

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 12, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Ken Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by CM Judy Murray.

PRESENT: Council Members – Laura Carpenter, Jerry Johnson, Marvin Ford, Mike Lents (arrived at 7:09), Judy Murray, Kelly Pavel, City Clerk Julie Miller, City Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman, City Manager Clint Holmes, Mayor Ken Brown.

CORRECTIONS TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1998 MINUTES:

1. Under Reports and Recommendations: Item # 2 change “sunroof” to “SUNROOM”.
2. Under Reports and Recommendations: Item # 1 change “#8101.A and #8402.9 and #8408.1 paragraph 6” to “#8101.A paragraph 6 and #8402.9 and #8408”.

Moved by CM Ford, supported by CM Pavel to approve the Minutes of September 28, 1998 as corrected. MC.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Superintendent Richard Gaubatz of Brown City Schools questioned the council about the smoke test done earlier in the year. He asked if the School could be considered to be Grandfathered in, or time extended on the deadline to comply with the city, due to the smoke test showing that the drainage water is running into the sanitary sewer, and it being difficult to fix due to where the lines run in the school. Gaubatz insisted that the lines are under cement and it would cost the taxpayers too much money. Manager to review details and blue prints with DPW Supervisor Dave Kinney and Engineer Bob Nichols and report at the next meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAYDON COMPANY AT 7:16 PM.

Council discussed Laydon Company to be included into the existing Industrial Development District, due to prior complications of misplaced paperwork.

Moved by CM Ford, supported by CM Carpenter to amend resolution number 81.12A, which resolution created Brown City Industrial Development District Number 1, Pursuant to act number 198 of the public acts of 1974, on May 28, 1981. ROLL CALL VOTE: Pavel, yes—Murray, yes—Lents, yes—Ford, yes—Johnson, yes—Carpenter, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MC.

Council discussed Almont Screw Products to modify current Industrial Facility Exemption, due to prior incorrect paperwork.

Moved by CM Ford, supported by CM Pavel to approve the resolution approving the application of ALMONT SCREW PRODUCTS, INC. FOR a Personal Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property in a facility in Brown City's Industrial Development District # 1. ROLL CALL VOTE:Pavel, yes—Murray,yes—Lents,yes—Ford,yes—Johnson,yes—Carpenter,yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MC.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:33PM.

Cindy Marks, from Marlette EMS introduced herself to the council and commented that she is working on making the ambulance service better for our area.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Pavel to approve the preapplication building permit for Marjorie Nordin, 4345 Second Street, to build a 12x16 shed on skids. MC.
2. Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Ford to approve the preapplication building permit for Frank Lukacs, 4196 Main Street, to put canvas awnings onto the Flower Shop. MC.
3. Preapplication building permit for Ben's Supermarket, 4436 Main Street, presented to the Planning Commission. No decision made.

PAY BILLS:

Moved by CM Murray, supported by CM Carpenter to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General Fund: \$21,910.04, Payroll Fund: \$15,765.09, Sanitary Sewer: \$7,209.56, Water Recreation Fund: \$68.61, Wastewater Debt Fund: \$23,152.50, Investment Fund: \$41,334.86. MC.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Buildings and Grounds: NONE
2. Personell: NONE
3. Police: NONE
4. Water and Sewer: CM Lents discussed with the council the new bills for the new rate increase for water and garbage, including on the new bills a 10% late charge for bills not paid on time. Council discussed that there be a 3% increase per year due to inflation, no decision made. Council also discussed that there be a "turn on" fee to cover cost of time, no decision made...CM Lents to study the ordinance and confer with City Attorney and report on this at next council meeting.

5. Tax and Finance: NONE.

CM Murray presented a letter from DPW Supervisor Dave Kinney, stating that decals are necessary for the city vehicles.

Moved by CM Murray, supported by CM Johnson to allow the DPW to purchase the decals requested for approximately \$370.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Pavel, yes—Murray, yes—Lents, yes—Ford, yes—Johnson, yes—Carpenter, yes. 6-yes 0-no MC.

