

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 23, 2025

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Julie Miller, Council Members: Patricia Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Robert Jacobson, Ross McIvor, Eugene Navock, City Clerk Sara Muxlow, City Manager Charles Bennett.

ABSENT:

Neil Kohler

GUESTS:

Kevin Miller, Larry Bullock Sr., Rae Kriener, Tyne Kreiner, Dave VanCura, Lt. Perez, Bill Muxlow, Mike Vislosky.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Add Tree Trimming to New Business.

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM McIvor to approve minutes as written for June 9, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

PAY BILLS:

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

General- 14,782.65 (12760-12774)

Major Streets- 45.69 (4202-4203)

Sanitary Sewer- 6,352.25 (4380-4383)

Water- 4,737.78 (4049-4054)

Storm Sewer- 125.00 (1401)

Equipment- 15,010.40 (1989-1990)

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ORDINANCES:

A Public Hearing needs to be set for Ordinance 52.07 to allow the annual utility rates to be set by official resolution as opposed to a Public Hearing.

Motion made by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM Navock, to set the Public Hearing during the next City Council Meeting, July 14, 2025 at 6:05 pm.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Rae Ann Kriener, 7094 McMorran Street - Feels like the issue of having chickens in the city isn't being handled properly. Doesn't have a problem with residents having chickens.

Mayor Miller mentioned that a bill allowing chickens is supposed to be voted on in the House this coming September or October.

Larry Bullock from Marlette, owns a rental house on Second Street - Feels upset with a culvert he purchased from the City and installed by the DPW doesn't drain properly and the yard floods.

City Manager Bennett said they would have a look at the culvert the next day. Stated that in order to address the situation properly the whole street would need to be looked at and will look at bids to go along with the Maple Street project.

PERMITS: None

DPW Report:

City Manager Bennett, great job to the DPW. There was a water main break by the lift station that had previously been broken. Andy was on call, and with the help of Sandusky and Raymond's Excavating, it was taken care of.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Police Ford Explorer- City Manager Bennett would like to sell the decommissioned vehicle publicly by a Sealed Bid. Believes the turbo is in need of replacing in the vehicle. He would like to start advertising the sale. The

General Fund purchased the vehicle so the money will go back to the general fund.

Motion by CM Mclvor, Second by CM Navock to list the car.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maple Street Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Motion- Seeking qualified bids to perform ditch rehabilitation and culvert replacement along the south side of Maple Street beginning at Wells Street and running east to the County Drain. Smaller or damaged culverts will be replaced and driveways will be restored to their original condition.

CM Vaerten asked when to start getting bids. CM B. Jacobson would like to see the project done in August.

Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM Mclvor to request for proposals.

ROLL CALL Vote:

CM P. Jacobson- Yes, CM Vaerten- Yes, CM B. Jacobson- Yes, CM Mclvor- Yes, CM Navock- Yes

Yays-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM Mclvor to have Sara Muxlow added to signature cards for Tri-County Bank.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Tree Trimming- Four trees needing taken care of around town. One on Walter Street, One on Second Street, and Two on Lincoln Street. Letters will go out to the property owners. Flynn's Tree Service will take care of the trees for \$2800. Motion by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM Vaerten to hire Flynn's to take care of the trees.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CM P. Jacobson- Yes, CM Vaerten- Yes, CM B. Jacobson- Yes, CM Mclvor- Yes, CM Navock- Yes.

Yays- 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0 Absent- 1

MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Thank you to Dave and Stephanie for getting everything ready for the City's Audit. Discussed looking into breaking up the investment account and opening an Michigan Class account. A Michigan Class account is safer, will lessen the chance for error, and make more money.
2. Consumer Confidence Report- Gives the results of what our water test results are.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Thank you to Jay Berry for donating the straw for the Cutest Baby Float during Brown City Days Parade.
2. Concerns for the trees that are planted just east of the bar, and whether they will cause destruction as they grow.
3. Main Street Church Building. City Manager Bennett said they paid their taxes and still own the building. The County doesn't have a current address for the owners and the City needs the owners permission to enter the property and address the hole in the roof. Someone is mowing the grass and the City trimmed the bushes last year. Mayor Miller is concerned about animals living in the building.

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)- Asked about bids for the water main project. City Manager Bennett said nothing official yet.
6. Police and Park (McIvor)- None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

CM P. Jacobson questioned the loud noise coming from The Whisky Jar late in the evenings. Said she lives a distance away and can hear everything clearly from her home. Asked if someone could have them shut the door a bit earlier than their closing time. Lt. Perez commented that he believes it's possible that it is a residence in the area that the disturbance is coming from.

Mayor Miller asked if we are sure it's The Whisky Jar. City Manager Bennett believes it should be investigated more. Rae Ann Kriener commented that she lives a couple blocks from The Whisky Jar and has never heard anything from them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM Vaerten to Adjourn the June 23, 2025

Meeting of the City Council at 6:42 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow
City Clerk