

**Council Present:** Andrea Matheny, Jesse Messner, Lori Copler, Rich Pohlmeier, Curt Carrigan

**Staff Present:** Lori Cacka, Doug Best

**Visitors Present:** Ken Archer, Lisa Dittel

Mayor Pohlmeier called the meeting to order.

We had 2 residents address council at the open forum.

Resident Ken Archer came to ask Council if they could do anything about dog feces around town and people not cleaning up after their pets. He has seen other residents not cleaning up after their dogs and some of it is on his property. The Clerk will put something in the next news letter.

Resident Lisa Dittel updated Council on the progress of the TNR program on the north end of town. They have removed 63 cats since the last meeting. They think there may be 2-4 more cats up there yet. We are going to put Lisa's number and a facebook page in our next newsletter for residents if they need assistance dealing with cats. She is looking to get some feeding stations to attract the cats so they can eventually TNR those cats and then we are able control how many we have in town. Council asked how they know if they are someone's pet or not. She said they post it on the Life in Brownton and also check for chips. If they aren't fixed that is another good indication that they are strays. Council asked to be kept in the loop on the locations of the feeding stations so we can address any issues that may arise.

Motion by Council Member Messner, seconded by Council Member Carrigan and carried to approve the consent agenda with the addition of #2.5-Dump Road, this was later removed from the agenda. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on 4/8/2025. Approve May Treasurers Report. Approve payment of the claims and payroll including check numbers 47146-47224, 437-450, 800600-80061 in the amount of \$212,370.96. Approve new bills written/to be written.

**2025 – 034**

Public Works submitted their report. Last week the crack filling and mastic were completed as was hauling sludge. They are hoping to flush hydrants this week on Thursday and Friday. Thein Well, Hjerpes, McLeod Coop and Minnesota Pump were out to repair a couple of things last month.

The Clerk presented their report. The Clerk reported she was pretty busy last month. Clean-up Day went well. We will look at this again next year. We talked about gas meters that are run to locations but not hooked up and what to do now that some need replacing. Council agreed with the suggestion from Hutchinson Utilities to leave the meters off until the owner would hook up the natural gas. Becky Havelka will not be coordinating Brownton Days next year. Unless someone else takes that event over, she is wondering if the City would like the folding tables. The Clerk will look into space to store them.

New Police Doug Best was sworn in.

Chief Best introduced himself and thanked council for this opportunity to serve the City of Brownton. He has been doing training, going through policies and ordinances. He gave some information on the hiring process and how he sees things going forward. We are glad to have Chief Best on board and so are the residents. It sounds like he has made a good first impression with a bunch of them already. He talked about Lexipole. They would help with revising standard policies. Most policies need to be updated. We talked

about an opt-out on health insurance. The Clerk was instructed to talk to our insurance agent and see how this would affect us.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Brownton, to approve the opt-out option in the health insurance, with the stipulation that it doesn't have a negative effect on our current policy rates, at a stipend amount of ½ of the single rate per month.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Matheny, seconded by Council Member Messner, and with all present voting in favor thereof, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. **2025 – 035**

The Civic Center rates were discussed. They would like to see the same increase as we previously implemented with the community center. That percentage increase was approximately 15%. This also includes the night before charge of \$50.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Brownton, to approve increasing the rental rates by approximately 15% and add the \$50 for day before set up to the fee schedule with the same % increase.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Messner, seconded by Council Member Matheny, and with all present voting in favor thereof, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. **2025 – 036**

Planning and Zoning had 1 item they updated Council on that may be coming their way in the future.

#### **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brownton is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 et seq. for the benefit of its citizens and is specifically authorized to accept gifts.

**WHEREAS**, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the city:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brownton Lions	BB updates	\$5,000
Brownton Lions	Library	\$500
McLeod Coop Power	Library	\$2,500

**WHEREAS**, all such donations have been contributed to the city for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNTON, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to establish and/or operate services either alone or in with others, as allowed by law.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Matheny and with all present voting in favor thereof, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. **2025 – 037**

Building permits were handed out. Classic Car shows will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in June through September.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Lori Cacka, City Clerk

437	03/04/2025	AT & T MOBILE	monthly billing	\$ 125.44
438	03/04/2025	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF MINNESOTA	monthly billing	\$ 81.80
439	03/04/2025	GLENCOE COOP ASS'N	monthly billing	\$ 587.90
440	03/04/2025	MCLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER ASS'N	accident 2/1	\$ 1,444.57
441	03/04/2025	VOID	Void Check	\$ -
442	03/04/2025	MEDICA	March billing	\$ 2,477.86
443	03/04/2025	METRO SALES, INC.	monthly billing	\$ 77.72
444	03/04/2025	MN DEPT OF REVENUE SALES	monthly billing	\$ 3,950.00
445	03/04/2025	RS FIBER COOP	monthly billing	\$ 621.68
446	03/04/2025	TRI COUNTY WATER	monthly billing	\$ 32.61
447	03/04/2025	UNITED FARMERS COOPERATION	trans jan 2025	\$ 4,682.70
448	03/25/2025	VOID	Void Check	\$ -
449	03/25/2025	CHASE CARD SERVICES	monthly billing	\$ 5,093.96
450	03/25/2025	FURTHER	monthly billing	\$ 18.00
47146	03/04/2025	LORI CACKA	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 1,257.32
47147	03/04/2025	MARK CACKA	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 158.71
47148	03/04/2025	BLAKE DAHLKE	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 1,237.45
47149	03/04/2025	CHAD DRAEGER	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 1,632.98
47150	03/04/2025	SPENCER GLAESER	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 1,359.80
47151	03/04/2025	DIANA KLABUNDE	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 736.45
47152	03/04/2025	KARL KOFORD	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 677.80
47153	03/04/2025	MARK STREICH	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 731.19
47154	03/04/2025	LARRY WARZECHA	Bi-weekly/Month 3/4/2025	\$ 694.71
47155	03/04/2025	LARRY WARZECHA	LW-benefit payout	\$ 2,835.03
47156	03/04/2025	212 EQUIPMENT	equipment rental	\$ 245.00
47157	03/04/2025	ACE HARDWARE HUTCHINSON	ship samples	\$ 17.42
47158	03/04/2025	AUTO VALUE GLENCOE	filters	\$ 219.56
47159	03/04/2025	BLAKE DAHLKE	mileage	\$ 175.00
47160	03/04/2025	CHAD DRAEGER	phone stipend	\$ 60.00
47161	03/04/2025	CURTIS CARRIGAN	oil filters	\$ 70.37
47162	03/04/2025	CUSTOMIZED FIRE RESCUE TRNG	traning 2/17/25	\$ 550.00
47163	03/04/2025	DESIGN ELECTRIC INC	supplies	\$ 551.40
47164	03/04/2025	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW & MOLDA	dec billing	\$ 159.50
47165	03/04/2025	GLENCOE REGIONAL HEALTH	bl physical	\$ 401.16
47166	03/04/2025	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	3 locates	\$ 4.05
47167	03/04/2025	GREATER MN COMMUNICATIONS	monthly billing	\$ 25.50

47168	03/04/2025	HAWKINS, INC	cylinders	\$ 30.00
47169	03/04/2025	HILLYARD HUTCHINSON	scrubber batteries	\$ 593.56
47170	03/04/2025	HUTCHINSON COOP	kerosene	\$ 42.56
47171	03/04/2025	HUTCHINSON UTIL.COMMISSION	dam prevention meeting	\$ 100.00
47172	03/04/2025	JANET ALSLEBEN	rebate	\$ 25.00
47173	03/04/2025	KRANZ LAWN & POWER	2024 exmark	\$ 7,799.00
47174	03/04/2025	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES	safety group	\$ 850.51
47175	03/04/2025	VOID	Void Check	\$ -
47176	03/04/2025	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES	prop/casualty	\$ 25,540.00
47177	03/04/2025	MAGUIRE IRON, INC.	yearly inspection	\$ 1,825.00
47178	03/04/2025	MAJOR ELECTRIC	plant heater	\$ 925.00
47179	03/04/2025	MENARDS HUTCHINSON	supplies	\$ 100.13
47180	03/04/2025	MN DEPT OF HEALTH	1st qtr 2025	\$ 784.00
47181	03/04/2025	NAPA	belts	\$ 381.06
47182	03/04/2025	RICH POHLMEIER	phone stipend	\$ 40.00
47183	03/04/2025	SADIE ROTZIEN	rebate	\$ 25.00
47184	03/04/2025	SCHMIDT ROOFING	remainder of fh	\$ 21,300.00
47185	03/04/2025	SECURITY BANK & TRUST CO	monthly power billing	\$ 36,373.06
47186	03/04/2025	SPENCER GLAESER	phone stipend	\$ 20.00
47187	03/04/2025	STREICHER'S	pt uniforms	\$ 365.96
47188	03/04/2025	THEIN WELL	annual inspection	\$ 315.00
47189	03/04/2025	UTILITY CONSULTANTS, INC.	samples 1/3,23,30 2/6,13	\$ 1,340.20
47190	03/04/2025	WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	monthly billing	\$ 4,210.61
47191	03/18/2025	LORI CACKA	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 1,257.32
47192	03/18/2025	BLAKE DAHLKE	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 551.92
47193	03/18/2025	CHAD DRAEGER	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 1,632.98
47194	03/18/2025	SPENCER GLAESER	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 1,312.57
47195	03/18/2025	DIANA KLABUNDE	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 736.45
47196	03/18/2025	KARL KOFORD	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 353.77
47197	03/18/2025	LARRY WARZECHA	Bi-weekly 3/18/25	\$ 38.10
47198	03/25/2025	212 EQUIPMENT	rental	\$ 995.00
47199	03/25/2025	VOID	Void Check	\$ -
47200	03/25/2025	CITY OF BROWNTON	monthly	\$ 8,913.42
47201	03/25/2025	DIANA KLABUNDE	conference	\$ 116.36
47202	03/25/2025	GLENCOE REGIONAL HEALTH	physical-JH	\$ 206.45
47203	03/25/2025	HUTCHINSON UTIL.COMMISSION	monthly billing 2/1-3/1	\$ 25,912.31
47204	03/25/2025	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES	conference	\$ 275.00
47205	03/25/2025	MN DEPT OF COMMERCE	4th qtr 2024	\$ 37.17
47206	03/25/2025	MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASS'N	2024 testing	\$ 35.00
47207	03/25/2025	MN UI FUND	#07972540	\$ 16.40
47208	03/25/2025	PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM	1st qtr billing	\$ 2,225.50
47209	03/25/2025	RS FIBER COOP	attor fees/fee per member	\$ 308.00
47210	03/25/2025	SADIE ROTZIEN	rebate	\$ 25.00
47211	03/25/2025	STAR ENERGY SERVICES	2025 annual compliance	\$ 534.00
47212	03/25/2025	TITAN MACHINERY - SHAKOPEE	fix seat	\$ 1,405.43

47213	03/25/2025	WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	monthly billing	\$ 4,225.92
47214	03/25/2025	XTREME PEST SOLUTIONS	bi-monthly	\$ 125.00
47215	04/01/2025	LORI CACKA	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 1,257.33
47216	04/01/2025	MARK CACKA	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 155.76
47217	04/01/2025	BLAKE DAHLKE	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 1,059.49
47218	04/01/2025	CHAD DRAEGER	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 1,632.98
47219	04/01/2025	SPENCER GLAESER	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 1,312.57
47220	04/01/2025	JACOB HANSON	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 198.69
47221	04/01/2025	BRYAN HASBARGEN	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 242.91
47222	04/01/2025	DIANA KLABUNDE	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 736.45
47223	04/01/2025	KARL KOFORD	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 465.76
47224	04/01/2025	MARK STREICH	Bi-weekly/month 4/1/2025	\$ 731.19
800600	03/04/2025	IRSEFT	Remittance Check	\$ 2,771.15
800601	03/04/2025	STATE INCOME TAX	Remittance Check	\$ 592.49
800602	03/04/2025	HSA EFT	Remittance Check	\$ 550.00
800603	03/04/2025	PERA	Remittance Check	\$ 1,920.25
800604	03/04/2025	AFLAC	Remittance Check	\$ 120.27
800605	03/04/2025	IRSEFT	Remittance Check	\$ 1,344.40
800606	03/04/2025	STATE INCOME TAX	Remittance Check	\$ 277.15
800607	03/18/2025	IRSEFT	Remittance Check	\$ 2,104.76
800608	03/18/2025	STATE INCOME TAX	Remittance Check	\$ 457.74
800609	03/18/2025	HSA EFT	Remittance Check	\$ 550.00
800610	03/18/2025	PERA	Remittance Check	\$ 1,287.76
800611	03/18/2025	AFLAC	Remittance Check	\$ 44.07
800612	04/01/2025	IRSEFT	Remittance Check	\$ 2,572.63
800613	04/01/2025	STATE INCOME TAX	Remittance Check	\$ 526.85
800614	04/01/2025	HSA EFT	Remittance Check	\$ 550.00
800615	04/01/2025	PERA	Remittance Check	\$ 1,606.78
800616	04/01/2025	AFLAC	Remittance Check	\$ 82.17
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