6. Streets and Sidewalks: CM Pavel reported to the council that the committee met and recommend paying the city portion for Rodger Wood's sidewalk replacement in front of the new store at 4114 Main Street, with Carl Mahaffy to do the work for approximately \$1910.00, city portion 50%.

Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Carpenter to enforce the city sidewalk policy (50/50) to pay 50% of approximately \$1,910.00 for the replacement of sidewalk at 4114 Main Street, in the front only, for Rodger Wood's Little Texas Party Store. MC.

City Clerk , Julie Miller reported to the council that the Election Commission met twice and set the dates for the preliminary and public accuracy tests, preliminary was today and public to be held on October 21, 1998 at 10:00am. She also reported the 4 people the commission recommended for the General Election on November 3, 1998, as follows: Pat Hahnefeld, Eva Gottler(Chairperson), Shirley Wellnitz and Mary Gunn. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Johnson to appoint Pat Hahnefeld, Eva Gottler(Chairperson), Shirley Wellnitz, and Mary Gunn as Election Workers for the General Election on November 3, 1998. MC.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Brown City Community Schools request, already discussed.
2. Water Engineering Proposal, will appear in Michigan Contractor and Builder and sent to several Engineering firms.
3. Salt Contract Request: Moved by CM Johnson, supported by CM Carpenter to purchase salt from the Morton Salt Company for \$3,500.00 with ½ delivered now and half later, with the break down for the State's portion. MC.
4. Manager reported on the Special Assessment District, letters to be sent to these property owners with individual costs.
5. Hillside Subdivision, Ed Tobey, Estimated cost to connect his water line to the "loop" is \$3,500.00, city to supply pipe and labor and Tobey to supply excavation. Moved by CM Lents, supported by CM Carpenter to purchase the pipe and supply labor for the connection of Hillside Subdivision water line to the "loop".
6. Utilities survey under 100 returned to the City. Manager to review results.
7. Leaf pick-up dates set. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Ford to set the dates for the leaf pick-up to be the 1st week of November. MC. CM Johnson requested that it state in the ad for people to put the leaves on the curb, not on the street for safety reasons.
8. Halloween night volunteers to be 2 DPW workers, using city vehicles. Manager to double check on cost of 6 firefighters for 2 nights, due to questions from council for prior years at no charge. Four Police Officers to be on duty, two usually are on Friday and Saturday, with the addition of two extra for the holiday.
9. Carman Funeral Home Sidewalk, work on private property approved with work for public sidewalk to be requested in future.
10. Manager reported on training opportunities with the request of funds to participate. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Carpenter to approve training classes, one on the 19th of October at no charge and one on the 29th of October at \$60.00.
11. Park vandalism/re-opening update, three juveniles recommended to court for the destruction of park property, and the Park Board voted to open the park Tuesday through Sunday from 7 to 7(DPW to open, Police to close), closing park for winter on November 1, 1998.
12. Museum roof needs repair, will contact Historical Society to do this.
13. Main Street Speed Limit being strictly enforced for safety of school children.
14. Manager requested to be part of the Department of Veteran's Affairs Committee in Sandusky on Friday evenings meeting monthly. Moved by CM Ford, supported by CM Johnson to allow the Manager to be part of the Department of Veteran's Affairs Committee in Sandusky on Friday evenings meeting monthly. MC.

15. Bill Grace requested an amendment to the plans for his micromall to change the water line from 2" to 3/4". Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Johnson to approve the amendment to the plans for Bill Grace's micromall to change the water line from 2" to 3/4". MC.

16. Manager handed a copy of our City Government, and reported on the City's web site.

17. Manager requested that the police radios be converted for approximately \$20.00 per radio to be able to communicate with the DPW and Fire Authority. Moved by CM Johnson, supported by CM Ford to convert 5 police radios for approximately \$20.00 per radio to allow communication between Police, DPW and Fire Authority. MC.

18. Manager reported he would be out of the office on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week (October 12-16, 1998), but would be available by phone.

Manager requested that the personell committee meet after tonights meeting for a brief meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE.

Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Ford to adjourn at 8:43 PM. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie P. Miller
City Clerk