

## August 14, 2024

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with Pres. Butz by phone.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Thomas made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM Hasser. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$72,824.02. Unanimously approved. CM Thomas asked what ATCO was. Supt. Emmett said it's a company he purchases chemicals like weed killer and stuff for the shop.

### New/Old Business

CM Thomas purchased a 6 ft x 12 ft patriot banner he would like Council to approve it be hung up in Town. Council approved. Once he gets it he will go ahead and have it hung up.

Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if they thought about the AC quotes from last meeting, if they would like her to proceed with getting the AC unit this year or wait until next year. CM Thomas made a motion to proceed this year with lowest quote from All Temp Heating and Cooling. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

First Response had a question for Council to approve moving the EMA vehicle to Fire Station. VP North asked Fire Chief Jason his thoughts. Fire Chief Jason said he talked to Ryan of first response and he (Jason) said there are pros and cons. Would be nice to have the vehicle at fire station so they don't have to run to another building to get it for runs but not sure how much space they will have for the vehicle. Will need to have more discussion and Pres. Butz will call KIRPC to make sure they can put the EMA vehicle in the fire station.

Terry Laorange reports: will be working again next week on the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of the pole project west side of Holden Dr. and east of Brackney St. Asked if had anyone having trouble with voltage issues. There are some places that might have voltage issues and will get them taken care of. Everything else is going well.

Ken reports: wasn't at meeting and did provide VP North information to share that the paving started and will be done before the festival. Water grant awards will be announced August 29<sup>th</sup>. Need 1 Council member to be on the Comprehensive Plan Board. CM Hasser volunteered to be on the board. Eng. Ken wanted to know if Town received money from Commissioners for the ambulance remodel. Clerk-Treasurer said no. Ken provided her what was needed to send to County Auditor and now they need copy of minutes of Contractor hired for the remodel. She will send tomorrow morning for the minutes were approved tonight. VP North asked if received permit for the Contractor to work on the ambulance remodel. Clerk-Treasurer said no. What was the reason? Clerk-Treasurer said County said today the parking lot still needs inspection. No one was aware of this. Pres. Butz will call Eng. Ken and find out what is going on. Council asked Atty. Rebecca if the Contractor can still go in and do the demolition. She said yes but no work to start until permit from County.

Emmett reports: sewer going good. Water going good. Tim is doing his water classes. Like Terry LaOrange said there are spots of voltage issues to be corrected. Emmett will be on vacation August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Pull behind sprayer up and running. Been working on weeds. Doing brush pickup every other Monday now instead of every Monday. Monday's not picking up brush will work on weeds. CM Thomas suggest cutting the tall weeds down before spraying. CM Thomas said when he spoke to Emmett about the weeds earlier, he remembered Emmett not liking a sprayer town had. Supt. Emmett said yes there is an electric sprayer that always has issues. CM Hasser asked why the stop signs are being put in so high. Supt. Emmett said they have regulations to be 7 ft to bottom of the sign. CM Hasser said the stop signs are hard to see because of tree limbs blocking them. Supt. Emmett will go around trimming limbs.

Chief Jason reports: asked about the warranty on the gutters, down spouts, if anything was going to be done. Supt. Emmett said Eng. Ken sent a list to be repaired under warranty and no word back yet. JR thought there was a time frame and if the contractor didn't meet it then would hire someone else to fix what is needed. Atty. Rebecca had told

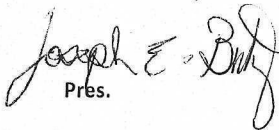
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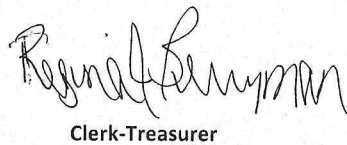
Eng. Ken from previous conversation if he doesn't hear from the Contractor within a time frame to let her know and she will get a hold of the contractor to get it done. She hadn't heard anything from Ken. CM Thomas asked what can be done if that didn't work. Atty. Rebecca said then Town can pay someone else to do the repairs and she would need to take contractor to court to collect payment back. Pres. Butz will call Eng. Ken tonight

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 162 miles; 1 case report; 1 domestic dispute; 1 criminal arrest; 8 other police services. Spoke to the boy and his mother regarding pickleball court. The boy is banned from being inside the pickleball court and Marshal Yeoman will reevaluate next spring on whether to let the boy back in. Has been monitoring how late people been playing pickleball. They are usually done by 11:00 p.m -11:30 p.m. has not heard any of them playing music. After discussing time for players to be done playing CM Thomas made a motion for 10:00 p.m. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. School has started and need to purchase a new lighted hand held stop sign for crossing guard. Council approved. Deputy Wayne has resigned. Trying to find another Deputy to hire.

Fire Chief Jason asked how long construction for the ambulance service. Pres. Butz said should take a month.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer