

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 27, 2014

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, Dan Loutzenhiser, Ross McIvor, Julie Miller, and Bill Walters; City Clerk Juanita Smith, City Manager Clint Holmes, and City Attorney Gregory Stremers.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Alicia Parks.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA.

City Manager Clint Holmes reported that there would be two additional items to the Manager's Report.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Pat Jacobson, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Pat Jacobson, second by CM Loutzenhiser, to pay the bills in the following funds: General - \$13,929.10 (6544-6558), Payroll - \$14,426.53 (6651-6674 plus EFT), Major Street - \$242.26 (3843-3845), Local Street - \$429.04 (4222), Sanitary Sewer - \$23,178.66 (3424-3427), Water - \$1,223.90 (2433-2437), Arsenic Abatement - \$42,096.69 (1260-1262), Storm Sewer - \$45.00 (1164), Equipment - \$2,116.53 (1455-1456). Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

DPW REPORT: Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None Scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None Scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution 14-08 – Mid-Year Budget Amendment:** Resolution 14-08: A Resolution of the City of Brown City to Amend the City's 2014-2015 Budget to Better Reflect Revenues and Expenditures. The Tax and Finance Committee met October 23, 2014 and reviewed the Budget Amendment. They recommend the City Council approve the amendment.

Motion by CM Pat Jacobson, second by CM Walters, to adopt Resolution 14-08: A Resolution of the City of Brown City to Amend the City's 2014-2015 Budget to Better Reflect Revenues and Expenditures.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Miller – yes, CM Walters – yes, CM Pat Jacobson – yes, CM R. Jacobson – yes, CM Loutzenhiser – yes, CM Mclvor – yes. 6 yes votes, 0 No votes, 0 absent, 0 abstaining. Motion carried.

2. **Resolution 14-09 – Special Assessments:** Resolution 14-09: A Resolution formally causing to be levied a special tax or assessment to recover monies owed the City of Brown City,

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Mclvor, to adopt Resolution 14-09: A Resolution formally causing to be levied a special tax or assessment to recover monies owed the City of Brown City.

ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Mclvor – yes, CM Miller – yes, CM Walters – yes, CM Pat Jacobson – yes, CM R. Jacobson – yes, CM Loutzenhiser – yes. 6 Yes votes, 0 No votes, 0 absent, 0 abstaining. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES: None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Rural Task Force 7A:** The Legislature has identified additional road repair money for Michigan communities. There was a meeting of the Rural Task Forces from Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties in Caro on October 21st to identify projects. The estimated funds for the group was \$257,893. Using the historical formula, Sanilac County's portion was \$91,407. The recommendation for one of Sanilac County's standby projects – Germania Road (Shabbona to Argyle) - was forwarded to MDOT for this additional funding.
2. **Street Parking:** Residents are reminded that there is no on-street parking within the City Limits between November 1st and April 1st. Violators may receive a Civil Infraction ticket and could be towed. This Ordinance will be especially enforced during snow events.
3. **Horse Manure:** The City has still not received the courtesy of a reply from the Amish community concerning ways to resolve this issue.

4. **Veterans Day:** The City and DPW Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in commemoration of Veterans Day. The VFW will have a short wreath laying ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Main Street beginning at 11:00 AM.
5. **4031 Main Street:** The house at 4031 has been empty for quite some time. The insurance company has requested that the city board up the doors and windows on this house or they will have to cancel the insurance on the house. Does the Council have any objection to boarding up the house?

The Council has no objections to boarding up the house at 4031 Main Street to comply with the insurance company's request.

6. **Park Closing:** The City Park will be closed for the season on Monday, November 3, 2014.
7. **Halloween Safety Patrol:** An extra Police Officer will be on duty Friday night for Halloween security.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. 4211 Vine Street – October 31st court date: Update.

The home at 4211 Vine Street has been deeded to the husband by his ex-wife. The City needs to continue checking on the progress being made to make sure they are going ahead with the court ordered plans for the property.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Request motion to close library for Election Day – November 4th.

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Loutzenhiser, to close the Public Library on November 4, 2014 for the purpose of using the Library as a Polling Place for the General Election on said date. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Back to Basics Bakery, 4235 Main Street, on Saturday October 25th.

Mayor Christine Lee attended the Ribbon Cutting for the grand opening of the new Back to Basics Bakery at 4235 Main Street on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. (She reported that Yes, it is still dark at 7:00 a.m.)

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:

CM R. Jacobson inquired about the water main repair work at the corner of Main and Welles Streets. City Manager Clint Holmes replied that the work to replace the asphalt and concrete has been contracted with the work to be completed before winter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Miller, second by CM Pat Jacobson, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Smith
City Clerk