

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 26, 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: Patricia Jacobson, Robert Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Neil Kohler, Ross McIvor, City Clerk Sara Muxlow, City Manager Kyle Harris.

ABSENT: Gino Navock

GUESTS:

Chief Gorski BCPD, Sargent Khan BCPD, Mike Vislosky DPW, Denise Jones, Dan Jones, Angel Kreiner, Bill Ernat, Tara Owens, Trish Celani

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

CORRECTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026- Correction to the minutes under new business #2 add \$30 per month opt out fee for cellular readers on water meters. Motion by CM Vaerten, Second by CM McIvor to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2026 as corrected. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: May 26, 2026 at 6:05 P.M. Chapter 50 and 52 are needing some changes to water and the meters. It gives the DPW the right to inspect if there are any issues and to make sure there are backflow valves where needed. It adds the meters to residences instead of just businesses. Denise Jones questioned the accuracy of the meters and leaks actually being caught in a timely manner. The public hearing closed at 6:08 P.M. CM Vaerten questioned about businesses needing inspections and whether residences would also be needing inspections. City Manager Harris explained how backflow happens and the problems that can arise. The need to keep the water supply safe is something to look for in the future. Motion by CM Kohler, Second by CM McIvor to approve the changes to Chapters 50 and 52.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM P. Jacobson- Yes CM Kohler- Yes CM Vaerten- Yes CM McIvor- Yes CM B. Jacobson- Yes

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

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

PAY BILLS:

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

General- 12,188.62 (13179-13196)

Payroll- 25,740.03 (12020-12031)

Sanitary Sewer- 1,058.22 (4486-4487)

Water- 1,063.33 (4228-4231)

Equipment- 2,679.65 (2054-2055)

Parks- 5,747.85 (3184-3188)

MOTION CARRIED.

DPW REPORT: No questions asked to Mike. Mike added that the water main project is starting tomorrow.

PERMITS: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Denise Jones 4288 Main St. gave packets of information on an FCC court safety ruling for wireless radiation limits. She would like to see a moratorium on the smart water meters.

OLD BUSINESS: Chapters 50 & 52- Taken care of in the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Part-Time Police Officer- Chief Gorski addressed council about bringing on Patricia Fuller, an officer from Capac to work on an as needed basis. She has passed a background check. City Manager Harris recommends hiring her. Motion by CM Mclvor, Second by Vaerten to hire Patricia Fuller as a part time police officer.

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

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

2. Bill Ernat- EMCOG- Eastern Michigan Council of Governments- Brown City is a member. They are putting together a 5 year park plan. There is available funds left over from a DNR grant and Brown City qualifies. The plan will need to be submitted by the deadline in September. CM Kohler commented on his appreciation of the help.

MANAGERS REPORT: The watermain project is set to begin on May 27th - May 28th, 12% of the meter project is complete. 62 meters have been installed, many inspections have been completed.

Cameras in the park are working again. They are looking to install more cameras to cover more of the park.

DPW have permission to inspect the property at the Parkview house to address the water drainage issues they are experiencing in that area.

The roof on City hall has 1 quote so far of \$31,000.

The idea for City Hall to move hours to 10 hour workdays 4 days per week was discussed. City hall would be open 2 ½ more hours per week. City Hall would be open 7AM till 5PM and stay open during lunch hours. This would allow more availability for residents to come to City Hall during the work week. Kyle reached out to other City's that have implemented the 10 hour work day and comments were that it improved staff morale, and is a positive point for recruitment of future employees. There's a possible cost savings with the changes.

Mayor Miller would like to hold off on any changes due to the multiple changes this year to City Hall staff. CM P. Jacobson would like to see things stay the same. CM Vaerten sees a benefit to the hours available to residents. CM Kohler sees benefits to the hour changes, and the work would still be done. CM McIvor would like to see feedback from citizens. Looking to put it as a talking point on the next agenda for the public to comment on. Looking to possibly make the changes during the 4th of July weekend. SBA has the tower next to the well site. It brings in 20-25 thousand per year for their lease. A third party has contacted the city to buy out the lease at roughly around \$450,000. The original lease is for the next 20 years. Kyle sees a benefit to the lump sum for some upgrades, repairs and projects that need attention. CM Kohler sees a benefit to the lump sum but to make investments and safety if the company goes bankrupt. Lawyer Tori was asked her opinion on the matter and she agrees that a lump sum and then investing is a good idea.

CLERKS REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: There was a good turnout on Main Street for the Memorial Day Parade. The dinner had approximately 50 people.

Clean up days with GFL are usually in June but they are not responding. The festival is coming up soon.

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)- None.
6. Police and Park (Mclvor)- None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: CM Mclvor asked if there was anyone checking on blight in the city. City Manager Harris stated that Sargent Khan has been addressing issues in the city. He's looking to update ordinances in the city to keep on top of issues. Mayor Miller thanked the many people who donated to the dinner for memorial day. She appreciates all the help and donations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Mclvor, Second by CM B. Jacobson, to Adjourn the May 26, 2026 Meeting of the City Council at 6:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Muxlow
City Clerk