

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 28, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 6:04 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Ross Mclvor, Pat Jacobson, Robert Jacobson, Neil Kohler, Mark Vaerten, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: Eugene Navock.

GUESTS: Jamie Bird, Mike Vislosky, Mark Perez, Tara Owens, Angel Kreiner, Emma McClintic, Bob McClintic, Kevin Miller, Denise Jones, Dan Jones, Douglas Gary, Michelle Cisilino, Todd VanDewarker..

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Manager has 3 additions.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CORRECTIONS:

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to have the water tower painted green & white with Brown City printed on the tower. Motto: "Rooted in Tradition Growing with Heart" used on the City of Brown City papers only. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.

Kevin Miller doesn't feel Dispensary would be good financially for the town.

Remove the Ja at the end of Marijuana Ordinance.

CM-Neil Kohler asked when the lease is up and that will be the end of 2025.

Motion by CM-Neil Kohler to approve Ross Mclvor to brush hog the Lincoln Street area of the park for 3 cuts at \$200.00 each cut for the 2025 Season. Second by CM-Eugene Navock. Ross Mclvor Abstained his vote. Motion Carried.

Motion by CM Neil Kohler, Second by CM Ross Mclvor, to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, April 14, 2025, as written. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Pat Jacobson, Second by CM Mark Vaerten, to Pay Bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Following Funds: General - \$18,607.79 (12668 – 12681), Payroll - \$24,824.57 (11572-11584), State of Michigan \$1,900.01 (11595) Includes EFT Tri-County Bank \$5,024.57, Major Streets \$722.17 (4194), Local Streets \$722.16 (4454), Sanitary Sewer \$11,173.71 (4362 – 4366), Water - \$25,100.28 (4011 - 4021), Arsenic Abatement, Equipment - \$1,645.60 (1977-1978), Parks - \$250.88 (3118-3119). Motion Carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC 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.

Tara Owens asked when Council was going to reply to her questions regarding the comments about Council Members, Clerk and Manager.

Jamie Bird stated she thinks the permanent fencing for the ball fields will have trash stuck in fence.

Jamie Bird asked about donations for fireworks.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

POLICE REPORT: (white):

DPW REPORT: Several projects were completed in addition to the usual scheduled activities such as checking pumps and lagoon levels. Report attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 52.07- Annual Utility Rate Change.

Council approved Manager Chuck Bennett to draft an ordinance amendment for the next meeting.

PERMITS:

Fencing permit approved for 6873 Cade Rd., Brown City, MI.

4285 First Street has been approved for a 32x24 Pole Barn. Homeowner has a old garage that will be torn down by 7/31/25.

Mayor Julie Miller questioned if the home on E. Main and Maple Valley Rd. have a permit to do inside plumbing repairs. Also was suggested the vehicle parked in the yard be moved back due to Maple Valley Rd. traffic cannot see when turning West onto M90. Office Mark Perez said it is on her property.

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY OF BROWN CITY INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 324.

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to approve the Union Contract. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross Mclvor Yes, CM-Neil Kohler Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson Yes, CM-Mark Vaerten Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson Yes.

Yays 5 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstaining 0.

BC Park Fencing: The Park Board approved the Summer Recreation fencing plan. Steve Kohler will be donating the fence and paying to have a professional fencing company install it.

Motion by CM- Ross Mclvor to approve the new fencing donated by Steve Kohler. Second by CM- Mark Vaerten. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross Mclvor Yes, CM-Neil Kohler Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson Yes, CM - Mark Vaerten Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson Yes.

Yays 5 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstaining 0

NEW BUSINESS:

City Motto Contest: Emma McClintic was the winner of the City Motto Contest and was presented a Proclamation. Motto: "Rooted in Tradition Growing with Heart".

PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Recent revision of the Park lease was given the Council Members as the lease will expire 12/31/25. Council will look over lease and make a decision at the next Council Meeting.

PARK RULES SIGN:

Park would like to purchase 5 aluminum signs 24x36 with the rules printed on them. The cost would be \$59.99 each for a total cost of \$299.95.

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to purchase the 5 aluminum signs and have the rules printed on them for a price of \$59.99 each. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.

SUMMER REC DONATION:

BC Summer Rec would like to make a donation of \$1,000.00 to be used to make repairs/maintenance to the Park's Dugouts, and have the project done before winter.

Motion by CM-Mark Vaerten to approve the \$1,000.00 donation to repair the Park Dugouts. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.

ROTARY BEER TENT:

Park Board has approved Rotary's request to have a Beer Tent in the park for Brown City Days. Chief McKibben will review the information with Rotary to make sure everything is compliant.

POOL PAVILLION:

Park Board has approved spending \$13,686.27 with a cushion of \$2,000.00 to complete the updated electrical in the pool pavilion.

Motion by CM-Ross McIvor to approve the spending of \$13,686.27 with a cushion of \$2,000.00 to complete the updated electrical in the pool pavilion. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yays 5 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstaining 0.

UTILITY BILL ACCOUNT:

A checking account needs to be opened at Tri-County Bank for the online bill payment funds to go into.

Motion by CM-Neil Kohler to open a checking account at Tri-County Bank for the online bill payment funds. Second by CM-Mark Vaerten. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross Mclvor Yes, CM-Neil Kohler Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson Yes, CM-Mark Vaerten Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson Yes.

Yays 5 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstaining 0.

2nd MAY COUNCIL MEETING:

Meeting falls on Memorial Day need to set a alternative date and time.

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to have 2nd Council meeting for May on May 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

ROTARY CONCRETE:

Addition 43x86 need concrete.

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to approve the concrete for the 43x86 building. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

Scales for tractors:

Motion by CM-Neil Kohler to approve the Scales for the tractor pulls. Second by CM-Ross Mclvor. Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Hydrant Flushing: The week of May 12th. DPW will be conducting the spring hydrant flushing.

Planning Commission:

Planning Commission member Doug Mitten will be moving out of area. Craig Archer would like to be Doug's replacement.

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to approve Craig Archer to replace Doug Mitten on the Planning Commission. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

Spring Cleanup:

GFL will do the annual Spring Cleanup on Thursday June 12, 2025 in conjunction with the Cities normal garbage day.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Greg Stremers

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

**1-Memorial Day Parade- 10AM on Monday May 26, 2025.
Dinner after parade for Veteran.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Navock) – Absent.
2. Personnel (P Jacobson) – Nothing
3. Police / Fire Authority (McIvor) –Nothing.
4. Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten) -Question if sidewalks could be edged.
Ordinance says homeowners need to do.
5. Tax and Finance (Kohler) – Nothing.
6. Water and Sewer (R Jacobson) – With City Attorney Allen's latest feedback on the Fire Authority Utility bill does the Committee want to meet again to discuss information at the Current Council Meeting.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

**Congratulations Emma McClintic for being the winner of the BC Motto.
Thank-You to Chuck Bennett and Ethan Workman for their hard work.**

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Mark Vaerten to Adjourn the April 28, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:08 PM Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk