

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARCH 24, 2025**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Robert Jacobson, Patricia Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Neil Kohler, Eugene Navock, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pamela Willer.

**ABSENT:** Ross McIvor.

**GUESTS:** Mike Vislosky, Becky Vislosky, Denise Jones, Tara Owens, BCPD Mark Perez, Sharon Tebo, Angel Kreiner, Nichole Curtis, Rae Ann Kreiner, Deanna Lung, Ashley Burke, Courtney Todorowski, Roman Todorowski, Joseph Bologna, Michelle Cislino, Douglas Gary, Heidi Bissett, Jamie Bird, Tyne Kreiner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.**

**ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.**

**CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**\*Remove Angel Kreiner's name from Quests, on two times.**

**\*Motion for Fire Works missing Yay's 6, Nay's 0, Abstaining 0, Absent 0.**

**\*Motion by CM-Ross McIvor to amend the Pavilion Fund and move 75% of account amount to the MI Class. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.**

**\*Proclamation for Steve Murray, Mayor Julie Miller read the Proclamation for**

**\*Steve Murray. Steve donated land to the City for lift station on Buby Street & Maple Valley Rd.**

**\*Need legal agreement to correct/amend ordinance to remove water bill.**

**\*Motion by CM-Ross McIvor to have a new ordinance drawn up to remove the water bill. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.**

**CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on March 10, 2025. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.**

**PAY BILLS: Motion by CM-Pat Jacobson to approve and pay the bills as presented. Second by CM-Mark Vaerten. Motion Carried.**

**03/11/2025 TO 03/24/25.**

**Following Funds: General - \$18,556.82 (12616– 12635), Payroll - 03/05/2025 / TO 03/18/2025, \$28,015.75 (11521 – 11544), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$5,379.66, State of Michigan - \$1,895.47 (11545), Operating Engineers Dues - \$.00, Major Streets - \$.00, Local Street - \$.00, Sanitary Sewer - \$1,564.72 (4351 – 4353), Water**

**- \$22,251.21 (3996-3998), Arsenic – \$.00, Storm Sewer – \$36.01 (1394), Lead & Copper – \$.00, Equipment - \$637.79 (1969-1970), Parks - \$1,757.91 (3112-3114).**

**ORDINANCES:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Hearing called to order at 6:05 PM.

Public Hearing began at 6:05 PM on Monday, March 24, 2025, at City Hall, 4205 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget was the subject of this hearing. The City plans to collect at the same millage rate in 2025 that was collected in 2024-17.2975 mills City Operating; and will also collect the “Headlee” – reduced 1.2299 mills Park Operating.

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 PM.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**25-03 Resolution of the City of Brown City to Amend the City’s 2024-2025 Budget to Better Reflect Revenues and Expenditures.**

**Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to amend the City Of Brown City’s 2024-2025 Budget to better reflect Revenues and Expenditures. Second by CM-Neil Kohler.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**CM-Neil Kohler- Yes, CM-Eugene Navock- Yes,  
CM-Robert Jacobson -Yes, CM-Mark Vaerten-Yes,  
CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

**YAY’S 5    NAY’S 0    ABSTAINING 0    ABSENT 1.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**25-04 A RESOLUTION FORMALLY APPROVING THE CITY OF BROWN CITY MILLAGE RATE OF 17.2975 MILLS AND BROWN CITY PARK MILLAGE RATE OF 1.2299 MILLS AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET.**

**Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the City Of Brown City’s Millage rate of 17.2975 Mills and Brown City Park Millage rate of 1.2299 Mills and the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**CM-Neil Kohler -Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Mark Vaerten-Yes  
CM-Robert Jacobson – Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson – Yes.**

**YAY'S 5 NAY'S 0 ABSTAINING 0 ABSENT 1.**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.**

**POLICE REPORT: None.**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:**

**Request to Senator Peters' Office for the Police Station Upgrade Project.  
The estimated notification date is July.**

**Ethan had a meeting with Wade Trim to discuss the Master Plan update process.**

**Ethan continues to have meetings with the National Fitness Court organization regarding the project in the park looking to fund.**

**Chuck and Ethan had a meeting with Maxterial to discuss plans for future development, and the ribbon cutting they would like to have.**

**Ethan attended the Sanilac County Emergency Management meeting with officials around the county to discuss how the county can better prepare for disasters. Including emergency funding and resources.**

**Ethan continues to update the city website.**

**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.

**NICOLE CURTIS: 4345 Main, Brown City, MI.**

Dispensary she feels will have many legal issues, as she has called several cities that confirmed her concerns.

**JOE BOLOGNA: E. Detroit, MI.**

Dispensary Joe shared several reasons why the dispensary would be good for the City.

**ASHLEY BURKE: 4456 Bellview, Brown City, MI.**

Dispensary she is not for it, and feels a City Vote is necessary.

**SHARON TEBO: 6952 Thelman Ave., Brown City, MI.**

Dispensary she feels the City would not receive the money they expect.

**RAE ANN KREINER: 7094 McMoran, Brown City, MI.**

Dispensary she is for it, and said people use the marijuana for medical reasons, and pain.

**JAMIE BIRD: 7137 Wells, Brown City, MI.**

Dispensary she is for it. Jamie also stated that she is on the Festival Committee, and said the funds in the account seems like a lot but they will be used when Festival happens.

**DEANNA LUNG: Lincoln St., Brown City, MI.**

Cat concern. Deanna wanted to know who is complaining about the stray cats. City cannot give out that information. She was there for her neighbor and thought the City was going to take his cats and they are not.

**COURTNEY TODOROWSKI: 4204 Main, Brown City, MI.**

Chicken Ordinance. Courtney would like the chicken ordinance to be amended. Council said she could get a petition signed, and would have to be those who live in the City, and Council would look into the ordinance.

**HEIDI BISSETT:**

Chicken would be ok.

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Grant for new Police Station has been submitted to Senator Peters Office.  
Thank-You to Ethan Workman and Police Chief McKibben for getting that done.**

**Thank-You to Joe Hurley, Colin Hurley for building the new Community Message Board that was installed in the Beehive. Also, Thank-You to the Shop Teachers, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Metzger and Teaching Aid Ron Bennett for assisting in this project.**

**Stephanie Stimson and Ethan Workman completed a training from MSU Extension on 10 Components of Extraordinary Boards.**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Julie Miller would like to serve a dinner after the parade, and if anyone would like to donate that would be great.**

**We don't have many Veterans anymore.**

**Steve received the Proclamation donating the land for the lift station.**

**DPW REPORT: SEE ATTACHED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORT'S:**

- 1. Building and Grounds (Navock): None.**
- 2. Personnel (P.Jacobson): .Union Rep needs proposal.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Vaerten): The no parking signs on East Main a meeting needs to be scheduled. Edging sidewalks possible High School Students could work on the edging. Budget 50 hours.**
- 4. Tax and Finance (Kohler): Thank-You to Chuck Bennett and Ethan Workman for all there work.**
- 5. Water & Sewer (R.Jacobson): None.**
- 6. Police & Park (McIvor): None.**

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: None.**

**CLERK'S REPORT: None.**

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:**

**Maintain chicken ordinance as is.**

**CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to Adjourn the March 24, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:41 PM. Second by CM-Neil Kohler. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Willer  
City Clerk