

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 7, 2009

OATH OF OFFICE (6:55 PM):

1. Councilmembers Patricia Jacobson, Julie Miller, and William Walters.
2. Library Boardmember Carla Legere.

City Clerk Kelly Pavel administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers: William Walters, Patricia Jacobson and Julie Miller.
Library Boardmember Carla Legere was not present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Carpenter.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter, Council members: Ken Brown, Pat Jacobson, Christine Lee, Ross McIvor, Julie Miller, and William Walters. City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Douglas Touma and City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ABSENT: None.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Brown, second by CM McIvor, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Brown, to pay the bills in the following funds:
General - \$9,840.17 (3903-3929), Payroll - \$10,545.80 (4349-4362), Major Street - \$6,131.81 (3677-3678), Local Street - \$131.82 (4124), Sanitary Sewer - \$6,878.00 (2985-2988), Water - \$4,255.18 (1733-1738), Arsenic Abatement - \$150.00 (1107), Equipment - \$80.49 (1220-1221). Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

POLICE REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Review of potential amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 92: Animals.

City Manager reviewed proposed possible amendments, which included clarification and expansions of categories, to City Ordinance Chapter 92: Animals. City Council consensus to leave Ordinance 92 as is. Proposed amendment dropped due to lack of introduction.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS: None scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **Emergency Generator:** The new generator has been removed from the pallet and bolted to the concrete platform. SEMCO is scheduled to replace the meter on Wednesday. Today, the City received an estimate from the local electrician for installation. Council consensus that City Manager seek further bids.
2. **Old Police Car:** The City received a check for \$1,200 from Cruisers, inc. for the 2004 police car. The signed title was forwarded to them along with a thank you letter for the excellent work done on the new car.
3. **Thelman Avenue Lift Station:** The pump was replaced on the Thelman / Main sewage lift station on November 25th and is now fully operational.
4. **DPW Employee:** The City's part-time DPW employee continues on disability and will do so until at least the beginning of the year. The DPW Foreman is found a temporary employee to assist with snowplowing on an as needed/on-call basis.
5. **Energy Efficiency Study:** The City received the detailed Energy Efficiency Study from Huron Consultants. Plan to submit a grant request to the US Department of Energy within the next few days.
6. **Foreclosed Lot:** The City received a letter from the Sanilac County Treasurer stating that the landlocked parcel located on the southwest end of Welles Street (former Wannamaker property) has been up for auction twice with no bids. Pursuant to the terms of MCL 211.78m(6), the property shall be transferred to the clerk of the City of Brown City; however, the City may object, in writing, to the transfer of the property. The lot is approximately 92 X 182 feet with a 2008 SEV of \$6,000. An adjacent property owner has tentatively offered \$500 for the property. How does the City Council wish to proceed?

CM Walters suggested that all adjacent property owners be offered the opportunity to purchase this property. City Council consensus that this property be sold to the highest bidder. If there are no interested parties than the City will object the transfer of this property back to the City. City Manager will request an extension from the County to allow time to contact adjacent property owners.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. 2009-2010 City Council Committee assignments
2. Commission and Board reappointments

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Brown, to accept the City Council Committee Assignments for 2009-2010. Motion carried.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Brown, to reappoint the Commission and Board members as presented by Mayor Carpenter. Motion carried.

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 (Brown) – None.
6. Personnel (Mclvor) – None.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM Lee suggested that the missing sign on North Maple Valley Road that warns motorists of a speed zone ahead replaced. City Manager will pursue.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM Miller, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk