

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JULY 08, 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, Stacy Biel, Ross McIvor, Eugene Navock, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT:

GUESTS: CHIEF: Ron Smith, County Commissioner Chris Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Addition to Agenda should read: Manager Report one addition.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on July 08, 2024. Second by CM-Ross McIvor. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM-Pat Jacobson to approve and pay the bills as presented. Second by CM-Stacy Biel. Motion Carried.

06/25/2024 TO 07/08/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$25,280.87 (12219 – 12241), Payroll - 06/12/2024 / TO 06/25/24, \$23,570.58 (11201 – 11213), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,882.10, State of Michigan - \$1,940.70 (11214), Operating Engineers Dues - \$.00, Major Streets - \$1,081.59, (4177 – 4178) Local Streets – \$1,081.58, (4437 – 4438), Sanitary Sewer - \$2,479.08 (4264 – 4269), Water - \$1,641.87 (3858 – 3865), Arsenic \$467.58 (1705-1709), Storm Sewer - \$4,061.00 (1379-1380), Lead & Copper – \$.00, Equipment - \$600.00 (1925).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

POLICE REPORT: Report Attached.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Report Attached. Chris Lee was present to answer any questions regarding her report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: 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. **NONE.**

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Number 24-09; A Resolution to Tentatively Award a Construction Contract for Wastewater System Improvements.

Motion by CM – Walter Robison to approve Resolution 24-09, The City of Brown City tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed wastewater system improvements project to Raymond Excavating Company, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the CWSRF Program. Second by CM –Robert Jacobson.

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

**Yeas-6 Nays-0 Abstaining-0 Absent-0
Motion Carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Storm Sewer Cleaning: During the week of June 24, 2024 Tri-County Vac completed a clean out of Storm Sewer Basins and Storm Sewer Lines. Multiple issues were found. Two areas on the South side of town have collapsed Storm Sewer Pipe, but this can be repaired by DPW. The Storm Sewer line that services Welles Street is completely plugged with roots. Years ago, an auger was used to remove the roots and was and still is stuck in the section of the pipe. More than likely a new section will need to replace this section of storm sewer.

Tri-County Vac will be returning to do the Storm Basins on M90, MDOT has agreed to pay for this.

In the future the city will clean 50% of the Storm Sewer Lines and Basins each year.

Lift Station: Motion needed to approve the temporary and permanent easements for the Lift Station Project. Manager Chuck Bennett can then have D&N sign and get notarized.

No bids were received for the Footing Drain/Sump Pump drain disconnection part of the project. Manager Chuck Bennett spoke to EGLE and they are fine with us dropping this requirement due to no bids. EGLE, F&V and Manager Chuck Bennett worked to get a last-minute application in for the year 2025. CWSRF to see if we could get Grant Funding for disconnects. The Lift Station project will now be less in total due to dropping this project.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison to approve the temporary and permanent easements for Lift Station Project. Second by CM-Stacy Biel.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross McIvor – Yes, CM-Walter Robison – Yes, CM-Eugene Navock – Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson – Yes, CM-Stacy Biel – Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson – Yes.

Yeas-6 Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-0

MOTION CARRIED.

MAPLE VALLEY ESTATES:

Manager Chuck Bennett and Ethan Workman met with the new owners of Maple Valley Estates. It was a good meeting. They asked a lot of questions on zoning and infrastructure. They are still sorting out the details of how they will proceed with the park. Council and Planning Commission will be kept updated. They may do a doublewide with carport construction.

The mowing in Maple Valley Estates is still not completed, and this will be checked on next week.

4301 Main Street Property:

In order for this home to not go to Auction and the Land Bank can Rehab the home, The City would need to purchase. The City is the only one that has the option to purchase before the auction. The Land Bank can only purchase after the auction if no one bids on the property. Manager Chuck Bennett proposes that the City Purchase this property

for \$1,846.74 and work with the Land Bank to rehab the property. The Land Bank will rebuild up to \$160,000.00.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison for the City Of Brown City to Purchase 4301 Main Street, Brown City, MI for \$1,846.74, and work with the Land Bank to rehab this property. Second by CM-Stacy Biel.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.

Yeas-6 Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-0

Motion Carried.

SIDEWALK PROJECT:

Sidewalk Main Street North Side 200 feet by 12 feet, from Brown City Physical Therapy to Marion's Studio will be leveled and repaired by Great Lakes LLC for \$6,903.00.

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to have a 200 FT by 12 FT sidewalk between the Brown City Physical Therapy and Marion's Studio leveled and repaired by Great Lakes LLC for \$6,903.00. Second by CM-Ross Mclvor.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.

Yeas-6 Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-0.

Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

1. **Building and Grounds (Mclvor): None.**
2. **Personnel (Biel): None.**
3. **Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): None.**
4. **Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson): None.**
5. **Water and Sewer & Park (Robison):**
 - * **Park Meeting 7/10/24.**

***Park needs to be cleaned from Festival.**

*** Maple Valley Township has pulled out of Park Board.**

6. Police (R. Jacobson): Question how the police car repairs are doing. Radiator has been removed and soon will be completed.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM-Walter Robison had several statements:

***Backhoe repair if modify will the warranty be ok. Manager Chuck Bennett said that yes, the warranty would be ok.**

***Minutes by City Clerk are NOT good enough no meat in the report.**

***Bottle return from Festival when will they be cleaned up. Working on them it's a process.**

***Question is Ethan Workman's job necessary?**

Council asked about the property on Lincoln Street it looks bad and has not been mowed.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison to approve Ross Mclvor to brush hog the property on Lincoln Street, and not to exceed \$300.00. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.

Roll Call Vote:

CM-Ross Mclvor-Abstain, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.

Yeas-5 Nays-0 Abstain-1 Absent-0

Motion Carried.

DPW: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson, Second by CM-Stacy Biel to Adjourn the July 08, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:05 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk