

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 25, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CM STACY BIEL AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Robert Jacobson, Walter Robison, Patricia Jacobson, Ross McIvor, Eugene Navock, Stacy Biel, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: Mayor Julie Miller.

GUESTS: Tyne Kreiner, Marc Perez BCPD, Tara Owens, David Faber, Tim Herden, Becky Vislosky, Larry Steigerwald, Neil Kohler, Kevin Miller, Rae Ann Kreiner, Mike Huddel, Milton Proctor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY CM STACY BIEL.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Addition to new business.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Minutes on 11/12/24. Second by CM-Ross McIvor. Motion Carried.

11/13/2024 TO 11/25/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$11,074.33 (12453 – 12469), Payroll - 10/30/2024 / TO 11/12/24, \$24,725.74 (11367 – 11380), State of Michigan - \$.00, Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,561.71., Operating Engineers - \$109.50 (11381), Major Streets - \$36.01 (4186), Local Streets – \$0.00 (), Sanitary Sewer - \$672.00 (4314 – 4316), Water - \$1,500.03 (3932 – 3936), Arsenic \$681.21 (1728-1729), Storm Sewer - \$0.00 (), Lead & Copper – \$33.85 (164), Equipment - \$815.63 (1947).

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

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Council Opened a Public Hearing at 6:06PM, November 25, 2024, for the purpose of gathering public comments and recommendations concerning the adoption of a new Section to Title IX (General Regulations) of the City Ordinances.

Immediately following discussion of the new ordinance to Title IX, discussion was held regarding a Special Ordinance to allow a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) for Maple Valley Estates.

- 1. Proposed changes to Brown City Ordinance Section Ordinance 91:21: Prohibited Noises.**

Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve Ordinance 91:21 to propose prohibited noise. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

- 2. Ordinance to provide a service charge in Lieu of Taxes for Maple Valley Estates.**
Ordinance 84.02.

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson to approve Ordinance 84:02 to provide a service charge in Lieu of Taxes for Maple Valley Estates. Second by CM-Eugene Navock. Motion Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

Ethan Workman: Update for month of November 2024.

Notification was received from the Sanilac County Community Foundation that we can move forward with purchasing a new taser for the Police Department. This is a 100% reimbursement grant.

Received grant agreement from EGLE for the Community Energy Management Grant. Moving forward and ordering a new police car. It is expected to be delivered within 6-8 weeks, and then will be sent to upfitted.

Waiting to receive word if granted funds from the Sanilac County Community Foundation for the purchase of 12 Type-III Barricades for the DPW.

Manager Chuck Bennett and Ethan Workman will meet with Gayle Coulter and Ed Woodruff to continue discussions on housing development.

Started compiling information for a grant through the Lapeer County Community Foundation to install new street signs and benches in the Brown City Cemetery.

Working with T-Mobile for a grant to enhance the City Hall Community Room.

POLICE REPORT: None.

DPW REPORT: See attached.

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

Question was asked about a ditch on Maple Street. Mgr Chuck Bennett said that area will be looked at.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS:

Fence Permit issue to: 7145 Welles Street – 6ft tall wooden fence.

OLD BUSINESS:

WINDSOR DRAIN- Mgr Chuck Bennett spoke with Greg from Sanilac Drain Office on Monday and currently their contractor is working on a game plan. They will likely start the week after Thanksgiving. The cost will be \$36,000.00, and the cost will be split in three ways.

WELL #4- Northern Pump has completed the repairs to the well pump, and meter.

NEW BUSINESS:

HR- When the retiree health plan was awarded to Chief Smith was the intent to cover just the retiree or retiree and spouse. Original motion is in the packet for review.

Drinking Water Cost \$398,000.00. Gap Bond could be purchased for \$400,000.00 for 9 months. Interest would not be covered.

Motion by CM-Walter Robison for approval to move forward with the FY2025 DWSRF project and approve the Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering professional services agreement for design engineering. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson.

MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CM-ROSS MCIVOR – YES CM-WALTER ROBISON – YES CM-EUGENE NAVOCK – YES CM-ROBERT JACOBSON – YES CM-PATRICIA JACOBSON - YES.

YAY'S-5 NAY'S-0 ABSTAINING-1 ABSENT-0

ORDINANCES: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

Cemetery: A walk through/Inspection of the Brown City Cemetery is scheduled for November 26, 2024 at 3:30PM. Mgr Chuck Bennett will attend along with the members of the Cemetery Board and the Sexton.

Council: Thank you to Councilman Robison and Councilwoman Biel for the years of service on the Brown City-City Council.

Thank-You: Thank you to all who helped and who attended the Pot Luck Dinner in celebration of Chief Smith and Lieutenant Marc Perez.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

1. Building and Grounds (McIvor): None.
2. Personnel (Biel): Thank you to Chief Smith.
3. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): None.
4. Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson): None.
5. Water and Sewer & Park (Robison): Park Meeting 11/26/24.
6. Police (R. Jacobson): Taser purchase for police department.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM-Patricia Jacobson stated she was disappointed about how the Mayor Julie Miller no longer has the code to get into City Hall.

It was explained that no one should be behind the door if not an employee or who isn't Lien Certified.

Kevin Miller asked why Julie Miller was not able to get into City Hall with a code when she always had for years. The conversation wasn't going well, and Closed Session had to be started.

**CLOSED SESSION: Closed Session started at 6:34 PM 11/25/24.
To discuss why Mayor Julie Miller no longer has a code to get into City Hall.**

CLOSED SESSION ENDED 7:04 PM 11/25/24.

**MOTION BY CM-PATRICIA JACOBSON TO HAVE JULIE MILLER, LUCY COLSON AND CRAIG COLSON LIEN CERTIFIED. SECOND BY CM-ROSS MCIVOR.
MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:
CM-ROSS MCIVOR – YES, CM-WALTER ROBISON – NO,
CM-EUGENE NAVOCK- NO, CM-ROBERT JACOBSON – YES,
CM-PATRICIA JACOBSON – YES.**

YAY'S – 3 NAY'S – 2 ABSTAINING – 1 ABSENT - 0

**ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by CM-Walter Robison, Second by CM-Ross McIvor to Adjourn the November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:12 PM. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Pamela Willer
City Clerk**