

**BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**December 17, 2012**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CHRISTINE LEE AT 7:00 PM.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR CHRISTINE LEE.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christine Lee, Councilmembers: Pat Jacobson, Robert Jacobson, Ross McIvor, Julie Miller, and Bill Walters. City Clerk Juanita Smith and City Manager Clint Holmes.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Dan Loutzenhiser and City Attorney Gregory Stremers.

**ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Pat Jacobson, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by CM Pat Jacobson, second by CM Walters, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$2,900.71 (5562-5571), Payroll - \$12,247.99 (5764 – 5779 plus EFT), Sanitary Sewer - \$1,205.56 (3277-3278), Water - \$1,021.86 (2167-2168), Arsenic Abatement - \$16.65 (1202). Motion carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** None.

**DPW REPORT:** Report reviewed. No questions or comments.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES:**

1. Chuck Kunisch – Michigan Agricultural Commodities: Land Purchase Issues. Chuck Kunisch presented the Council with information pertaining to the land that Michigan Agricultural Commodities wishes to purchase from the City. Question to the Council: Would it be acceptable to have the City Attorney continue proceedings toward the sale of this property and are the terms presented reasonable at this time? The consensus of the council was to continue the proceedings toward the sale of this property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None Scheduled.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None Scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None Scheduled.

**ORDINANCES:** None Scheduled.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None Scheduled.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1. City Website Update:** The pictures of the new City Council, new member Councilmember Robert Jacobson and City Clerk Juanita Smith, along with an updated list of members of City Boards and Commissions, has been forwarded to the host of the City Website. The update should be completed soon.
- 2. 2012 Census:** The City completed and submitted the F-32 2012 Census of Governments Survey of Local Government Finances on behalf of the Brown City Area Fire Department. This particular form grows increasingly complex and has expanded to seven pages. Information requested includes all revenues, expenses and debt obligations associated with the BCAFA. The paperwork was submitted electronically on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Countywide Informational Update:** The Mayor, City Attorney and City Manager attended the Sanilac County overview of the laws and regulations concerning medical marihuana, gravel mining, fireworks and cell towers on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Sandusky. A copy of the handout from this one-hour briefing is available for your review.
- 4. Rural Task Force:** The Sanilac County Road Commission will have their annual Public Hearing to identify projects for construction using Federal Transportation Funds (TEA-21) on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Primary project for 2013 is Maple Valley Road – Brown City to Peck Road continued from last year and Peck Road to Marlette Road added. The primary thrust of the meeting will be to tentatively schedule projects for 2017. As the representative from Sanilac County cities and villages, I will be participating.
- 5. “Home Of” Sign:** Fire Chief Groat has recommended the City contact MDOT about placing signs at the east and west ends of the City that says: “Home of Brown City’s Fighting Lumberjack WHITEY GORSLINE Michigan Heavyweight Champion – 1930”. Does the City Council wish to approve and proceed with this project?  
**The Council would like to check into what the cost of the signs would be before making a decision.**
- 6. Holiday Schedule:** The City Hall, Police and DPW will be closed for the holidays on Monday and Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday and Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. However, a DPW employee will be on call these days.  
**City Manager Clint Holmes will be gone until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 2013.**

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report as City Attorney Gregory Stremers was absent.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

## MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Christine Lee wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Police (Miller) – none.
2. Water and Sewer (R. Jacobson) – none.
3. Tax and Finance (P. Jacobson) – none.
4. Streets and Sidewalks (Loutzenhiser) – none.
5. Building and Grounds (Walters) – none.
6. Personnel (Mclvor) – none.

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:**

In reference to the dumpster issue that had come before the Council at the December 10, 2012 meeting, Councilmember Pat Jacobson questioned the ownership where the dumpster is. City Manager Clint Holmes spoke with all three businesses that lease the dumpster in question and they agreed to move it before the 26<sup>th</sup> of December, 2012.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

Chuck Kunisch of Michigan Agricultural Commodities questioned if the land that they are interested in buying from the city is in a tax-free zone. He was informed that it is not.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Pat Jacobson, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita M. Smith  
City Clerk