

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY 21, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Carpenter.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura Carpenter.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter; Councilmembers – JoAnn Potts, Frank Lukacs, Charles Zuhlke, Jason Nielsen, Julie Miller, and Pat Jacobson; City Clerk Christine Lee, Interim City Manager Ken Brown, City Attorney John Lengemann.

ABSENT: None.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Zuhlke, to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2003 as corrected. Motion Carried.

Corrections:

1. Under Public Questions and Comments on page 2 of 6, item #2 - add a d to introduce – should read David Kredell introduced himself.
2. Under DPW Supervisor's Report on page 3 of 6, that the street sweeper was damage and it will cost \$800.00 to fix it.
3. Under City Manager's Report on page 4 of 6, item # 6 -Add at the end – Decided to decline on the maintenance contract.
4. Under City Manager's Report on page 5 of 6 after item #9 change the word goof to good
5. Under City Manager's Report after item #9, part A on page 5 of 6, change the word form to from.

PAY BILLS:

Move by CM Jacobson, second by CM Miller, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General -\$ 7,557.40, Payroll - \$12,017.37, Sanitary Sewer - \$901.71, Major St. - \$265.65, Local St. - \$265.65, Investment - \$20,244.30. Motion Carried.

Move by CM Jacobson, second by CM Miller, to pay the bill from L & L Energy Saving Service for \$300.00 to fix the air conditioner on the roof. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Ordinance Chapter 5 Work Session Scheduling: Pending.
2. Rezoning Request – Keith Muxlow: Pending.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

1. Larry Steigerwald is still not happy with his cable service, but he is happy with the way that Interim City Manager Ken Brown working on this. Marshall Kurschner from Comcast was at the meeting but he couldn't answer Mr. Steigerwald's questions. Mr. Kurschner will have his boss attend the next Council Meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

1. Frank Gerstenecker – City Manager Search – after Mayor's Report.
2. Dale Benish – Sanilac County Economic Development Corporation. The Council was asked to think of ways it can help encourage a plastic company to build in the area. Interim City Manager Ken Brown said that the Council is considering offering such perks as extended tax abatement and expanding water and sewer lines. Mr. Benish planned to meet with company officials again to get an idea what their timetable will be. Early indication call for a building to be up and running with 180 employees by mid 2004, with an additional 50 jobs later.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Preapplication Building Permits –

1. John & Lynn Surprenant, 7180 Lincoln Street – Replace porches, replace existing 24'x30' garage. Tabled until next Council Meeting, not enough information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police (Miller)- Ron Smith reported that the City would be losing two Police officers, Nick Vanderburg and Greg Barker. Interim City Manager Ken Brown explained to the Council how they could purchase a new police car under the state's purchasing plan and by selling the old police car and putting the money back into the General Fund.

Move by CM Lukacs, second by CM Miller, to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria police car for \$20,058.00, with decals and lights; and transfer money from the Equipment Fund and borrow \$2,822.00 from the General Fund.
Motion Carried.

2. Tax and Finance (Jacobson)-
Move by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson to pay \$1,500.00 towards the fireworks on June 7th. Motion Carried
3. Personnel (Zuhlke)- None
4. Water and Sewer (Nielsen)- Interim City Manager Ken Brown turn over the copies from the three different systems to remove arsenic from the water for CM Nielsen to study and review. Committee Meeting for Chapter 5 will be next Thursday, May 29, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.
5. Streets and Sidewalks (Lukacs) - CM Lukacs want to know if the DPW did the measurements for the sidewalks yet. Interim City Manager Ken Brown stated that the measurements for the sidewalks haven't been done at this time. Also CM Lukacs want to know about what the City is going to do about the building West of the old fire hall, he expressed that the City has sent notice after notice and nothing has been done. Interim City Manager Ken Brown will check into this matter. CM Lukacs wanted to know when the building on the corner of Lincoln and Main that has the graffiti on it when it will be painted. Interim City Manager Ken Brown said that they have bids for painting the graffiti, but are waiting for warm weather.
6. Building and Grounds (Potts) – None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

City Treasurer Carol Walter asked the Council to add an Amendment to the motion passed last Month, on the 1% interest added to the late Summer Taxes. Add the words "in perpetuity" which would cover this till the council would want to take it off again. Other wise City Treasurer Walters would have to come to the Council every year for a motion to put it on. Also City Treasurer send out the late notices on the 2002 Winter Personal Property Taxes. She informed the Council that mobile homes that put porches and sheds will be taxed in the future as Personal Property Taxes.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Lukacs, to add the words "in perpetuity" so the motion will read – to impose a 1% interest per month on late Summer Taxes paid between September 15th – February 14th in perpetuity. Motion Carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Flowers, for main street, council should decided what kind of flowers we would like to put in barrels, red white, and blue. CM Lukacs will purchase

flowers to be planted in the barrels along Main Street, and the City will reimburse CM Lukacs.

