

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 26, 2010

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Carpenter.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS & DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM McIvor, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Walters, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$6,134.84 (4227-4239), Payroll - \$12,620.97 (4621-4641), Major Street - \$2,110.00 (3695-3696), Local Street - \$750.00 (4139), Sanitary Sewer - \$7,191.57 (3051-3056), Water Fund - \$4,645.01 (1822-1827), Equipment - \$345.30 (1245-1246). Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

DPW REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None Scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

ORDINANCES: Introduce Section 95.70: An Ordinance to regulate those individuals within the City of Brown City, Michigan that are qualified patients or acting as primary caregivers pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. If introduced schedule the Public Hearing for August 9th at 7:15 PM.

Discussion regarding proposed Section 95.70 as well as the alternate Section 152.128. City Attorney has briefly reviewed and advises that a more in depth review take place

but this would not interfere with a Public Hearing being scheduled if Council so chooses. Various options and potential amendments were discussed.

Ordinance Section 152.128 introduced by CM Walters.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM McIvor, to schedule a Public Hearing for August 9, 2010 at 7:15 pm to discuss Section 152.128: An Ordinance to regulate those individuals within the City of Brown City, Michigan that are qualified patients or acting as primary caregivers pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT :

1. **Sewage Lift Stations:** The cover for the Belview Drive lift station has been ordered and should be here soon. Replacement of a check and a gate valve at the Maple Valley Road lift station is complete. Both pumps are now fully operational.
2. **Well #4 Overhaul:** Layne-Christian completed the overhaul of Well #4. The motor, pump and shaft have been reinstalled. Currently, the DPW is doing a series of water purity tests required by MDEQ. Pending successful water tests, anticipate that the well will be fully operational and on-line by July 27th.
3. **Well #4 Media Replacement:** The arsenic absorption replacement media has been ordered and should be installed within the next few weeks. However, prior to the installation of the media, the DPW Foreman wants to replace a couple of valves on Well #4. The estimated cost of the valves is about \$4,000 (to include two ready spares). Is there any objection from the City Council concerning valve or media replacement? No council objections.
4. **DPW Employees:** Ronny Trombley passed his exam and has been awarded an L1 license for lagoon operations. Earning this license results in an automatic \$.50 per hour pay raise. He has two additional licenses to earn for drinking water operations.
Also, the City received a signed back-to-work authorization for Henry Owens. He may return to work with no restrictions on Monday, September 20th. He was injured on July 1, 2009.
5. **Storm Drains:** The City Engineer and Manager reviewed the storm water drainage issues on 4th Street July 23rd. Alternatives are still being reviewed along with survey and engineering work. The plan for Lincoln/Welles Streets is to replace the heavily damaged pipe from 7146 Welles Street south to the Winsor Drain, and connect the storm drains at the south end of Welles to the new pipes. The DPW, due to trees and buildings, will dig the trench from 7146 to 7180 Welles Street and the City will contract to have an excavator dig from there south to the Winsor Drain. The estimated cost for 24" pipe for the Lincoln

Street project is \$8,800 and for gravel bedding about the same . If there is no objection from the City Council, I plan to request estimates from excavator operators for trenching the southern end of the drain. The City is still waiting on final plans, estimates, and easements. No council objections to seeking estimates for this trenching.

6. **Blight and Tall Grass:** The City Police Department has begun issuing civil infraction tickets (\$50 first offense) for blight and tall grass. The tall grass on the east side of Welles Street has finally been addressed and letters for clean-up of blight have been sent to two homeowners. The City will continue sending letters and issuing tickets for failure to comply with City Ordinances.
7. **Street Repairs:** Astec Asphalt of Brown City completed patching Main, St. Marys and James Streets on July 16th. They also repaired the tennis court in the Park.
8. **Mayor Exchange:** This annual event is rescheduled for August 11th in Capac and August 18th for Brown City. Both dates are on a Wednesday. A schedule of Capac events will be provided when available.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM Jacobson questions responsibility of holes that need to be filled in driveway going to the bank. City Manager stated that the City is responsible for this area and it will be addressed.

CM Lee asked that businesses that use sandwich signs on corners be reminded to keep these out of line of sites for vehicles on corners.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Lee, to appoint the following election inspectors to work the August 3, 2010 Primary Election: Nicole Sanchez, Chairperson; Bud Render; Eleanor Hillman; Myrtle Kohn; Ruth Render; Sarah Steigerwald; Renee Nason; Romette Hicks; Kathleen Lautzenhiser; and Stella Pepper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

County Commissioner Daws reported that an informational meeting will be held at the court house tomorrow concerning wind power.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM Miller, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk