

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2000

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Julie Miller.

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Laura Carpenter, Mike Lents, Julie Miller, Kelly Pavel, Judy Murray; Mayor Ken Brown, City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman, City Clerk Barbara Seidel. Absent: Councilmember Frank Lukacs.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

City Attorney M. Zimmerman requested a change to the minutes as follows: "in the future when variances are granted or adopted the minutes should reflect the legal reason why the variance is being granted or adopted. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Carpenter to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Moved by CM Murray, supported by CM Lents, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General fund \$20,687.04; Payroll fund \$22,169.33; Sanitary Sewer fund \$4,443.88; Major Street fund \$108.00; Water Recreation \$45.39; Investment fund \$54,384.47. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution No. 00-01: A resolution allowing the Board of Review to act upon written requests from taxpayers who are unable to personally attend the meeting concerning their current tax assessment. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Carpenter, to adopt Resolution No. 00-01. Roll Call Vote: Pavel – yes, Murray – yes, Lents – yes, Miller – yes, Carpenter – yes. 5 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent. Motion Carried.
2. Resolution No. 00-02: Resolution No. 00-02 signed by the Mayor of Brown City and City Manager, along with a Quit Claim Deed signed by the Mayor of Brown City, corrects a scrivener's error to a resolution originally adopted at a Special Council Meeting of the Brown City Council held on the 26th day of October, 1994. The dimensions of the Merrill Street property transferred from the City to the Star Oil Company were incorrectly listed resulting in the scrivener's error. Resolution No. 00-02, along with the Quit Claim Deed, corrects the error. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Murray, to adopt Resolution No. 00-02. Roll Call Vote: Pavel – yes, Murray – yes, Lents – yes, Miller – yes, Carpenter – yes. 5 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

07:16 PM: 2000 Sidewalk Project.

Questions were addressed regarding accessing driveways on Main Street during the Project, landscaping and removal of grass, replacement of a section of sidewalk replaced 1 ½ years ago, determining costs, start date of Project and the number of bids. City Manager Holmes suggested that the residents park on John Street instead of Main Street during the Sidewalk Project. He explained to the residents that grass will be removed and replaced, the start date of the Project will either be before Brown City Days or right after, and explained that cost is determined by the amount of frontage of each resident's lot times the square feet of the concrete used and that this is then split 50/50 between the City and each resident. An estimate will be sent to each resident, followed by a final bill when the Project is completed and each resident will have three years to pay the bill. The specific question of replacement of a sidewalk replaced 1 ½ years ago because of a water main break would be addressed at the time the Project is underway to determine if it was replaced with the correct grade and materials. City Manager Holmes also explained that last year the City received five bids for the Sidewalk Project and a number of bids will be reviewed again this year. Public Hearing closed at 07:29 PM.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Emmie Tool and Die – Addition to existing factory. Tabled until 02/28/00 when formal building plans will be submitted..

ORDINANCES: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds: Carpenter: None.

Personnel: Lukacs: Absent. Meeting Minutes are available for review.

Police: Miller: Officer Heather Parks would like to instruct a couple of classes for Drug Awareness at the school. The Council had no objections.

Sewer and Water: Lents: None.

Tax and Finance: Murray: Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Streets and Sidewalks: Pavel: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. Resolution 00-02 signed by Mayor Brown and City Manager Holmes, Quit Claim Deed signed by Mayor Brown. Please see specifics above.
2. Church Property Annexation/Act 425. Burnside Township Board has three conditions to annexation. City Attorney Zimmerman stated that she will recommend the Burnside Township Attorney, Mr. Dennie, draw up the first draft to be presented to Burnside Township Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **SMALL CLAIMS COURT:** City received a money order for \$452.20 from Brenda Krumenaker. Court notified that this issue is resolved.
2. **BOND ISSUE:** Met with Tom Traciak of ACI Finance. He would be happy to meet with the Tax and Finance Committee and explain the options available for generating a bond to Rural Development for water tower and general water system improvements.

3. **CADE ROAD WATER:** The DPW has been receiving complaints about water quality from the north end of Cade Road. DPW Supervisor recommends installation of a fire hydrant at the end of the water main. Cost about \$1K plus hydrant. This should help improve water quality at the north end of Cade Road.
4. **POLICE CAR ACCIDENT:** While attempting a traffic stop on the west end of town, the car being pulled over lost control and hit the old police car. Damage to rear quarter panel. Insurance company notified.
5. **COMPUTERS:** DPW provided with a computer put together with parts. All departments now have computers of various qualities. Also upgraded the police and personnel/bookkeeping computers.

CM Pavel and Mayor Brown stated that they would like to see City Manager Holmes compensated for time spent upgrading the computers.

6. **ROY WELCH VS BROWN CITY:** Jury trial has been moved from March to April 13 and 14 in Sandusky.
7. **POLICE TRAINING GRANT:** Paperwork and spreadsheets submitted to Michigan Justice Training Commission to continue to receive a \$500 per year education and training grant for City Police.
8. **SANILAC COUNTY MASTER PLAN:** There will be a meeting of city and township officials, Board of Commissioners and County Planning Commission to discuss a County Master Plan. Meeting is 4-7 PM on Tuesday (February 15) in Sandusky. The Mayor and City Manager plan to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown suggested appointment to the Park Board for Blake C. Holmes. Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Miller, to appoint Blake C. Holmes to the Park Board. Motion Carried.

Moved by CM Murray, supported by CM Pavel to adjourn at 8:16 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Seidel
City Clerk