

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR LAURA CARPENTER AT 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Carpenter.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter, Council members: Pat Jacobson, Julie Miller, Ross McIvor, Mike Lents, Christine Lee, Ken Brown. City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Gregory Stremers, City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ABSENT: None.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Brown, second by CM Jacobson, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Brown, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$13,541.89, Payroll - \$13,394.98, Sanitary Sewer - \$32.45, Water Fund - \$22,339.44, Equipment - \$235.73. Motion carried.

CM Lents arrived at 7:02 p.m.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Mr. Al Teryak, Parkside Drive.

Mr. Teryak questioned Council's decision to no longer removal snow from Parkside Drive. Discussion regarding public monies being designated for work on private property. Discussion regarding adjustments to be made to the snow removal ordinance in order to better assist residents on Parkside Drive. CM Lents suggests that City Engineer is tasked to bore Parkside Drive and provide an estimate of the cost to bring this street to code and allow the City to accept it for maintenance purposes.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

POLICE REPORT: Written report reviewed. No questions or comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 09-01: A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BOARD OF REVIEW TO ACT UPON WRITTEN REQUESTS FROM TAXPAYERS

Motion by CM Brown, second by CM Lee, to adopt Resolution 09-01, *A Resolution Allowing The Board Of Review To Act Upon Written Requests From Taxpayers*. ROLL CALL VOTE: Jacobson-yes, Miller-yes, Mclvor-yes, Lents-yes, Lee-yes, Brown-yes. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **Phase III Sewer Rehabilitation Project:** Michigan Pipe Inspection continues work on grouting the mains for the City's Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The area south of Main Street should be completed, and work should be proceeding north of Main Street (Phase I). The City has not yet received a bill for the grouting portion of the project.
2. **Mapleview Estates Water Meter:** On January 23rd, the City Attorney and I met with representatives from Mapleview Estates. Subsequently, Mr. Nash, attorney for Mapleview Estates, responded with a letter detailing their position (cherry). The City Attorney following my recommendation responded (green). Utility bills were not sent to Mapleview residents on January 1st. Plan is to send a single bill to the owner (following reading the meter) on April 1st. How does the City Council wish to proceed?
3. **Sanilac Economic Alliance SWOT Meeting:** The SEA has contracted with Clear Ideas to conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) meeting as part of the development of a Strategic Plan for SEA. The Brown City Schools has agreed to provide a classroom on Tuesday, February 17th at no charge. Attached is the proposed letter to the participants identified by the City Council (white). Are there any recommended changes to the letter or list of invitees?
4. **MLGMA Winter Conference:** The Michigan Local Government Management Association Winter Conference took place in Ann Arbor February 3-6. Information provided was very helpful. Highlights of some of the classes are enclosed. These include *Navigating the Fiscal Crisis* produced by the International City Managers Association (ICMA), information on the federal stimulus bill, and a legislative update. I want to thank the Mayor and Councilmembers for giving me the opportunity to attend.

5. **City Manager's Old Computer** – An individual is interested in purchasing my old computer from the office for a fee of \$20. No council objections.
6. **City Budget** – Budget time is fast approaching, recommend that regular procedures are followed for reviewing and amending budget.
7. **TARP Package** – Monies may become available through the TARP Package for municipalities for storm sewers. I would like to do some preliminary planning and review in the case that Brown City was a recipient of any monies.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Stremer's stated that a copy of his letter pertaining to Mapleview Estates should be forwarded to the City's insurance carrier.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police (Miller) – none.
2. Water and Sewer (Lents) – 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 states that residents have questioned her regarding the status of the bowling alley property and clean up. CM Mclvor stated that the site will be taken care of as soon as weather permits.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. 2009 City Council Priorities Worksheets – reviewed, no questions or comments.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

County Commissioner Daws updated Council regarding a pending jail reconstruction proposal.

CM Jacobson questioned Mapleview Estates process for paying for garbage pick up since water bill was not sent this quarter per City Manager's report. City Manager stated that residents contract their own garbage removal.

Resident Al Teryak confirmed that the City will no longer be removing any snow from Parkside Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM McIvor, second by CM Miller, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk