

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 12, 2026

City Hall, 4205 Main St. Brown City

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Julie Miller, Council Members: Patricia Jacobson, Robert Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Neil Kohler, Gino Navock, City Clerk Sara Muxlow, City Manager Kyle Harris.

ABSENT: Ross McIvor

GUESTS:

Officer Khan BCPD, Mike Vislosky DPW, Becky Vislosky, Denise Jones, Dan Jones, Angel Kreiner,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

1. Cancel Public Hearing for May 12, 2026 at 6:05 P.M. Motion by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM B. Jacobson to cancel the public hearing for May 12, 2026 at 6:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED
2. Bill for the cost for the frame of the old school bell at the amount of \$639.67. The bill has been at the school for some time. It's just for building materials. Students created the frame. Discussion was made on where the bell could be placed. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM P. Jacobson to add to the next agenda a discussion where to put the bell with the new frame. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM P. Jacobson to pay the bill for the bell frame \$639.67. MOTION CARRIED

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026- Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM Vaerten to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2026 as written. MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS: Proclamations for high school students. There was a track meet so the students were unable to attend. Valedictorian Joshua Eager 4.27 GPA, SAT score of 1480, completed 49 college credits maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Salutatorian Lawson

Cooper 4.571 GPA, SAT score of 1410, and will be graduating with 2 associates degrees. High Honors go to Madison Prowse, Payge Roskey, Lorelei Webster, Lila Woodall, Anna McClintic, Linzee Mathews, Carden Hagey, Chloe Hayes, Harlee Leasher, Gary Clark, & Jack Gingell. Mayor Miller congratulated them on doing an outstanding job.

PUBLIC HEARING: May 26, 2026 at 6:05 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS: Council received minutes from multiple committees to look over.

PAY BILLS:

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

General- 28,823.08 (13158-13178)

Sanitary Sewer- 2,368.73 (4481-4485)

Water- 5,898.23 (4217-4227)

Storm Sewer- 1,944.35 (1413)

Equipment- 933.95 (2050-2053)

Parks- 849.25 (3182-3183)

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Khan promoted to Sargent. No questions asked.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Denise Jones 4288 Main St. bringing to councils attention that the MAHA movement is looking into the effects of 4G & 5G health effects. She also stated that the Lithium Ion Batteries in the meters are a fire hazard as well. Her concerns for the corrosive water could damage the meters causing leaks. Denise gave photos of her hot water tank corroded after only 3 years and a packet of papers with information on the batteries and the radiation she talked about.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Schedule Public Hearing for May 26, 2026 at 6:05 P.M.- Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM Vaerten to reschedule the Public Hearing for May 26, 2026 at 6:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED
2. Opt-Out Fee for Cellular reader- Resolution 26-09 opt-out fee for water meters with a cellular transmitter. This resolution will set a \$30 fee per month for residents who do not want a smart water meter on their homes. DPW will physically have to go up to homes and touch a device to the meter to read it. CM

Kohler looked up online that the fee would be decided by the municipality.
Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM B. Jacobson to approve Resolution 26-09,
A Resolution to set an OPT-OUT Fee for Water Meters with a Cellular
Transmitter with the fee being \$30.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Kohler- Yes CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM B. Jacobson-
Yes CM Navock- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes

Yes- 5 No- 0 Absent- 1 Abstaining- 0 MOTION CARRIED

3. Fees for Fire Runs- The City pays an annual fee of approximately \$22,000 to the fire department. The Fire Department is looking to have fees in place for runs that would go towards residents insurance claims and non-residents accidents. Residents are paying for out of towners fire department runs. Council asked if the fees are uniform to surrounding townships. They are different from surrounding areas but reflect the cost of each run. The fees would come back to the City to help cover the retaining fee toward the Fire Department. As long as residents aren't affected directly by these fees then Council agrees with the fees and CM Kohler suggested adding an annual increase. Mayor Miller added that the Fire Department is getting a new truck that should be delivered by June 1st.

MANAGERS REPORT: The City has made the first installment to BS&A for the cloud upgrade. The system should go live in August. Civic Plus is going to be starting the new website design. The original deadline for April 2027 was changed by the DOJ to April of 2028. Many surveys for the water meters have been done and a few units have been installed.

A few phones have been switched from Thumb Cellular to Verizon. Thumb Cellular would not allow phone numbers to port over so DPW and City Manager have new numbers. So far the City is saving \$40 per month and once other phones are switched there could be another \$100 in savings.

Lt. Perez's letter of resignation will take effect officially May 15th.

Anyone wanting to re-run for a city- elected position needs to pick up their paperwork from City Hall.

Mike- DPW- Backwashing the water tower showed gravel that shows that something is broken in the water tower. Mike does monthly checks on the water tower and there has been nothing wrong. The company will have to fix what they've broken.

The water line project should be starting soon around St. Marys Street.

CLERKS REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Festival coming up June 7-14. There is still a lot to get done.

Memorial Day parade, the band and the police chief are ready. Pastor Mike is no longer at the Missionary Church but the new pastor is also a veteran and is coming. Dinner is at City Hall after the parade and the cemetery. Everyone is welcome.

Brown City and Elk Twp. Fire Departments are having a 4-Man Golf Scramble at Washakie Golf Course on August 1, 2026. Registration is from 7-8 am. They are also having a Pancake Breakfast on September 12th. Rotary side by side is on May 16th. June 7th starts off the Festival. There will be a church service and a brunch with the mayor right after. Mayor Miller is asking the council to attend 11:30 up at the park. They are trying to duplicate as best as possible the centennial festival. The time capsule will be dug up on Main St. at approximately 3:00.

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)- None.
6. Police and Park (Mclvor)- The fitness equipment for the park is being stored by DPW. There aren't funds to put the equipment in. There will be painting and mulch put in the park right before the festival.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM B. Jacobson, to Adjourn the May 12, 2026 Meeting of the City Council at 6:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow
City Clerk