

# **BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

## **AUGUST 13, 2012**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Christine Lee at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Christine Lee.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christine Lee, Councilmembers: Bill Walters, Julie Miller, Ross McIvor, Pat Jacobson, and Eugene Navock. City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Gregory Stremers and City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Dan Loutzenhiser.

### **ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

City Manager has one addition to the Manager's Report.

### **CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

### **PAY BILLS:**

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Walters, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$22,952.00 (5334-5375), Payroll - \$25,136.57 (5594-5625), Major Streets - \$135.00 (3770-3771), Sanitary Sewer- \$1,830.00 (3248-3250), Water - \$536.53 (2111-2116), Equipment - \$1,070.59 (1353-1354). Motion carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** None.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES:** None Scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None Scheduled.

### **PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

**1.6910 Cade Road – Faith Baptist Church:** Requests permits for a 60' X 70' addition on the west side of the church. Planning Commission recommends approval.

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM Navock, to accept the pre-application building permit for 6910 Cade Road, Faith Baptist Church for a 60' x 70' addition on the west side of the church. ROLL CALL VOTE: Walters-yes, Miller-yes, McIvor-yes, Jacobson-yes, Navock-yes, Loutzenhiser-absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:** None Scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None Scheduled.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None Scheduled.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. **Porch Columns:** An area resident owns the porch supports that were located on the front of the hardware store that used to be located where the Tri-County Bank Main Office is on Main Street. These columns are made of solid cast iron, are twelve feet three inches tall, about five inches square, and were cast by the McKnight & Sons Foundry in the City of Brown City in about 1910. They weigh about 500 pounds each. She is willing to donate them to the City. Consultation with George Emmie of Emmie Die & Engineering revealed that they could be shortened. One option is to replace the porch supports on the front of City Hall with these metal pillars. Costs would be the modification of the columns and installation. There may be other locations to display these pieces of Brown City history. How does the City Council wish to proceed?

Council consensus that City Manager accepts the free porch column and investigates costs associated with installing under City Hall porch.

2. **Maple Valley Road:** The City met with the MDOT and county road commission engineers on August 2<sup>nd</sup> concerning the Maple Valley Road Project. The various concerns and issues raised by MDOT were satisfactorily addressed by the county (to include mail box locations). Unfortunately, the consensus was that the project would probably not be bid in time for completion this year. Anticipate the project to take place in the spring. The City provided MDOT and the county with the dates for the 2013 Thumb Soybean Festival to avoid conflicts.
3. **South Cade Road:** The county storm water drain the runs under the road between Vine Street and Parkside Drive was inspected and needs replacement. Approval from the Sanilac County Drain Commissioner has finally been received along with permission to upgrade the pipe from 36" to 48". Cost of a 48" X 720" pipe is about \$3,600 plus installation. Recommend replacing this pipe soon so that the overburden has time to settle before resurfacing Cade Road. How does the City Council wish to proceed?

Vine Street resident Judy Murray voiced concerns regarding a 48" pipe allowing waters to flow too quickly, especially when a 36" is currently managing any waters. She asks if any engineering studies have been performed, none have. She is requesting that the City Engineer look into this project as well as appropriate drain sizes before moving forward. Council consensus that this would be performed and with the results reported at a later date. This issue will be tabled until the 8-27-12 Regular Meeting.

4. **Walter Street:** The contractor has installed and pressure tested the bulk of the new water main on Walter Street. Plans are to connect the north end of the main to the City's water system on August 13<sup>th</sup>. About 50 residences will lose water during the time this connection be being made. Notices were delivered by the DPW to each house affected on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Residents were also advised to boil drinking water until notified. The south end connection is not yet scheduled but will probably take place around August 15<sup>th</sup>. Water users on Main Street from James Street east to 4063 Main Street will be similarly affected.
5. **Cell Tower:** The City was notified by Sprint that they plan to swap out obsolete radio cabinets, antennas and associated hardware and equipment at the site. This will include the replacement of cabling and mounting apparatus and the temporary redundancy of equipment within the leased area necessary for the testing of new equipment for up to twelve months. No tower heights, antenna heights or ground space will be altered. Zoning approval is not required for the proposed modifications. Sanilac County is determining if other permits are required.
6. **City Hall Security Alarm:** ADT Security Services provided a proposal to install motion sensors and an alarm system for City Hall. Cost is \$1,044 plus \$39.99 a month. With discounts, that price is \$199 and \$35.99 respectively. Does the City Council wish to take action on this proposal? Council consensus that there is no interest at this time in installing an alarm system for City Hall.
7. **Annexed Land:** The City sent a letter to Construction Code Authority in Lapeer notifying them of the addresses located within the City Limits (lavender) and noting that the City is responsible for zoning authority. A copy was provided to Burnside Township. There has been no response to date.
8. **City Website:** The Brown City website ([www.ci.brown-city.mi.us](http://www.ci.brown-city.mi.us)) shifted to Air Advantage when they bought Great Lakes Internet. Air Advantage has agreed to continue to host and install updates as required by the City. Fortunately, the same technician who was responsible for this at Great Lakes is now working for Air Advantage so is familiar with the City Website. Also, a letter was sent to Air Advantage reminding them of their obligations under the contract for keeping their antennas located on the City's water tower. Of note, the City received a request for a lapel pin or pen from an individual in Belgium, so our website has had recent international visitors.
9. **City Water Sales:** When rain was sparse, I had asked the Fire Chief to withhold from filling swimming pools for a period of time, which he did. He has now asked if the Fire Department may reinstate filling swimming pools. Is there any concern for this to restart and does the City want any changes in fees? Water tables are at appropriate levels. Council consensus that pools can be filled again and no change in fees at this time.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Lee attended the Michigan Association of Mayors Annual Conference and was pleased with the agenda, information provided and networking opportunities.

Mayor Lee read a thank you card received from the family of Laura Carpenter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Police-none.
2. Water & Sewer - none.
3. Tax & Finance - none.
4. Streets & Sidewalks – none.
5. Buildings & Grounds – none.
6. Personnel - none.

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:** None.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel  
City Clerk