

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 09, 2024

City Clerk Pamela Willer swore into office Julie Miller as Mayor.

City Clerk Pamela Willer swore into office the following Council Members ; Ross McIvor, Neil Kohler, Eugene Navock, Robert Jacobson, Mark Vaerten, Patricia Jacobson.

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

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

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Tyne Kreiner, Becky Vislosky, RJ Kreiner, Rae Ann Kreiner, Ron Bennett, Carie Bennett, Ethan Workman, Sean Hagy, Larry Bullock, Missy Bennett, Frank Miller, Steve Kohler, Lt. Mark Perez, Ben Dover, Mike Vislosky, David VanCura, Dalton Formaz, Erik Burgess, Chris Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Addition Darin Wheeler/Lawn Mowing.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM-Eugene Navock to approve the Regular Council Minutes on 11/25/24. Second by CM-Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

11/26/2024 TO 12/09/2024.

Following Funds: General - \$23,253.16, (12470 – 12492), Payroll - 11/13/2024 / TO 11/26/24, \$31,748.78 (11382 – 11402), State of Michigan - \$3,203.35 (11403), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$6,080.11, Operating Engineers - \$0.00, Major Streets - \$1,250.00 (4187), Local Streets – \$1,250.00 (4446), Sanitary Sewer - \$44,885.48 (4317 – 4323), Water - \$27,758.59 (3937 – 3944), Arsenic \$27,696.77 (1730-1735), Storm Sewer - \$0.00, Lead & Copper – \$27,274.12 (165 - 166), Equipment - \$58,184.85 (1948 - 1952).

11/01/2024 TO 12/09/2024

Parks - \$438.68 (3102 – 3103).

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

RESOLUTIONS:

24-16 Resolution to set an alternative date for the December Board of Review meeting.

Motion by CM-Neil Kohler to set December 11, 2024, as the meeting date of the December Board of Review. Second by CM-Ross Mclvor.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vore:

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

Yay's 6 Nay's 0 Absent 0 Abstaining 0.

24-17 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT.

Motion by CM-Neil Kohler to leave the Annual Exemption Option as is. Second by CM-Eugene Navock.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yay's 6 Nay's 0 Absent 0 Abstaining 0.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

Ethan Workman:

MDOT MEETING 12/10/24 AT 5:30 TO 7:00PM AT CITY HALL.

POLICE REPORT: Detailed Report Attached.

DPW REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Report Attached.

Chris Lee stated that the rehab home on East Main will be looked at by Spring of 2025.

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 **None.**

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

WINDSOR DRAIN- County started work on the drain December 2, 2024. Drain Commissioner Sweet let Mgr Chuck Bennett know the Brown City DPW has been a great help. They may have to replace the entire pipe at a later time.

WATER TOWER- The last Council talked about the water tower it was brought up about doing a design contest with the students. An idea was brought up about using the new City Logo, and having a contest with the whole community on creating a new city logo. Then having the new logo and motto on the water tower.

Council like the idea of a new logo.

HR- When the retiree health plan was awarded to Chief Smith was the intent to cover just the retiree or retiree and spouse.

Council clarified that Chief Ron Smith would be at 100%.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darin Wheeler's Lawn Mowing cost was \$21,000.00 for the year. The balance due is \$2,350.00.

Motion by CM-Ross McIvor to pay the balance of \$2,350.00 to Darin Wheeler for the lawn mowing. Second by CM-Eugene Navock. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

COMMITTEES: HOLD UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 12/23/2024.

INVESTMENTS: DISCUSSION ON MICHIGAN CLASS INVESTMENT CO-OP.

Motion by CM-Neil Kohler to move the current CD at \$54,760.00 to Michigan Class. Second by CM-Ross McIvor. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCES: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Hall: New Graphics on City Hall entry door. Ethan and Stephanie did a great job of working with Laser Impressions on the design and installation of the graphics.

DPW: First real snow of the season last week. The DPW did a great job cleaning it up very promptly.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Chuck would like to meet with the personnel committee on the cost of Health Insurance. With double digit increases it is getting very challenging to handle that cost. Need to set meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Christmas Tree Lighting: 12/6/24 was a success, but very cold.
Mayor Julie Miller would like to Thank ALL who helped or donated to the event.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

- 1. Building and Grounds: None.**
- 2. Personnel: None.**
- 3. Streets and Sidewalks: None.**
- 4. Tax and Finance: None.**
- 5. Water and Sewer & Park: None.**
- 6. Police: None.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: Mayor and Council Members were sworn in.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

**CM-Neil Kohler looking forward to working with Council for the next 2 years.
Commented on the good work that the DPW does.
Tree Lighting was a success.**

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion by CM-Ross McIvor, Second by CM-Robert Jacobson to Adjourn the
December 09, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:29PM. Motion
Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk