

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Robert Jacobson, Patricia Jacobson, Ross Mclvor, Eugene Navock, Stacy Biel, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

ABSENT: Walter Robison

GUESTS: Myrtle Kohn, Jerry Steigerwald, Debbie Rickman, Louis Martus, Dixie Knappins Rae Ann Kreiner, Kevin Miller, Colleen Page, Steve Kohler, Cody Wilcox, Jesse VanBuskirk, Linda Swank, Roger Swank, Ethan Workman, Tyne Kreiner, Chris Lee, Harvy Meirow, Glenn Kreiner, Mark Perez, Shane McKibben. .

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Minutes on 10/28/24. Second by CM-Ross Mclvor. Motion Carried.

10/29/2024 TO 11/12/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$23,836.58 (12422 – 12452), Payroll - 10/16/2024 / TO 10/29/24, \$24,746.39.67 (11351 – 11366), State of Michigan - \$.00, Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,446.84., Operating Engineers - \$.00, Major Streets - \$0.00, Local Streets – \$21.00 (4445), Sanitary Sewer - \$1,859.28 (4310 – 4313), Water - \$1,932.16 (3924 – 3931), Arsenic \$36.00 (1726-1727), Storm Sewer - \$0.00, Lead & Copper – \$0.00, Equipment - \$9,494.44 (1943 - 1946).

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

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution No. 24-15

For repair and assessing of the Windsor Drain within the City Limits.

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to perform the repairs and maintenance on the Windsor Drain within the City Limits. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Absent, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.

**5-Yay's 0-Nay's 0-Abstaining 1-Absent
Motion Carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

ORDINANCES:

NOISE ORDINANCE DRAFT:

At the last Council Meeting all council members received a Draft Copy of the ordinance. CM-Stacy Biel questioned using the decibel rating. Attorney Allen Francis assistant Victoria said decibel is not used anymore. Do ordinance as written.

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to schedule Noise Ordinance Draft Public Hearing. Second by CM-Stacy Biel. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Meeting to be held: 11/25/24 at 6:05PM City Hall.

PILOT ORDINANCE DRAFT:

Motion by CM-Stacy Biel to schedule Pilot Ordinance Draft Public Hearing. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

Pilot Ordinance Meeting to be held: 11/25/24 following 1st Meeting.

PERMITS:

Planning Commission approved Sacred Heart Catholic Church building permit to build the Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

4243 Main Street: At Council meeting on 10/28/24 Councilwoman Patricia Jacobson wanted to know if new owners of the Property at 4243 Main had a permit to do demolition?

Sanilac County Building Department has said that permits are not needed for demolition. If someone is doing plumbing, electrical or structural projects then a County Permit would be needed.

Currently the owners are in a demolition phase and have been instructed to contact the County when they are ready to do any electrical or plumbing work.

NEW BUSINESS:

SEWER FUND CD-The current Sewer Fund CD is set to mature on November 15, 2024. The CD is currently through Thumb Bank at 5%. Thumb Bank has offered 4% for 6 months, and Tri-County Bank has offered 4.5% for 6 months. The Sewer CD has a balance of \$120,817.00.

Council recommended that the City leave the CD with Thumb Bank for the next 6 months.

WATER TOWER: UCG WATER let the City know that more than likely the water tower will be getting repainted next year (2025). We can change the colors or add a design at no additional cost (unless the change would be super detailed drawing). Does Council have any input on the Design/Color Scheme? Possible to have a community contest! Mrg Chuck Bennett will talk to the school about a contest.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: None.

POLICE REPORT: See attached.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

DPW REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: See Attached.

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

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Fence Permit at 6898 James Street – Installer is Action Fence. Will be a wire fence.

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.

Peace Pole Project: Thank you to Brown City Rotary Club for the wonderful addition of the Peace Pole to Brown City Memorial Park.

BC CLASS OF 1968: Thank you to BC Class of 1968 for the donation of \$311.96 to Brown City Park and Recreation.

ELECTION STAFF: Thank you to the election staff that helped make Brown City's Election run smoothly. This year there have been 3 elections and a very large demand on the team and Deputy Clerk.

Street Sweeper has been delivered.

WELLS: Currently well 3 has been pulled and sent out for its inspection, once inspected the company will call with an amount for any repairs. The casing inspection was done and all appears to be ok. This well could be down for 1 to 2 weeks during the process.

It was brought to MGR Bennett's attention that while well #4 can run the whole town it does not have a backup power supply as does well #3. Since well #3 will be down for a couple weeks that is a concern. Maurer Electric and Goyette Mechanical are working on quotes to wire a generator hookup for well #4. That way at least if something happens the City could rent a large generator to run the well.

Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to approve the Proposal from Northern Pump & Well for \$81,822.36 to rebuild well pump #3. Second by CM-Stacy Biel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CM-ROSS MCIVOR-YES, CM-WALTER ROBISON-ABSENT, CM-EUGENE NAVOCK-YES, CM-ROBERT JACOBSON-YES, CM-STACY BIEL-YES, CM-PATRICIA JACOBSON-YES. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Garden Club Proclamations: BEE HIVE

MAYOR JULIE MILLER PRESENTED PROCLAMATION TO THE FOLLOWING:

Debbie Rickman, Dixie Knappins, Myrtle Kohn, Colleen Page, Harvey Meirow, Linda Swank, Angel Kreiner, Myla Ford.

Tree lighting 12/6/24 at 6:00PM.

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): Absent.**
- 6. Police (R. Jacobson): Shane McKibben contract. Motion by Robert Jacobson to go into Closed Session for the Police Chief Negotiation at 6:40 PM. Second by CM-Closed Session closed at 6:58PM.**

CLOSED SESSION: NO DECISION INSIDE CLOSED SESSION.

Motion by CM-Robert Jacobson to approve Chief Shane McKibben's contract. \$35.00 Hour, Car Allowance for 3 days a week at \$105.00, 13 paid Holiday's. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CM-ROSS MCIVOR-YES, CM-WALTER ROBISON-ABSENT, CM-EUGENE NAVOCK-YES, CM-ROBERT JACOBSON-YES, CM-STACY BIEL-YES, CM-PATRICIA JACOBSON-YES.

**YAY'S-5 NAY'S-0 ABSTAINING-0, ABSENT-1.
MOTION CARRIED.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM-Patricia Jacobson, Second by CM-Robert Jacobson to Adjourn the November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:02 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk