

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 10, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mayor Christine Lee at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lee.

PRESENT: Mayor Christine Lee, Councilmembers: Bill Walters, Julie Miller, Ross McIvor, Pat Jacobson, Eugene Navock, and Dan Loutzenhiser. City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Gregory Stremers and City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ABSENT: None.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Loutzenhiser, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$21,785.96 (4876-4904), Payroll - \$13,624.99 (5190-5210), Major Streets - \$135.90 (3738-3739), Local Streets - \$90.90 (4166), Sanitary Sewer - \$402.28 (3171-3173), Water - \$414.48 (1989-1993), Arsenic Abatement - \$39.00 (1172), Equipment - \$160.89 (1305-1307). Motion carried.

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Walters, to pay interest on the USDA Renaissance Zone loan in the amount of \$570.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

POLICE REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

1. **Dan Kraft – 6898 James Street:** Request for Class W (Automotive Wholesaler) Permit – to engage in the business of buying and selling used vehicles from and to licensed vehicle dealers.

City Manager discussed a Class W license. Mr. Kraft was also present for questions or concerns. Council discussion concerning numbers, if any, of vehicles that may be on location. Mr. Kraft indicated that there would be no vehicles on his property pertaining to his business.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to accept the request for Class W (Automotive Wholesaler) Permit for 6898 James Street, to engage in the business of buying and selling used vehicles from and to licensed vehicle dealers, contingent upon total compliance with all existing ordinances. ROLL CALL VOTE: Walters-yes, Miller-yes, Mclvor-yes, Jacobson-abstain, Navock-yes, Loutzenhiser-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None Scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None Scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS: None Scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **Cade Road:** The project is underway and should be completed by October 14th. Some permit issues with Lapeer County are being resolved. Notices were sent to North Cade Road residents; construction was coordinated with the school; and WMIC announced the road closure.
2. **MML Conference:** Mayor Lee, Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and the City Manager attended the annual Michigan Municipal League Conference in Grand Rapids, Oct 4-7. Much training and discussion concerning the replacement for revenue sharing (EVIP); repeal of the personal property tax (PPT); medical marihuana; and several other areas of importance or interest to the City of Brown City. Overall, the conference was well worth the investment.
3. **Michigan Health Care Law:** The City Council voted to opt-out of the Publically Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (Public Act 152 of 2011) for 2012. The MML recommended that cities opt-out until "the dust has settled." The opt-out does NOT reduce EVIP payments under PA 152.
4. **Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement:** The City received the signed copy of the agreement reached with Marlette to share resources as required by the State of Michigan. Marlette requested another copy signed by the Mayor, Clerk and City Manager. The agreement is identical (except for the order of the cities) to the one approved by the City Council on September 26th.
5. **Water Tower Service Agreement:** The City received the contract for the annual inspection and maintenance of the cathode anti-corrosion system installed in the water tower. Recommend the City Council approve this \$705.00 cost (\$35 more than last year) and authorize the Mayor to sign the renewal contract. **REQUIRES MOTION.**

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM Loutzenhiser, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the annual inspection and maintenance of the cathode anti-corrosion system installed in the

water tower at a cost of \$705.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Loutzenhiser-yes, Navock-yes, Jacobson-yes, McIvor-yes, Miller-yes, Walters-yes. Motion carried.

6. **Channel 6:** The City has yet to receive an update from COMCAST. An update was again requested via voice mail.
7. **Hydrant Flushing:** The DPW will flush fire hydrants October 10th through the 14th. Hydrant flushing will usually take place during the day. Residents may notice some discoloration in the water during this process and are advised not to wash white or light colored cloths during this period. Notices were published in *The Banner*.
8. **Columbus Day:** The City offices, DPW and Police will be open on October 10th.
9. **Park Board Meeting:** A reminder that the Park Board will be meeting on October 13th and the engineer selected to create the plans pertaining to the grant that was awarded will be present to hear comments and recommendations concerning planned improvements to the pond and surrounding area.
10. **DTE reimbursement:** DTE sent a letter to the City stating that they would not be responsible for the \$13,000 in damages caused to the Maple Valley Lift Station. The City Manager will work with the City Attorney to determine the appropriate course of action.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Lee gave a brief report pertaining to the Mayor's, Mayor Pro Tem Miller,s, and the City Manager's attendance at the MML Conference. She also congratulated Attorney Stremers regarding his receipt of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award at this conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police – none.
2. Water & Sewer – none.
3. Tax & Finance – none. Soybean Festival – meeting 10-11-11 @ 6:30 pm.
4. Streets & Sidewalks – none.
5. Buildings & Grounds – none.
6. Personnel – none.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM Loutzenhiser asked if a fall clean up was scheduled. City Manager reported that a spring clean up is all that has been offered the past 2 years.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

County Commissioner Daws gave brief update regarding County business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM McIvor, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk