

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 26, 2010

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Carpenter.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Christine Lee.

APPOINTMENT, VOTE AND SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER.

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM McIvor, to appoint Dan Loutzenhiser to fill the open council seat occupied by Ken Brown until the completion of that term in November 2010. Motion carried.

Dan Loutzenhiser sworn in as city council member for the City of Brown City by City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM McIvor, to accept the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM McIvor, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$3,631.12 (4104-4110), Payroll - \$11,985.09 (4528-4541), Major Street - \$404.59 (3684). Sanitary Sewer - \$735.44 (3020-3021), Water Fund - \$928.54 (1786), Arsenic Abatement - \$39.00 (1118). Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Bob Armstrong – WMIC.

Bob Armstrong presented information pertaining to the annual Fairs and Festival Guide distributed throughout the thumb area each year. He reviewed information to be included in this year's addition for a price of \$845.00.

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM McIvor, for the City of Brown City to again participate in the annual Fairs and Festival Guide with WMIC for a price of \$845.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

DPW REPORT:

Written report reviewed. CM Walters questioned when the remainder of brush would be picked up. Phil Bartle is expected back this week and a 2nd community service helper will begin soon, the 30th of the month is the next scheduled pick up day and all brush should be removed at that time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled.

CM Miller arrived at 7:05 p.m.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 7180 Lincoln Street – Request to erect fence. City Manager reviewed proposed erection of a 6' wooden fence on this property.

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM McIvor, to accept the pre-application building permit for 7180 Lincoln Street to erect a 6' wooden fence. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution 10-05:** Appointment of Member Representative.

Council discussion that CM Lee as well as CM Walters both expressed an interest in this appointment. CM Walters is willing to step down from this appointment if CM Lee is still interested. Council consensus to table this issue until the end of the meeting to await CM Lee's arrival.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None Scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT :

1. **Junk Vehicles / Blight:** The City began sending out letters to residents concerning junk cars, blight, and sundry other Ordinance violations. A letter went to the bank owning 4437 Vine Street. The deadline for response was April 21st. A second letter and initial Civil Infraction Violation ticket was mailed April 23rd. Anticipate a court order will be required to demolish the car port and clean the rubbish and junk from the back yard.
2. **Economic Development Training:** The Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation sponsored the first in a three series class on April 21st in Lapeer. This class concerned the status of Michigan's current and projected economy. Not much good news. The next class is scheduled for May 6th. This second class in the series will highlight the steps being taken to transition the Michigan economy. If any members of the City Council are interested in attending, space is available. A copy of the primary handout is enclosed (lavender).

3. **Verizon:** The phone company recently returned my telephone call from last year. They (tentatively) agreed to put together an estimate for upgrading the telephone service in City Hall.
4. **Master Floor Coverings Building:** A meeting of the DDA is scheduled for April 27th at 7:00 PM concerning repair costs for the building.
5. **Sanilac Business Summit '10:** The Sanilac Economic Alliance is hosting this annual conference at 6 PM Thursday, April 29th in Sandusky (green). The Keynote speakers are Allen Hooper, Small-town and Rural Development Chairman; and Amanda Avila, Diversification Specialist, Prima Civitas Foundation. Are any members of the City Council interested in attending?
6. **Medical Marijuana:** The City Attorney and I have begun the process of reviewing the ordinances of various other communities. They fall into three categories: a) Each individual request must be reviewed by the Planning Commission and followed by City Council review and action; b) Regulations limiting the location of growing and dispensing operations to specific zoning districts; and c) Extensive licensing, background checks and regulation of the size and location of operations. How does the City Council wish to proceed?

City Manager discussed various options of ordinances that have been reviewed from very restricted to very lenient ones. Council discussion regarding the possible issues that may arise from this situation. Council consensus that at this time they feel that restricting distribution to the central business area would be advisable as well as any other pertinent clauses that may pertain to the City.

7. **Region 5 MML Conference:** The Region 5 MML Conference will be held in Marlette and I plan on attending. Any council members interested in attending please contact the city manager as soon as possible.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Presentation to BC Basketball Lady Green Devil Kristen Greene will be tabled at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police (Miller) – none.
2. Water and Sewer (Walters) – none.
3. Tax and Finance (Lee) – none.
4. Streets and Sidewalks (Jacobson) – none.
5. Building and Grounds (Loutzenhiser) – none.
6. Personnel (Mclvor) – none.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

On behalf of the Festival Committee, CM Jacobson requested the normal \$2,500.00 donated by the City for the annual firework display during Brown City Days.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Mclvor, to pay \$2,500.00 to the Brown City Festival Committee as a donation for the annual fireworks display during Brown City Days. Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 10-05: Appointment of Member Representative.

Discussion that due to CM Lee's absence, CM Walters be appointed as Member Representative.

Motion by CM Mclvor, second by CM Loutzenhiser, to appoint Bill Walters as Member Representative. ROLL CALL VOTE: Walters-abstain, Miller-yes, Mclvor-yes, Jacobson-yes, Loutzenhiser-yes, Lee-absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Mclvor, second by CM Loutzenhiser, to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk