

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER 14, 1998

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Laura Carpenter.

Present: Council Members: Laura Carpenter, Jerry Johnson, Marvin Ford, Mike Lents, Judy Murray, Kelly Pavel, Mayor Ken Brown, City Clerk Julie Miller, City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman.

Moved by Councilman Ford, supported by Councilman Johnson to approve the Minutes of the November 23, 1998 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Four Companies were invited to give a presentation of their company to do the Water Study with a limit of 15 minutes each. The four companies invited were:

1. Gove Associates,
2. Johnson & Anderson, Inc.,
3. Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd.,
4. Rowe Inc..

All four companies gave detailed presentation and answered questions.

Mayor questioned council if they were prepared to choose a company this evening, Council responded with a request for a Special Council Meeting within the week.

Moved by CM Lents, supported by CM Pavel to hold a Special Council Meeting on December 16, 1998 at 6:00 PM to choose an Engineering Company to do the Water Study for the City of Brown City. Motion Carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Mark Tobey at 8:08 PM.

Mark Tobey appeared on behalf of George Genirgis and Dan Tobey concerning Noxious Weed Ordinance, because of a bill they received for Noxious Weed Violation. Mark questioned council to have a bill dismissed for these gentleman. Mayor Brown explained that a neighbor Mr. Kaatz on Cade Rd. requested that the weeds behind his property be cut down. Mayor Brown sent notices to both owners (Genirgis and Dan Tobey) to get this taken care of, they didn't comply therefor the Mayor had the job of removing them started and billed the owners. Dan Tobey told the people cutting the weeds to leave his property, therefor the job was incomplete. Mark Tobey requested the bill for \$525.00 be dismissed. No action taken.

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

PAY BILLS:

CM Murray questioned Police Chief Ron Smiths overtime for the Friday after Thanksgiving, requested the use of more part-time officers to keep payroll down. Police Committee to meet and discuss this issue.

Moved by CM Murray, supported by CM Carpenter to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General Fund-\$23,514.58., Payroll Fund-\$10,858.14., Sanitary Sewer

Fund-\$1,013.85., Water Recreation Fund-\$75.14., Major Street Fund-\$101.90., Local Street Fund-\$101.90., Investment Fund-\$18,788.82. Motion Carried.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney reported that the check for the Snoblin property was given to the City Manager. Attorney discussed deregulation of Public Utilities, Electricity—discussed companies coming to local Government to obtain a Franchise, and an ordinance to set Franchise application fee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Buildings and Grounds: None

Personnel: None

Police: Committee Set Meeting for Monday December 21, 1998 at 6:00PM.

Water and Sewer: None.

Tax and Finance : Committee set a meeting for Wednesday December 16, 1998 at 7:00PM.

Streets and Sidewalks: CM Pavel questioned getting organized in the beginning of the year for 1999 sidewalk projects.

Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Pavel to extend the meeting past the deadline. Motion Carried.

CM Pavel questioned the Police Chief not authorizing time sheets. Police Committee to check into this.

CM Pavel questioned Ordinance for DPW Supervisor and Police for a policy to follow. Mayor commented that a handbook was chosen instead, CM Johnson to prepare a handbook for Brown City. Attorney Zimmerman recommended getting a Labor Attorney to Help on this issue.

CM Pavel questioned if the DPW has received the Control Panel from Lane Nothern. Mayor Commented that they are waiting for a license from Mid-Com for this and the Radios, currently being run off of Mid-Com License.

CM Pavel questioned Pete Piche hours, due to him being a seasonal employee., and Gary Gorsline being returned to work. Manager commented that DPW Supervisor Kinney was waiting for the council to give decision.

CM Pavel questioned if Virgil Bahmgardner has his CDL License yet? Manager commented not yet, working on it.

Discussion on Pete Piche, tell DPW Supervisor to decrease his hours, unless needed.

CM Pavel questioned if Dave Kinney, DPW Supervisor was hired in with his prior seniority. Manager to check into this.

CM Pavel questioned if new hires need Physicals. Manager commented that the Department of Health requires shots for DPW Hep B, Gabuglubin and Tetnus.

Police, Hep B. Physicals for Police, DPW and City Manager.

CM Pavel questioned motion made on September 28, 1998 to invest \$170,000 into T-Bill.

CM Pavel questioned if new policies were set for Buildings and Grounds.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Update on Smoke testing.
2. Manager reported that he was appointed to the Veteran's Affairs Committee.
3. Closing of City Hall for the Holidays. City Hall to be closed at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
4. Employee gift certificates questioned. [Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Johnson to give city employees \\$20.00 gift certificates. Motion Carried.](#)
5. Insurance claim paid through City's Insurance for \$518.51.
6. Internet report, signed with Great Lakes Internet of Croswell for 6 month trial at \$113.72.
7. Electronics:
  - a. Repairs to be made to VCR.
  - b. Adjacent calling plan to begin on Dec. 22, 1998 with a cost of a one time charge of \$8.35 plus \$7.00 per month (each for 346-2325 and 346-2000) for two hours of calls and 30% discount on remaining calls outside of Brown City.
  - c. Manager to investigate to purchase a new desktop computer.
8. Hearing set for Park Vandals on Thursday Dec 17 at 9:00AM, for the minors and Dec 21 at 8:30 AM sentencing for the adult, Manager to be there to represent Brown City. Manager recommended Maximum Public Service.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Brown warned council of new gang anitiation in surrounding areas. DO NOT FLICK LIGHTS AT CARS WITH LIGHTS OFF!! They will shoot at you.

[Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Ford to adjourn at 9:51PM. Motion Carried.](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie P. Miller  
City Clerk