



CITY OF BROWN CITY

A Progressive Industrial and Agricultural Community

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Mayor
Christine Lee

CITY OF BROWN CITY Resolution Number: 16-04

Councilmembers:
Patricia Jacobson
Dan Loutzenhiser
Ross McIvor
Julie Miller
Alecia Parks
William Walters

A RESOLUTION TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EXPRESSING THE BROWN CITY COUNCIL’S CONCERN WITH THE INSTALLATION OF DTE ENERGY SMART METERS AND A REQUEST TO EXPLORE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EFFECTS.

City Clerk:
Juanita M. Smith

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has begun the installation of new meters to customers in Michigan Thumb-area communities, replacing existing meters with so-called "Smart meters," that is, electric meters which will broadcast information to the utility company using radio frequencies; and,

City Treasurer:
Carol Walters

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has indicated that it will, at some point, begin installation of Smart meters in the City of Brown City; and,

City Manager:
Clint Holmes

WHEREAS, Smart meters provide a benefit to utilities by allowing remote meter reading by, among other things, eliminating the need for someone to go onto each utility customer's property to read a meter and possibly offering residents lower electric rates at non-peak times; and,

Police Chief:
Ron Smith

WHEREAS, a significant number of people, including residents of the City of Brown City, have expressed their concerns to this Council about potential health effects of the Smart meters, as well as other concerns regarding their universal deployment in the City; and,

DPW Foreman:
Phil Bartle

WHEREAS, although the City Council is informed that it is without jurisdiction to directly regulate Smart meters, exclusive jurisdiction over them residing with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC"), the City Council believes it is appropriate to assist its citizens in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting careful review thereof by the MPSC.

Administrative
Assistant:
David Van Cura

City Assessor:
Sanilac Assessors

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWN CITY that:

1. The Michigan Public Service Commission is hereby requested to perform a careful analysis of the potential health and safety effects which may result from the universal installation of Smart meters for electric and gas utilities.
2. The MPSC is further requested to consider delaying the deployment of Smart meters pending a conclusion by the MPSC, following careful study and review that such meters are safe and will have neither short-term nor long-term negative consequences to the health of the citizens of the City of Brown city and the State of Michigan generally.

3. The MPSC is asked to carefully examine other concerns regarding the deployment of Smart meters as may be submitted to them by residents of the City of Brown City and the State of Michigan, so as to insure that all aspects of the issues are considered before final determination is made, with respect to such deployment.
4. The MPSC is further asked to consider requiring public utilities to allow customers with appropriate medical documentation of their individualized risks to opt out of Smart meter installation at their homes.
5. The Michigan Public Service Commission is hereby requested to perform a careful analysis of the potential privacy issues regarding available and future "Smart meter" technology.
6. All resolutions inconsistent with the foregoing resolution be and the same hereby are repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

The foregoing Resolution was offered on May 9, 2016, by Councilmember William Walters and seconded by Councilmember Dan Loutzenhiser. There followed a Roll Call Vote with four (4) Councilmembers present:

CM Jacobson-absent, CM Loutzenhiser-yes, CM McIvor-yes, CM Miller-yes, CM Parks-absent, CM Walters-yes.

Yeas: 4 Abstaining: 0

Nays: 0 Absent: 2

A QUORUM BEING PRESENT – MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

I, Juanita M. Smith, City Clerk of the City of Brown City, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the government of the City of Brown City, County of Sanilac, State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on May 9, 2016, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Juanita M. Smith
City Clerk
City of Brown City
Sanilac County, Michigan