

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 28, 2024

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

PRESENT: Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Robert Jacobson, Walter Robison, Patricia Jacobson, Ross McIvor, Stacy Biel, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: Eugene Navock.

GUESTS: Becky Vislosky, Mike Vislosky, Officer Marc Perz BCPD, Sharron Tebo, Barb Linck, Neil Kohler, Sara McPherson, Ethan Workman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Manager Report addition.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correction to the 10/14/24 Minutes. Quest Names corrected and added: Officer Marc Perez, David Faber, David VanCura, Kevin Miller, Becky Vislosky, Ron Smith, Shane McKibben, Mike Vislosky, Chris Lee.

**Correction 9/23/24 Minutes added: As Corrected.
Correction under Ethan Workman's Economic Development. Council stated they would not want the business to grow the marijuana, but to have the merchandise for sale was agreed on.**

Public Questions & Comments: No Comments.

DWSRF Grant: Correct spelling to EGLE.

Chickens in City Limits: Ordinance / Possible Permit each year, set number of chickens no roosters. Inspection of coop. No decision made. Corrected.

Under Committee Report: Police Report correct spelling of name to Marc Perez.

General Concerns Of The Council: corrected CM-Walter Robison stated need to honor the Garden Club for work on the Gee Hive. (Proclamation).

Questioned the City Website and how much to maintain, \$75.00 month.

Question is the City Website ADA Compliance. Mgr Chuck Bennett to check out. Committee Reports on City Website should show Past and Current Year.

Corn stalks were donated by Carol VanDamme.

Motion by CM-Stacy Biel

to approve the corrections, and Regular Council Minutes on October 14, 2024. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried. As Corrected.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to approve and pay the bills as presented. Second by CM-Walter Robison. Motion Carried.

10/15/2024 TO 10/28/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$7,157.43 (12406 – 12421), Payroll - 10/02/2024 / TO 10/15/24, \$17,474.58 (11336 – 11348), State of Michigan - \$1,933.35 (11349), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,967.96, Operating Engineers - \$.00 (), Major Streets - \$1287.00 (4181), Local Streets – \$.00, Sanitary Sewer - \$447.09 (4308 – 4309), Water - \$2,149.42 (3920 – 3923), Arsenic \$685.48 (1724 –1725), Storm Sewer - \$1,203.25 (1388), Lead & Copper – \$36.03 (162), Equipment - \$462.96 (1940 - 1942).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: Ethan Workman.

CEM GRANT: \$100,000.00, New Electric Police Car through grant cost around \$70,000.00 charging will be at the Police garage. Remainder of grant will go to repairing window in City Hall/Security Camera.

Grant for \$169,000.00 M90 – MDOT will do markings on street.

POLICE REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: 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.

Marijuana Dispensary: Sharron Tebo voiced she is not in favor of Brown City having a Marijuana Dispensary, and has spoke with several towns, Peck/Marlette/Yale. Sharron said in Yale they opened the vote up to the towns people, and they turned it down. Sharron feels the people of Brown City not just City Council should get to vote. As of 10/28/24 Sanilac County does not have a Marijuana Dispensary. What about a car wash or Counseling Office?

Barb Linck of Brown City also stated at what cost do we fill empty business buildings?

Tyne Kreiner stated she knows people have morals and understands, but the revenue would also revitalize the business district.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Tool Shed Permit at 4387 Main Street has been issued to Katie Traub.

ORDINANCES: NOISE ORDINANCE DRAFT.

Attorney Allen Francis drafted an ordinance for Council to review before the next meeting, and asked to have any changes sent to him that Council would like to see. At the next Council Meeting the final ordinance will have to be introduced by a Council Member and a time for Public Hearing set.

Sara McPhearson from the Tear Drop Restaurant said need to make sure that the ordinance is for both bars.

Make sure Noise Ordinance is discussed clearly before passing regarding the music.

PILOT ORDINANCE DRAFT: Maple Valley Estate.

Attorney Allen Francis asked the Council to review the draft ordinance before the next meeting, and send him any changes Council would like to see. At the next Council Meeting the final ordinance would have to be introduced by a Council Member and a time for a Public Hearing set.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Hall – Hours of Operation will be Monday – Friday 8:30AM to 4:30 PM and closed from 12:00PM to 12:30PM for lunch. This will result in an extra half hour of service time for the residents. This will begin on December 2, 2024.

Veterans Day – November 11, 2024 City Hall will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Street Sweeper – City won the bid of the Equipment at a price of \$7,000.00. Currently working on getting it hauled to Brown City.

Water Main Break – The final cost of repair for the broken water main on Second Street was much less than I anticipated. The cost was \$11, 153.16 and insurance covered all of it but a \$500. Deductible.

Ordinance Officer – Cody Wilcox’s last week for the season will be the week of November 11, 2024. The goal will be to resume the program in the spring of 2025 if the budget will allow.

Blight on Maple Steet.

Baptist Church on Main Street, no inspection report yet.

City Website: DMIT website will no longer update City Website. Ethan Workman will work on updating the City Website.

OCTOBER BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Manager Chuck Bennett presented the Budget Report for the 2024-2025 Term. SEE ATTACHED.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Trunk or Treat October 31, 2024 Main Street from 4:00PM TO 5:00PM.

Trick or Treating October 31, 2024 5:00PM TO 7:00PM.

Craft Show at Brown City School November 2, 2024 from 9:00AM TO 3:00PM.

Christmas Tree Lightning December 6, 2024 6:00PM.

COMMITTEE REPORT’S:

- 1. Building and Grounds (Mclvor): None.**
- 2. Personnel (Biel): None.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): None/Absent.**
- 4. Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson): None.**
- 5. Water and Sewer & Park (Robison):** Approval of Rotary Pavilion build, replacement security Camera, and drain tile repair.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison to approve the 60 x 80 Rotary Pavilion building construction, and have Alex Bartle do the electrical. Second by Patricia Jacobson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM-ROSS MCIVOR-YES, CM-WALTER ROBISON-YES, CM-ROBERT JACOBSON-YES, CM-STACY BIEL-YES, CM-PATRICIA

**JACOBSON-YES.
5-YAY'S 0-NAY'S 0-ABSTAINING 1-ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED.**

**SECURITY CAMERA REPLACEMENT:
MOTION BY CM-WALTER ROBISON TO REPLACE THE SECURITY
CAMERA NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00. SECOND BY CM-ROSS MCIVOR.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: CM-ROSS MCIVOR-YES, CM-WALTER ROBISON-YES
CM-ROBERT JACOBSON-YES, CM-STACY BIEL-YES, CM-PATRICIA
JACOBSON-YES.**

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MOTION CARRIED.**

DRAIN TILE REPAIR:

**MOTION BY CM-WALTER ROBISON TO DIG UNDER THE DUG OUT TO GET
WATER TO RUN OFF FOR \$400.00. SECOND BY CM-ROBERT JACOBSON.
MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6. Police (R. Jacobson):** Shane McKibben contract.
Officer Perez will receive a 10% wage increase for the promotion to Lieutenant.
If Officer Perez takes the Bi-Lingual certification test and passes the City will give
50 cents per hour additional.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: Vote on November 5, 2024.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

**CM-WALTER ROBISON HAD CONCERN ABOUT TYNE KREINER RUNNING FOR
MAYOR WHEN GENERAL MANAGER CHUCK BENNETT IS HER HUSBAND AND
WHEN EVALUATION ARE DONE SHE WOULD BE INCLUDED.**

**WOLF PACK PURCHASED BUILDING AND IT WAS QUESTIONED IF THE HAVE A
PERMIT.**

**ETHAN WORKMAN NEEDS TRAINING TO WORK ON CITY WEBSITE TO BE IN
COMPLIANCE.**

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion by CM-Walter Robison and Second by CM-Stacy Biel to Adjourn the
October 28, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8:00 PM. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk