

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BROWN CITY FESTIVAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2026

4205 MAIN ST, BROWN CITY, MI 48416

Held at City Hall/Community Room

QUORUM: YES

PRESENT: Chair Tara Owens, Kevin Miller, Kelly McClelland, Michelle Sanders, Jason Fuller.

ABSENT: Troy Gilbert.

GUESTS: Julie Miller/Mayor, City Manager Kyle Harris, Shelly McClelland, Mike Ford, Courtney Ford, Lauren Marion, Ron Marion.

Meeting called to order at 6:03PM by Chair Tara Owens. (Kelly arrived at 6:05)

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting: January 14, 2026:

MOTION BY Kevin Miller **SECOND BY** Michelle Sanders to approve minutes from January 14, 2026 as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Working Meeting: January 21, 2026.

MOTION BY Michelle Sanders **SECOND BY** Kevin Miller to approve minutes from January 21, 2026 as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURY REPORT: As of January 31, 2026: Current checking account balance is \$5,305.38 MI CLASS balance is \$30,632.41. Total as of today with sponsor donations the balance is \$42,887.79.

Discussion on New sponsor checks received on Friday and Tuesday. Questions on the checks if they requested in memo line which event they would like to sponsor. Only one sponsor requested.

PAY BILLS: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Speaker Issue-Jason. Not finished yet.
2. Wolverine Fireworks-Discussion on keeping Wolverine and adding Shango's Fireworks. Mark Shadley has offered to pay for Shango's fireworks. Tara to get information from both Firework Companies and bring back to committee for final decisions. Mike Ford stated that the bank would cover 2 nights worth of fireworks if commission hires Shango's at \$5,000.00 for both nights of fireworks. Shango is available on Thursday June 11, 2026 and Saturday June 13, 2026. Both shows would be approximately 30 minutes. No decision made.

3. New Booth-Work in progress. Consensus was to have Amish build booth at park.
4. Facebook page-work in progress-Kyle working on. Discussion on this. Committee agreed to start a new page with a link to the old page due to not having complete access to page. Kelly and Michelle to collaborate for a new page after the festival this year. Will request Jamie Bird to post on current festival page for 2026 festival activities and events.
5. Timeline for Sesquicentennial-work in progress.
6. Button machine-work in progress.
7. Museum- Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Hats, T-Shirts, Tumblers-Laser impressions. Julie to stop in person as voice-mail and emails have not been answered.

2. Golf Carts/Rentals and how many for group.

MOTION BY Michelle Sanders **SECOND BY** Kelly McClelland to order 8 golf carts for BC Days Celebration 2026, with possibility of allowing non commission members to pay the rental fee and use. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION BY Kevin Miller **SECOND BY** Jason Fuller to sell golf cart permits for \$10.00 again this year for BC Days Celebration 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION BY Michelle Sanders, **SECOND BY** Kevin Miller to have Kyle Harris to purchase 300 (not green) parking permits to be sold as the golf cart permits. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Discussion on Brothers of the Brush. Images Salon is taking on this event with Lauren Marion.

MOTION BY Kelly McClelland **SECOND BY** Kevin Miller to have Images Salon run the Brothers of the Brush event. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. DeWayne Spaw.

MOTION BY Kevin Miller **SECOND BY** Kelly McClelland to hire DeWayne Spaw to perform in the parade and to perform at the Car Show for \$1,500.00 total with commission paying \$800.00 and his sponsor paying \$700.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

He will perform at Rodeo also, however that is a Nathan Muxlow event.

5. Gellyball:

MOTION BY Michelle Sanders **SECOND BY** Kevin Miller to hire Gellyball for Friday June 12, 2026 and Saturday June 13, 2026 for \$800.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Wolf pack food truck in town wants to participate in the 2026 festival.

MOTION BY Kelly McClelland **SECOND BY** Michelle Sanders to allow Wolf pack food truck to participate in 2026 Festival. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Livestock plop. Julie reaching out to Sherry Wood for this event.

MOTION BY Michelle Sanders SECOND BY Kelly McClelland to have as many livestock plops as possible during festival. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mayor's Brunch. Mayor reported that there will be 2 church services. One Sunday on June 7, 2026 and one on Sunday June 14, 2026 at the park. Mayor's Brunch will follow Church service on Sunday June 7, 2026.

MOTION BY Kevin Miller SECOND BY Kelly McClelland to have a church services and the Mayor's brunch on Sunday June 7, 2026, and another church service on Sunday June 14, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Time Capsule. Mike Ford stated the bank has found all but a few of the families that have items in the capsule that was buried in 1976 near the library sign. He stated that Jim Young will be using his Mini Excavator to dig up the capsule with Tri-County Bank covering the expenses. They will also be purchasing a new capsule to be buried in the same location that current one is buried. Discussion on Monday or Tuesday to have capsule dug up. Discussion on capsule being on display at the library and then on a float in the parade. Discussion on Lauren Marion's dinner event being held on Tuesday evening on Main Street. More details to come.
10. Muxlow Exotics is available for 2026 festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

MOTION BY Kevin Miller SECOND BY Jason Fuller to hire Muxlow Exotics for \$1,000.00 for the 2026 festival for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tim Muxlow will be handling the Cornhole Event.

11. Courtney Ford scheduled Bingo for Friday March 13, 2026 at the Whiskey Jar.

MOTION BY Jason Fuller SECOND BY Michelle Sanders to allow \$200.00 for Bingo supplies if needed. Kyle will purchase through Amazon on City account. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 6:00PM.
2. Next Working Meeting: None scheduled.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jason gave update on trailer that the school is doing for festival commission.

ADJOURMENT: **MOTION BY Michelle Sanders SECOND BY Jason Fuller** to adjourn meeting at 7:16PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JULIE MILLER