

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 10, 2011**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lee.

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

ABSENT: None.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM Miller, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Navock, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$16,048.35 (4473-4491), Payroll - \$13,463.94 (4840-4861), Water Fund - \$254.45 (1896-1897), Arsenic Abatement - \$39.00 (1152), Equipment Fund - \$2,188.37 (1270-1273). Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None Scheduled.

Councilman Ross Mclvor arrived at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Sheriff Gary Binicki was present to submit and discuss 2010 year end totals for the County. He explained the computer system provided by grant monies and the various detailed data available. He asked that any concerns be brought to his attention as well as any specific requests for data from the County tracking system that our local police department may need.

POLICE REPORT:

Written report reviewed. No questions or comments. Chief Smith reported that City's Year End figures were also available and 2010 charted 20 more complaints than the previous year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None Scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None Scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS: None Scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **City Council Priorities:** The information provided by the Mayor and City Council has been consolidated onto a spreadsheet (lavender) and is included in your packets. Jobs, street repairs and reducing spending are the top three concerns. Upgrading infrastructure, which was number one last year, moved to number 4.
2. **January Utility Bills:** The City mailed out the January utility bills the morning of December 31st. Apparently the post office lost all 500 or so bills. Contact with the post office on January 4th revealed that they were looking into it. On January 5th we were told that they would "send an e-mail." On January 6th, we contacted them again and they said that some of the bills had arrived for delivery. On Friday, January 7th, workers at the post office stated that they were delivering water bills. Because of the lengthy delay caused by the post office, the City will extend the due date and postpone penalties.
3. **EMCOG:** Sanilac County has decided to drop its membership in the East Michigan Council of Governments, the regional economic planning and development organization for our area of Michigan. Therefore, all of the cities and villages in Sanilac lose their representation. However, the City of Brown City was an individual member prior to Sanilac County rejoining last year. Since EMCOG did not reimburse our dues payment during that period, they have agreed to apply those dues to this year. Therefore, the City is a full member of the organization for 2011. ENCOG's next meeting is January 21 in Ithaca, and I have been invited to attend to represent the City.
4. **Michigan Local Government Managers Winter Conference:** The MLGMA Winter Conference is in Detroit February 1-4. The topic of the event is "Positive Leadership in a Negative Environment." This will also be an opportunity to compare notes with other managers and to learn what Lansing plans to do to us this year. I will be out of the office for the conference but available by phone.
5. **Sanilac County Equalization:** The City received the 2011 Agreement for Database Management/Printing Services for taxes from the Equalization Department. A comparison with last year's contract revealed a rate increase of about 3.6%. The City Treasurer requests renewal of the Agreement. **REQUIRES MOTION.**

Motion by CM Walters, second by CM Jacobson, for the City to enter the 2011 Agreement for Database Management/Printing Services for taxes from the Equalization Department. Motion carried.

6. **Well #4 Media Replacement:** On January 4th, a truck arrived to haul away the spent arsenic absorption media. The media has been removed and apparently is being sent to New Jersey. This completes the last item associated with the project.

7. **Union Negotiations:** The Brown City union representative was requested to provide a list of demands for review by the City prior to formal negotiations being scheduled. No response from the union to date.
8. **Martin Luther King Day:** City Hall will be open and staff will be on duty.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No updates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Fire Authority Meeting – January 4, 2011. Mayor Lee did attend her first meeting of the Fire Authority.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police – none.
2. Water & Sewer – none.
3. Tax & Finance/Festival Commission – Festival Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
4. Streets & Sidewalks – none.
5. Buildings & Grounds – none.
6. Personnel – none.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Commissioner Jamie Daws noted that County Commissioner Meetings have been changed to Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM McIvor, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk