

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 22, 2001**

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Kelly Pavel.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Councilmember Jacobson.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kelly Pavel, Councilmembers Laura Carpenter, Frank Lukacs, Mike Stain, Julie Miller, Judy Murray, Pat Jacobson; Deputy City Clerk David R. Van Cura, City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Gerard Garno.

**ABSENT:** City Clerk Christine Lee.

### **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by CM Miller, support by CM Jacobson, to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2001, as submitted. Motion Carried.

### **PAY BILLS:**

Motion by CM Murray, support by CM Miller, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General -\$18,491.03, Payroll - \$11,946.10, Sanitary Sewer - \$12,254.01, Local St. - \$122.13, Investment - \$14,282.49. Motion Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES:**

1. Rand Smith – Mr. Smith was unable to attend this meeting. He requested the opportunity to speak at the next regular meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. #01-13 = Resolution of the City of Brown City to Amend the City's 2001-2002 Budget to Better Reflect Revenues and Expenditures.  
The City Manager reviewed the current 2001-2002 City Budget and highlighted proposed changes. The Tax and Finance Committee at their meeting on October 17th had previously reviewed these changes. Short

discussion concerning additional work required on the Maple Valley Road lift station. Consensus of the Council was to proceed with the repairs.

Motion by CM Murray, support by CM Carpenter, to adopt Resolution #01-13. Roll Call Vote: Jacobson - yes, Murray - yes, Miller - yes, Stain - yes, Lukacs - yes, Carpenter - yes. 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Absent, 0 - Abstain. Motion Carried.

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **Preapplication Building Permits –**

1. Gary Abel, 4094 Third St. – 18’x20’ Shed.  
Motion by CM Carpenter, support by CM Miller, to approve the above listed preapplication building permit as submitted. Motion Carried.
2. Harold Higgins, 4104 Fourth St. – Replace Shingles.  
Motion by CM Carpenter, support by CM Lukacs, to approve the above listed preapplication building permit as submitted. Motion Carried.
3. Joe Murray, 4467 Vine St. – Replace Shingles.  
Motion by CM Carpenter, support by CM Lukacs, to approve the above listed preapplication building permit as submitted. Motion Carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Building and Grounds (Carpenter)- None.
2. Streets and Sidewalks (Lukacs)- None.
3. Police (Miller)- None.
4. Water and Sewer (Stain)- None.
5. Tax and Finance (Murray)- Tax & Finance Committee Meeting Update: The purchase of a new pickup truck was discussed. It was recommended that we get additional prices.
6. Personnel (Jacobson)- None.

## **ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

1. Maplevue Estates vs City of Brown City: The Hearing for this morning was adjourned until November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.
2. The Michigan Municipal League Defense Fund is seriously considering our request for assistance with Maplevue Estates vs City Brown City lawsuit. The MML Board of Directors will meet this Thursday. Attorney Garno and Manager Holmes will participate in a conference call with the Board. Attorney Garno will report back at the next meeting the results.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- 1. City Master Plan:** City Manager met with a representative from McKenna Associates and provided information concerning the current layout of the City and discussed various options concerning growth. The meeting also included a tour of the City, and the individual spent the afternoon taking pictures and updating the City map. A reminder that the Council is meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM to further discuss options concerning the Plan.
- 2. Gun Lock Grant:** Chief Smith has received a grant from the Michigan State Police of approximately 300 gunlocks. These can be used on either pistols or magazine fed long guns. They will be given away free to anyone who either brings the UNLOADED firearm to City Hall or a copy of the registration form. These locks are available on a first come/first served basis.
- 3. Water System Tour:** The DPW Supervisor and I provided guided tours for the Brown City Community School's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Tours included the well house, water tower and wastewater treatment facility. This followed a tour of City Hall by the local Brownie Troop on October 10<sup>th</sup> and included meeting with the Police Chief and me. Both groups did very well learning about City operations. In all cases, the children were quite enthusiastic.
- 4. MDOT Meeting:** MDOT officials in Cass City conducted training in access management on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Many of the communities in the northern thumb were represented. Information primarily concerned placement of driveways and other traffic flow considerations. Value of the training was worth the free admission.
- 5. City Projects:** City Manager met with the owner and engineer from Davis Land Surveying in North Branch. The City is interested in three projects: Upgrading and resurfacing Maple Valley Road and Industrial Drive; constructing a drainage ditch north of the water tower and to improve the downstream flow; and install a sewer main servicing an area south of Maple Street. They will provide us with an estimate of costs for doing the engineering on each of these three projects. Estimates should be available for Council review at the next meeting.
- 6. Training Reimbursement:** The City received a check for \$922 in partial reimbursement of the \$2,985 spent to sponsor an individual through the Delta College Police Academy last year. Chief Smith was instrumental in the City receiving this money.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

1. EDC Letter of Support: The Council agreed to sign the attached letter of support for the Sanilac County EDC.
2. Library Update: Two Women and An Idea will present their findings to the Library Board at their November meeting. After that, the Board should have a decision as to what they are going to do.
3. Reminder for the joint Council/Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

CM Jacobson asked about Firemen patrol for Halloween. Manager Holmes reported that they would be working at the firehall that night. It was decided that they could be called if needed.

Motion by CM Jacobson, support by CM Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Van Cura  
Deputy Clerk