

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JULY 22, 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: None.

GUESTS: Kristy Trombley, Brandon Ford/Police.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Addition to Agenda should read: Mgn Report.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM-Stacy Biel to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on July 22, 2024. Second by CM-Eugene Navock. Motion Carried.

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

07/09/2024 TO 07/22/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$20,106.32 (12242 – 12264), Payroll - 06/12/2024 / TO 06/25/24, \$25,856.58 (11215 – 11235), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,372.03. State of Michigan - \$.00 (), Operating Engineers Dues - \$109.50 – (11236), Major Streets - \$.00, () Local Streets – \$750.00, (4439), Sanitary Sewer - \$,285.15 (4270 – 4277), Water - \$1,903.42 (3866 – 3871), Arsenic \$.00 (), Storm Sewer - \$.00 (), Lead & Copper – \$65.65 (147), Equipment - \$15,405.83 (1926-1930).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

POLICE REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: Ethan Workman reported.

The Community Energy Management Grant has been submitted. This grant could allow the city to get a new police vehicle and windows at City Hall.

Submitted a Grant to the Sanilac County Community Foundation for the purchase of Taser Guns for our police.

D&N has agreed to sell the land on Buby St. Several parties interested.

Ethan Workman had a meeting with Debora Smith from the Deb Smtih Energy Partners. Shared the future of her company and how the city can assist. Debora would also like to start a scholarship fund at Brown City School for students that are interested in going into STEM. Ethan contacted the school regarding the scholarship. He is yet to hear back from the BC School. Meeting is set for later in the week of 7/22/24.

Manager Chuck Bennett, and Ethan Workman had a meeting with the new owner of Maple Valley Estates, and his plans for the property. They would like to have double-wide available for rent.

The City has purchased the property at 4031 Main St., and construction on the home is expected to begin in Spring 2025. A Quick Claim Deed will go to the City Land Bank. When the work is completed the property a Quick Claim Deed will go back to the City.

The property on East M-90 and Maple Valley Road can be leased for \$87,000.00 a year. This property can also be purchased.

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.

Kristy Trombley stated that her property at 6908 John St., and 2nd St. has water laying after a rain, which is washing out ground. Kristy also stated there are wires hanging down. Manager Chuck Bennett feels these wires are internet wires. Chuck Bennett will contact Comcast and Frontier.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. ORD 24-01.

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS.

ERIC MCGLOTHLIN BOND ATTORNEY FROM DICKENSON WRIGHT JOINED THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE BOND ORDINANCE, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

QUESTION HOW MANY YEARS WILL THE CITY HAVE TO PAY BACK BOND. 30 YEARS UP TO 40 YEARS.

CAN THE CITY OPT OUT OF THE BOND. YES, UP UNTIL BOND IS SIGNED AND THEN THE CITY IS COMMITTED.

MOTION BY CM-WALTER ROBISON FOR ORDINANCE NO. ORD 24-01 TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SECOND BY CM-ROSS MCIVOR.

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.**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Storm water drainage at 4154 4th Street: Water laying on property. The ditch needs to be cleaned out to storm drain basin. The culvert is too high causing water flow to not drain. Need to dig a ditch.

Manager Chuck Bennett will get quotes to repair 4154 4th Street ditch, and possibly do underground.

Lift Station: Easements permanent and temporary for the Lift Station project have been signed and secured.

GFL TRASH QUOTE:

GFL provided a quote to the City of Brown City for an additional 3 years plus 2 one-year extensions.

2024-25 waste residential rates

512 Residents..... \$13.25 per home.

Recycling-GFL will provide each resident with a 64-gal cart for your recyclables at no additional charges. Recycling serviced once per month on the same day as trash pick-up..... \$3.00 per home.

Yard waste (YW)

GFL will provide yard waste service for each resident every other week (EOW)

512 Residents..... \$2.00 per home.

If applicable a fuel surcharge will NOT be imposed unless diesel prices increase above \$4.50 per gallon as reported by the EIA, U.S.

It was determined by Council to get bids from other garbage companies, before accepting the GFL Quote.

SBA Cell Tower Lease: Conversation on Lease Buyout.

Contract for the SBA Cell Tower Lease is until 2046. A buyout would let the City control the money. A onetime lump sum and no further payments.

Council tabled the option at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Water tower needs cleaning. Scheduled for 2025.

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 7/23/24.**
- 6. Police (R. Jacobson): Police Chief Ron Smith has sent a letter of Retirement. He would like his last day to be November 29, 2024. Ron has 29 years of law enforcement work, and feels it is time to retire. Meeting 7/29/24 @ 4:30 PM to discuss replacement.**

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM-Walter Robison:

Walter would like to thank Stephanie Stimson, and Kim Fausch for their help.

DPW: Mike Vislosky.

Following projects completed:

**Pick up Brush.
Spray Weeds.
Push Up Brush Pile.
Prepare Lead & Copper Samples.
Assemble New Barricades.
Clean Catch Basins.
MOR Report.
Arsenic New Barricades.
Lagoon Report.
Cold Patch.
Repair Water Shutoff.
Clean Storm Drain Catch Basins-Tri City Vac.
Burn Brush Pile.
Water Samples.
Lead & Copper Samples.
PRAS Samples.
DBP Sample.
Order Sample Bottles.
Repair Backhoe Throttle.
Weed Wack Alley.
Move Radar Sign.
High Water Alarms.
Loss of Power -Lift Station.
Radar Sign Trailer.**

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson, Second by CM-Ross McIvor to Adjourn the July 22, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:56 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Willer
City Clerk