

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

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

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

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Tara Owens, David VanCura, Ethan Workman, Scott Bowler, Brad Harrison, Milton Proctor, Becky Vislosky, Mike Vislosky, Earl Tarker, Toni Oliver, Melanie Robison, Jodi Wetter, Mark Perez, Rae Ann Kreiner, Alecia Parks, Christine Lee, Noah.Lenk.

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

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

**CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Minutes on 9/23/24. Second by CM-Ross Mclvor. Motion Carried.**

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

**09/10/2024 TO 09/23/2024.**

**Following Funds: General - \$8,362.39 (12358 – 12368), Payroll - 09/04/2024 / TO 09/12/24, \$17,024.67 (11299 – 11311), State of Michigan - \$1,852.98 (11312), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,857.63., Operating Engineers - \$.00, Major Streets - \$.00, Local Streets – \$.00, Sanitary Sewer - \$2,135.03 (4299 – 4303), Water - \$5,242.10 (3901 – 3907), Arsenic \$.00, Storm Sewer - \$6,436.01 (1383-1384), Lead & Copper – \$44.14 (158 - 159), Equipment - \$168.07 (1936 - 1937).**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.**

**OLD BUSINESS: Trash Quotes-Review of 3 year trash quotes.**

**Motion by CM-Stacy Biel to accept the 3 Year Contract for trash removal with GFL, Second by CM-Ross Mclvor.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

**6-Yea's      0-Nay's      0-Abstaining      0-Absent**  
**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution 24-12:**

**MAPLE VALLEY ESTATES**

**Motion by CM-Walter Robison to support the Maple Valley Estate's Pilot Program for MSHDA Housing Tax Credits. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

**6-Yea's      0-Nay's      0-Abstaining      0-Absent**  
**Motion Carried.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:**

**Ethan Workman** reported that recent council members expressed an interest in the possibility of allowing marijuana businesses within the City Limits.

**Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to take the first steps to allowing marijuana business in the City Limits. Second by CM-Robert Jacobson.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison-Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-Yes, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

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

**Ethan Workman** also applied and received for the City a grant for \$11,000.00 to purchase new Election Equipment. 2-ITX machines with cases, and 1 Lap Top was purchased.

**POLICE REPORT: None.**

**PUBLIC HEARING: None.**

**DPW REPORT:**

**Report's : Lead & Copper, Monthly Operating, Arsenic Backwash, Lagoon. Ditches mowed and cleaned. Catch Basins cleaned. Several other jobs completed see attached Report.**

**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 are limited to three (3) minutes unless an extension is approved by a majority of the Council.

**Milton Proctor: 4971 Maple Street has concerns about the standing water in his yard, and feels the drains, and ditches need cleaning. DPW Mike Vislosky stated Milton's culvert needs cleaning, but that the neighbor's are not cleaning their culvert so the water doesn't go anywhere.**

**Manager Chuck Bennett will send a letter to Milton Proctor's neighbor to clean their culvert. City will also check out the ditch near Proctor's.**

**Whisky Jar:**

**Owner Toni Oliver spoke on her behalf regarding the complaint of noise after 10:00 PM. Toni stated she has a note on the back door asking for the door to be shut.**

**Manager Chuck Bennett stated the ordinance is vague at this time, and council needs to look into the ordinance.**

**Officer Mark Perez said that Neil Kohler has called with complaint of loud noise after 10:00 PM, but no citations have been issued.**

**Motion by CM-Ross Mclvor to place an extension for the Whiskey Jar on Friday and Saturday's until 11:00 PM for the bands to play their music, with review in 6 months. Second by CM-Stacy Biel.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**CM-Ross Mclvor-Yes, CM-Walter Robison- Yes, CM-Eugene Navock-No, CM-Robert Jacobson-Yes, CM-Stacy Biel-Yes, CM-Patricia Jacobson-Yes.**

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

**Chris Lee had question regarding the Lead & Copper, but would be discussed later in sewer minutes.**

**Tara Owens question why the minutes are not online, and would like to know where she could get a copy of the City Charter and Ordinance.**

**Tara stated that the post on the City Hall door states Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM closed from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM for lunch, and online it says open from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM closed at lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. She questioned why the office is closed for lunch, and why can't the employee's stagger lunch.**

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**ORDINANCES: None.**

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Lift Station:** The State Revolving Fund loan has closed and funds are now available. Manager Chuck Bennett will be working with F&V to get started getting items ordered so they are here in town for construction.

**4296 Main St (Former Baptist Church):** A letter was sent to the owners giving them until October 1<sup>st</sup> to clean up weeds, grass, and overgrown brush. If that is not corrected the City will fix the issues and bill the owners. Manager Chuck Bennett gave them until October 15<sup>th</sup> to fix the hole in the roof. If that is not corrected then Chuck will start the process with the County Building Inspector to get the roof fixed per City Ordinance.

**4171 2<sup>nd</sup> Street:** There was a water leak by the curb, it was determined that the leak was on the Residents side of the shut off. Resident could not be contacted. The water was shut off and a letter was attached to the front door. Resident called the next day and the issue was explained. The Resident contacted Daws Excavating and fixed the issue.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** is Veterans Day and City Hall is closed. What day would council like to move the meeting to?

**Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to move the November 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to November 12, 2024 at 6:00PM. Second by CM-Walter Robison. Motion Carried.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Meeting Evaluation for Manager Chuck Bennett will be October 7, 2024 at 4:30 PM.**

**COMMITTEE REPORT'S:**

- 1. Building and Grounds (McIvor): None.**
- 2. Personnel (Biel): Evaluation Meeting: 10/7/24 @ 4:30PM.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock): None.**
- 4. Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson): Budget Meeting 10/21/24 @ 4:00PM.**
- 5. Water and Sewer & Park (Robison):**
  - \* Park Meeting 9/24/24 @ 5:00PM Liebler's Ins.**
  - Water & Sewer Meeting was 9/10/24. Discussion Lead & Copper Rule.**
  - Discussion on eliminating the Arsenic Abatement Fund.**
  - Discussion on adding a debt service charge to the City Utility Bill to cover Sanitary Sewer Life Station Bond.**
  - Discussion on M-90 water main replacement.**
  - Discussion on current utility bill rates.**
- 6. Police (R. Jacobson): Motion to approve Meeting Minutes by CM-Patricia Jacobson, Second by CM-Stacy Biel. Motion Carried.**
  - \*Police Chief applicant down to 3 persons: Need Council Meeting to Interview applicants.**
  - Motion by CM-Robert Jacobson to have Special Council Meeting for Interview's on 9/20/24 @ 5:00PM – 7:00PM. Second by CM-Stacy Biel.**
  - Motion Carried.**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: None.**

**CLERK'S REPORT: Election Commission Meeting was on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.**

**Following Election Inspectors appointed: Jace Wedlake, Charles Mitchell, Tara Owens, Nicole Sanchez, Elaine Villalpando, Rhonda Johnson and Ethan Workman.**

**Election Receiving Board Members: Jaci Wedlake and Nicole Sanchez.**

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:**

**CM-Pat Jacobson questioned tuition and that it will not be paid for an employee unless such person has worked for 6 months.**

**Recognize ALL who worked at the Bee Hive and what a great job they did.**

**CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by CM-Walter Robison Second by CM-Ross McIvor to Adjourn the September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:20 PM. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer  
City Clerk