

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 21, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CHRISTINE LEE AT 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR CHRISTINE LEE.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Three additional items to Manager's Report.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Ross McIvor.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by Navock ,to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$40,339.25 (5230-5236), Payroll - \$13,505.93 (5506-5519), Major Streets - \$4,170.50 (3760-3761), Sanitary sewer - \$6,150.60 (3223-3226), Water - \$8,859.87 (2075-2078), Equipment - \$662.53 (1341). Motion carried.

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Walters, to pay Thumb Cellular \$62.22. Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

DPW REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None Scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None Scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS: None Scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **HVAC Replacement:** The furnaces and air conditioners for City Hall and the library are original equipment and are now almost 30 years old (the building was opened in 1982), which is 10 years past their expected life expectancy. The City received a bid from Martus Heating and Cooling of Brown City in the amount of \$14,000; and three bids from Kapala Heating and Air Conditioning of Lapeer in the amount of \$11,232 for a single stage system, \$15,486 for a dual-stage high efficiency, and \$19,297 for next model up dual-stage high efficiency plus humidity control. How does the City Council wish to proceed?

Council consensus that an official RFP be released requesting detailed and specific information for review and comparisons.

2. **AirAdvantage:** As expected, AirAdvantage has finalized their purchase of Great Lakes Internet. A letter was sent to each of Great Lakes' former customers (including the City) announcing the sale and stating that customers can expect invoices from Air Advantage in the future (lavender). There should be no effect on the City's current contract; however, the status of continued (free) hosting for the City's webpage is unknown but will be resolved as AirAdvantage continues the transition.
3. **Personal Property Tax:** A copy of the formal Resolution and cover letter concerning the proposed elimination of the Michigan Personal Property Tax is enclosed (white). These have been transmitted to each of the Senators (4) and Representatives (9) with districts that include the 14 counties that the Eastern Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG) represents.
4. **Memorial Day:** The City Hall and DPW will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Please note that the Veterans will be holding a parade on Main Street – from Maple Valley Plastics to the Main Street Memorial at 10:00 AM. This will be followed by a service in Evergreen Park. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend.
5. **Maple Valley Road:** The Sanilac County Road Engineer has provided estimated costs for the City's portion of repaving Maple Valley Road from M90 to the City Limits. The information provided is confusing and I will be requesting clarification on dollar amounts for council's review.

Motion by CM Loutzenhiser, second by CM Navock, to authorize the Mayor to sign MDOT Form 0260 pertaining to Maple Valley Road Paving. Motion carried.

6. **Ballistic Vests Policy:** The Dept. of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Program, in which the City previously participated, provides cost sharing for the purchase of these vests. A new requirement is that participants have in place a mandatory wear policy prior to applying for the FY 2012 program. The proposed policy has been provided for your review (white).

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to adopt the Brown City Police Department Policy and Procedures for Body Armor (Appendix R) as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Walters=yes, Miller=yes, Jacobson=yes, Navock=yes, Loutzenhiser=yes. Motion carried.

7. **Nu-System Inc.:** A representative from Nu-System Inc. visited me today regarding their Lagoon Treatment Programs and provided estimated costs for sludge removal from our systems at \$25k per year. They are requesting to provide a presentation of this process to the City Council if there is an interest.

Council discussion and consensus no presentation will be entertained at this time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Lee attended the Sanilac County Tourism Meeting and reported a large turnout being present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police – none.
2. Water & Sewer – none.
3. Tax & Finance – none.
4. Thumb Soybean Festival – Festival Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
5. Buildings & Grounds – none.
6. Personnel – none.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. CM Jacobson as a member of the Thumb Soybean Festival requests that Corn Drive be closed to hold the “burnout” during Soybean Festival.

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Walters, to close Corn Drive during the Thumb Soybean Festival to accommodate the annual “burnout”. Motion carried.

2. City Manager will confirm lawn mowing notices are complete as well as the removal of tires from Colonial Car Care.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk