

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 11, 2010**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Laura Carpenter at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Carpenter.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter, Council members: Pat Jacobson, Julie Miller, Ross McIvor, William Walters, Christine Lee. City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Gregory Stremers and City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ABSENT: CM Ken Brown.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM McIvor, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of 12-21-09 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Walters, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$19,502.51 (3939-3966), Payroll - \$12,281.20 (4382-4401), Major Street - \$237.12 (3679), Local Street - \$288.38 (4125-4127), Sanitary Sewer - \$4,984.23 (2990-2992), Water - \$12,453.11 (1742-1749), Arsenic Abatement - \$188.43 (1109), Equipment - \$414.99 (1224-1226). Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

Sheriff Garry Biniacki updated the City Council on current county happenings within his department.

County Commissioner Jamie Daws updated City Council on current happenings within the Commissioners Meetings.

POLICE REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

Mayor Carpenter asked the status of the pot belly pig which is in violation of City ordinances. The owner of the pig was present and stated that she still has not found a party interested in taking the pig at this time. She is speaking with someone at an area veterinarian clinic which may be interested. Council discussion and consensus to grant another 2 week extension to this party to finalize arrangements for moving the pig out of the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS: None scheduled.

ORDINANCES:

City Manager reported that the City received the recorded Quit Claim on the land locked property (Wanamaker property) from Sanilac County and that the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed ordinance.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM McIvor, to introduce *An Ordinance to Amend the Brown City Code by Adding a New Section Which New Section Shall be Known as Section 17.900 of Title XVII-Special Ordinances – Sale of Real Property*. Also, to schedule a public hearing for discussion and action on this proposed ordinance for January 25th at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **Emergency Generator:** The project continues. Emmie Die and Engineering is completing weather enclosure for the switching box. Once received, the generator should be operational soon.
2. **4120 Second Street:** The residents of 4120 Second Street have moved out of the house and left the keys. The Chief of Police, City Manager and a Councilmember inspected the house to determine if there were any abandoned pets, safety or health issues. The house has been completely stripped, with doors and frames, light fixtures, sinks, cabinets and banister to the basement removed. The furnace, hot water heater and sump pump are also apparently gone. There is currently about six inches of water in basement. Efforts to determine who the mortgage company included extensive searches of the Internet, and liaison with local real estate agents and Sanilac County, with no success.
3. **Police Y2.01K:** The software used by the Brown City Police Department would not record new police reports because it could not recognize the year 2010. Coordination with the supplier allowed the problem to be corrected. The system is now fully operational.

4. **DDA:** The DDA is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 12th to discuss the status of 4227 Main Street (Master Floor Coverings). The owners are requesting to return the deed in lieu of foreclosure. The results of that meeting will be presented at the next City Council meeting.
5. **Brown City Library:** The bar coding of the book is completed. Reference books and paperbacks were not included in the project.
6. **Mayor Exchange:** The City of Imlay City was contacted concerning Mayor Exchange. They will address this with their City Council and get back to us.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Stremers reported that a real property title search may need to be completed on the house on 2nd Street which was discussed above.

Also, a purchase agreement has been drawn up for the sale of the land locked piece of property (Wanamaker property), and if accepted, no costs should be incurred by the City.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Lee, to appoint Ron Campbell to the Board of Review for a term ending December 31st. Motion carried.

The Mayor distributed City Council Priority Worksheets which are due by the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police – none.
2. Water & Sewer – a meeting to discuss 2010 projects will be scheduled.
3. Tax & Finance – none.
4. Streets & Sidewalks – none.
5. Buildings & Grounds – none.
6. Personnel – none.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM Lee questioned if Parkside Drive is being plowed. City Manager reported that it is and fees are charged accordingly.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM McIvor, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk