

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 12, 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: Tara Owens, Ethan Workman, David VanCura, Chris Lee, Jared McPhail, Officer Mark Perez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on August 12, 2024. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

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

07/23/2024 TO 08/12/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$23,318.92 (12266 – 12305), Payroll - 07/10/2024 / TO 07/23/24, \$23,616.80 (11237 – 11250), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,821.88. State of Michigan - \$1,843.55 (11251), Includes EFT Tr-County Bank-\$4,881.85. Payroll – 07/24/24 / TO 08/06/24, \$22,564.08 (11252 – 11266), Operating Engineers Dues - \$109.50 – (11267), Major Streets - \$39.17, (4179), Local Streets – \$39.17, (4440), Sanitary Sewer - \$33,238.62 (4278 – 4285), Water - \$1,081.20 (3872 – 3878), Arsenic \$274.17 (1710 - 1713), Storm Sewer - \$.00 (), Lead & Copper – \$613.10 (148 - 152), Equipment - \$862.51 (1931-1932).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Chamber of Commerce Treasure Jared McPhail to discuss Chambers plan to replace all Street signs in the City. Street Sign Revitalization Project/Fall 2024. The Chamber will purchase all street signs on behalf of the Chamber. The City will have the DPW install the street signs on behalf of the Chamber. Chamber will paint all independent poles black to help contrast the sign and provide a fresher look. As a donation from Chamber to the

City, the City will be responsible for all future maintenance of poles and signs. If a sign was to get damaged, it can be returned to MSI for a credit, allowing the City to purchase a replacement at a much cheaper cost.

The total cost of the quote is, \$1575.80 which the Chamber will pay. Expected timeframe to receive the signs is 30 days.

Motion by CM-Stacy Biel to give Chamber the go ahead to replace the old signs, and have the DPW install the new signs. Second by CM-Eugene Navock. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Police Committee Meeting was held July 29, 2024. Discussion on Chief Ron Smith retirement, and on his replacement. It was discussed to post the position on social media, paper, and MML.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Christine Lee

Chris's report attached, but she highlighted Senior Transportation.

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.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: 24-10 To allow Chamber of Commerce to apply to the State Gaming Division for a Charitable Gaming License.

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to allow Chamber of Commerce to apply to the State Gaming Division for a Charitable Gaming License. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.

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.

6 – Yay's 0 – No's 0 – Abstaining 0-Absent.

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Park Board of Directors – Manager Chuck Bennett spoke with the President of the Board of Directors. Jared McPhail and the group's goal will be at the August 26, 2024 Council Meeting to discuss the lease of the Brown City Park.

Storm Water Drainage at 4154 4th Street. Manager Chuck Bennett met with Trombley Excavating, and Daws Excavating, and both should be turning in quotes shortly. Grant Burgess was also contacted and Chuck is still waiting for Grant to meet with him on the job. Would like to have 3 quotes by the August 26, 2024 Council Meeting.

EMTERRA has chosen not to quote as the pricing from GFL was very competitive and it would not be profitable for them.

Hopefully will be able to present the findings at the August 26, 2024 Council Meeting.

LABOR DAY- Would City Council like to allow City Hall to be closed on the Friday- 8/30/24 before Labor Day. Council stated NO to closing August 30, 2024.

CITY ALLEY DOWNTOWN-

Thank-you to the Garden Club for all the hard work in the alley way between Liebler's and the Old Pharmacy Building.

Other items the Garden Club and local groups have in store for that area: Picnic tables donated by Jeff Liebler. The old rotted seat will be removed along with the 4X6 treated wood that is rotted. Robert Jacobson donated 2 garbage cans.

WELL 3 REPAIRS: Well 3 has two very important Meters. The Main Flow Meter & the By-Pass Flow Meter.

Currently the Main Flow Meter is no longer functioning. **This Meter is at least 16 years old, and there are no longer any rebuild options available.**

To replace this Meter with a Modern 6' mag meter would cost **\$12,990.00** From Northern Pump and Well. This includes the meter, retrofit parts and labor.

Well 3 is in need of a well pump inspection overdue by one year. This should be done every 8-10 years, and the last inspection was 7/2013. The cost to do the Pump inspection and Casing inspection is **\$10,000.00**, which does not include any parts.

The total cost for both quotes is \$22, 990.00 and \$25,000.00 was budgeted for Repairs and Maintenance. We have used \$2,179.00 in that line item currently. Doing the

repairs would put the total for that line item at \$25,169.00, and \$31,600.00 is in the budget set aside for contingencies.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison to do the Well 3 Repairs with the Proposal of \$22,990.00.
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.

6-Yay's 0-Nay's 0-Absent 0-Abstaining

MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Julie Miller received a phone call asking why the DPW was not painting their entry door instead of a contractor. City Manager Bennett let the Council know it was part of the original quote to do paint upkeep at City Hall and DPW. The cost to the City for painting the DPW entry door and frame was \$100 materials and labor.

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 8/27/24.
6. **Police (R. Jacobson): Discussed Police Chief Ron Smith retirement, and Two applicants have applied so far. Applicants have until September 15th to Apply.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: Report on Primary Election. 160 voters, and 82 were Absentee voters.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM-Patricia Jacobson asked about the dead tree on Main by Carman Funeral Home will it be taken down.

Article in Sanilac Co New regarding Ethan Workman and she questioned the reimbursement for him taking college courses. Yes, it is stated that the City will pay for courses applying to job.

Economic Development: Why was Peck mentioned in article.

CM-Walter Robison asked about the Old Baptist Church on Main stated the roof is in bad shape and questioned if animals are living in the building.

Cross Walk on Main. Who should guard the cross walk the School or City. City Council has decided that based on the School having in town bus stops and very few children using the crosswalk the city will no longer be running the crosswalk station. Council requested that City Manager Bennett contact School Superintendent Neil Kohler to let him know.

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM-Ross McIvor, Second by CM-Stacy Biel to Adjourn the August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:45 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Willer
City Clerk