

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 10, 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: Gino Navock, Bob Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Neil Kohler, Ross McIvor, City Clerk Sara Muxlow, City Manager Kyle Harris.

ABSENT: Pat Jacobson

GUESTS:

Officer Khan BCPD, Officer Ford BCPD, Chief Gorski, Mike Vislosky DPW, Craig Archer, Denise Jones, Dan Jones, Jennifer Griffin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Add to New Business #2 Attorney for Security.

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of July 27, 2026- Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM Navock, to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 27, 2026. MOTION CARRIED

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

PAY BILLS:

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

General- 37,606.35 (13278-13301)

Payroll- 26,304.76 (12107-12120)

Sanitary Sewer- 12,222.98 (4509-4512)

Water- 1,710.27 (4260-4262)

Parks- 325.56 (3209-3210)

Cemetery- 4,750.00 (2273-2275)

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Gorski commented that the new software should be up and running by August 21st. The Council had no questions for the Chief.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Denise Jones 4288 Main St. had comments about the auctioned church building next to her home. Stated that the County has the building zoned as commercial and doesn't want a parking lot behind the building. She questioned that if the current owner eventually sells the building can the City change the zoning back to residential or a church. She stated that there is no buffer zone between her home and the church building. City Manager Harris answered that the City has the property zoned as residential. The County has the property zoned as commercial just for tax purposes but the City trumps the County for the zoning. The zoning may be changed by the Master Plan changes as mixed use.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Manager Harris looked into the cost if the City received their police services from the County. The cost the County came back with included a SRO and 2 full time deputies. They gave quotes for 3 full time positions for 2 years, starting in 2027, with and without 375 hours of overtime patrol. 2027 estimate with overtime is \$325,709, and without overtime \$303,477. 2028 estimate with overtime is \$331,626, and without overtime \$308,971. The City would lose reimbursement from the State for having a police department and also the reimbursement from the school for the SRO. The City would also have to pay back the grant for the EV patrol car. CM Kohler would like to keep the police patrol in house with all Council Members agreeing. CM McIvor has an issue with the overlapping hours and doesn't see it as necessary. City Manager Harris added that once school starts back up, Officer Ford will be back as the SRO and overlapping hours will not be an issue.
2. There was a cyber attack possibly from out of the country. They changed the IP address of well #3. They used the cellular network. Mike was able to correct the problem within a couple hours. More security was added to the well systems. Security firms quoted between \$17,000 to over \$20,000 to track the matter. A firm called Pearson Ferdinand is a 3rd party that will make sure Team UIS is doing everything necessary, quoted \$5000. Team UIS does not respond to inquiries made by Kyle. The deductible for an insurance claim is up to \$25,000. It will make sure the system is safe. Attorney Tori added that the cost is reasonable and the right move.

Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM Vaerten to hire Pierson Ferdinand not to exceed \$5000 for cyber security as an attorney.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGERS REPORT: Park Millage passed by voters during Tuesday's election. Information was submitted to finalize the CEM grant. The next round will be available around October.

A meeting is scheduled with the EPA for the \$2,000,000 sewer funds.

CLERKS REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Halloween hours need to be corrected. The trunk or treat hours are from 4:00 till 5:00 with set up at 3-4. Trick or Treating hours should be from 5:00 to 7:00. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM Navock to move the Halloween hours to 5-7. MOTION CARRIED.

Christmas tree lighting is the first Friday in December

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)- The water project connected at Wells and Maple streets and added a hydrant.
6. Police and Park (Mclvor)- None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: CM Vaerten thanked everyone who contributed to running the elections on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Navock, Second by CM Vaerten, to Adjourn the August 10, 2026 Meeting of the City Council at 6:28 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow

City Clerk