2. Entrance to city hall, and the door for the Burger Building, there are bids for the door on the Burger Building and dormer on City Hall. There was only one bid for the dormer and the Council instructed Interim City Manager Ken Brown to get more bids. Burger Building receive two bids; one from Yale Glass to install the door and taking out the glass and replacing it with safety glass for \$3622.50 and for the concrete work for the ramp Tom's Ultimate Concrete for \$1,200.00 and Tony Lung for \$1,000.00. Would like to have the Burger Building done for Brown City Day's.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Nielsen, to have Yale Glass do the glasswork for \$3,622.50 and have Tony Lung do the concrete work for \$1,000.00 if he has workman's Comp. And if he doesn't than have Tom's Ultimate Concrete do the work for \$1,200.00. Motion Carried

3. Cable TV is covered by Chapter 14, under 14.1500 suffix E. tells about rate changes, 14.1300 talks about signal quality requirements, and suffix d under 14.1400 talks about operation and maintenance. Al Wanamaker was in and said he has the same company in Fla. the he has here in Brown City, he has more channel and cost less. City Attorney John Lengemann suggested that the different City Managers get together and form a Co-op for cable service. After much discussion the Council decided to send questionnaire to the residents asking them to comment on the quality of the City's cable service.
4. Police Car, by using the State vehicle purchase exchange, we can purchase a Ford Crown Victory, or we looked at a Dodge Intrepid, the Ford seems to be the lowest priced of the two.
5. I hope the council has looked at no. 9 on the last Managers report and did some thinking on what we can do for the factory to make feel welcome to the City of Brown City.
6. Mosquito, A product called Mosquito Dunks is the round donut used for dropping in water and controlling the Larva. Wait until the next Council Meeting.
7. Equipment bids were opened and the following bids were placed. The high bids for the following items were: Pick-up \$555.00, Case tractor \$4,388.00, Sweeper \$656.00 and Generator \$805.00.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson, to accept the high bids for all the equipment that was advertised: pick-up, Case tractor, sweeper, and generator, with the money going back to replace the loan on equipment. Motion Carried.

8. The copier in the office needs to be fixed.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson, to fix the copier for \$500.00. Motion Carried.

9. Memo from the Michigan Community Underwriters suggestion the Council recognized the special events/fireworks committee (Brown City Days Committee). As a committee of the City, this committee can be covered under the City insurance policy.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Lukacs, to recognizes the special events/fireworks committee known as the Brown City Days Committee with the following members: Cheryl Faulconer, Susan White, Linda Faulconer, JoAnn Potts, Mary Kathleen Loutzenhiser, Laura Carpenter and Patricia Jacobson. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Would like the Council to purchase 50 ink pens at \$49.00 and the company will give us 50 more pins with some to be used for Mayor Exchange Days, on June 24 and 25. Brown City will go to Port Sanilac on the June 24.

Move by CM Miller, second CM Zuhlke, to purchase 50 ink pens at \$49.00 with company giving us 50 more, to use at Mayor Exchange Days. Motion Carried

City Attorney John Lengemann left the Council Meeting at 8:21 P.M.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

1. Frank Gerstenecker – City Manager Search: Interim City Manager Ken Brown thanked the Council for letting him fill in again until the City has a new City Manager.

Move by CM Lukacs, second by CM Miller, to authorized Frank Gerstenecker to make arrangements to interview candidates #1, #9, and #12 with # 7 as a backup. Motion Carried.

Mr. Gerstenecker will set up the interviews in the Library for Sunday June 8th at 2:00 P.M. with Wednesday June 4th at 6:30 P.M. as the alternate date.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson to continue the meeting past 9:00 P.M. Motion Carried.

Mr. Gerstenecker went over the ground rules for interviewing the Manager Candidates. Mr. Gerstenecker wants the Council to study and make there own questions for the interview. Also what to tell the candidates about cost or reimbursements for coming to the interview. That Public input not during the interview but after you finish your interview before you deliberate will be the time for Public input. The Council will split ½ of the millage for the drive if the candidates ask for any reimbursements.

Move by CM Potts, second by CM Jacobson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Lee
City Clerk