. Question will City reach out to the Amish?

RESOLUTIONS: Number 25-01; A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Category B Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Motion by CM –Ross McIvor to approve Resolution 25-01 to Authorize the Acceptance of the Category B Grant from the Michigan Department Of Transportation. Second by CM – Neil Kohler .

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM-MCIVOR-YES, CM-NEIL KOHLER-YES, CM-EUGENE NAVOCK-YES, CM-ROBERT JACOBSON-YES, CM-MARK VAERTEN-YES, CM-PATRICIA JACOBSON-YES.

**Yeas-6 Nays-0 Abstaining-0 Absent-0
Motion Carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointments: List of positions that need to be reappointed. Mngr. Chuck Bennett said he will reach out to get the positions filled.

Board Openings:

City Hall has created an application form for anyone interested in applying for the openings on Planning Commission, Park Board, and Festival Committee. The application form has been put on the City Website. It is also posted on Facebook if anyone is interested, please apply within the next 30 days.

MDOT ROAD DIET:

Comments MDOT received on the Bike Lane project.

Would Council like to:

- Have MDOT do another public meeting?
- Move forward with the Road Diet but remove the Bike Lanes?
- Choose to no longer proceed with the project?

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to drop the MDOT Road Diet, Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross McIvor-Yes, CM-Neil Kohler-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Mark Vaerten-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.

Yay's 6 Nay's 0 Absent 0 Abstaining 0.

Marijuana Ordinance: Discuss any changes to the sample ordinances. Council discussed the Marijuana Ordinance, and they feel the plan is good. Mngr. Chuck Bennett will set another meeting date.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Water Leak: The three homes on the private drive portion of Maple Drive by Merrill Street have a water line that is a private infrastructure that services the three homes. The water line is leaking. A letter was mailed out earlier this week to all three homes notifying them to have the line repaired by 1/17/25 or water supply will have to be shut off until is fixed.

Mngr. Chuck Bennett has not heard back from the three homeowners as of this time.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Cody Wilcox will not be able to do the Seasonal Code Enforcement job in 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT: May Memorial Day Parade/need more involvement. Need more involvement in the Park.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

1. **Building and Grounds (Navock): None.**

2. **Personnel/Park & Recreation (P.Jacobson): Meeting on 1/14/25 at 6PM. Festival Committee New Term has been filled. Motion by CM-P.Jacobson to approve appointments for 1 year with term expiring on December 8, 2025. Festival Committee Names: Jamie Bird, Tara Owens, Jason Fuller, Troy Gilbert, Kevin Miller. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.**
3. **Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten): Buby Street Project.**
4. **Tax and Finance (Kohler): None.**
5. **Water & Sewer (R.Jacobson): None.**
6. **Police (Mclvor): None.**

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:
DPW doing a great job with snow removal.**

DPW: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: People were set on for board.

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by CM-Pat Jacobson, Second by CM-Eugene Navock to Adjourn the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:29 PM. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk