

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
February 6, 2006**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Laura Carpenter, Councilmembers: Leon Blatt, , Christine Lee, Ross McIvor, Mike Lents, Julie Miller, Ron Wood; City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

**ABSENT:** None.

Consensus the City Council is to limit tonight's work session to two (2) hours.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** None.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES:** None Scheduled.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None Scheduled.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

I. Codification of City Ordinances:

Discussion regarding whether to capitalize the words Mayor, City Council and City. Preference of the City Council is to capitalize these specific words systematically throughout the document.

Review of observations, suggested typos and/or rewording for clarification recommended by American Legal Publishing Corporation and the City Manager pertaining to Brown City Charter. City Charter is not up for amendment until 2008.

Consensus that City Manager will investigate all references to *Public Acts*, review and determine which *MCLA* references coincide. The City Charter requires that the City Attorney review findings after completion. Councilman Lents stated his concern for removing any references to Public Acts, but does agree that *MCLA* references need to be added where necessary. His preference would be to add *MCLA* references along with Public Acts.

Consensus to move through ordinances page by page.

Review and discussion regarding proposed changes from American Legal Publishing Corporation. # designates specific questions posed by ALPC.

1. Title I: General Provisions:

- #12 – yes, #13 – yes, #14 – yes, #15 - yes
- #16 – yes Discussion regarding Appearance Tickets.
- #17 – yes
- #18 – yes Discussion regarding penalty amounts.

2. Title III: Administration

- #19 A) yes
- B) yes
- C) yes Suggest changing to he/she.

Discussion regarding Compensation Committee and necessity of this committee. Consensus to delete § 31.001.

Consensus to delete § 31.070 pertaining to Historical Society.

§ 31.085: Discussion changing number of Housing Commission Members to three (3) instead of five (5). Specified that these members consist of one member from each of the following: City Council, Planning Commission, DDA. Term lengths shall be congruent with their respective current terms.

§ 31.100 DDA – Further research needs to be done here.

#20 – yes

§ 31.104 Add “see appendices” Act 197, needs a reference to a particular year and possibly a MCLA reference as well.

#21 – yes

#22 - yes

#23 – City Manager to make this verification.

#24 – yes

§ 32.17 - Reconcile to reflect Charter.

#25 A) Review by City Attorney needed.

#26 - yes

The next City Council Work Session is scheduled for February 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

On motion, work Session ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel  
City Clerk