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The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present.

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Register Form. VP Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser the bills totaling \$87,381.66 Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business:

Pat McMullan was present introducing himself as he and his wife Sara are taking over the poker run during the Apple/Popcorn Festival. He asked if Town needed anything from them to do the run. Council said nothing from them in the past the poker run did the event themselves and if need anything the Marshal will let them know.

Pres. North would like to discuss the garage sale ordinance and sidewalks. What Council suggestions would be in the garage sale ordinance. Council felt 3-day sale and to wait 30 days between sales with the exception for the Apple/Popcorn Festival and 4th fireworks day. Atty. Rebecca will draft up ordinance for review and make changes where needed before finalized. Sidewalks needing repaired or re-done, he would like to fix the physical hazard ones. CM Eldridge saw at least 6 sidewalks listed could be eliminated because they go nowhere. Pres. North said will probably need to budget sidewalks next year and will see if enough money left over after streets to be done this year is done to fix the hazard one. CM Hasser mentioned if any money left and not a lot to do the whole sidewalk maybe fix the section where it's a trip hazard. Supt. Emmett said where the 12-inch main break on Wood St he would like to pave the whole width of the street. Will ask Scott with Reith Riley if they can do it and cost. Council said for now keep an eye on it and add stone as needed. Pres North asked if he knew when the paving project is to start. Supt. Emmett wasn't sure, he thought it had to be done in August, so they will probably start late spring early summer.

Eng. Ken reports: none

Terry LaOrange reports: none, Pres. North asked if still working on meters. Terry said yes working on Aclara. Financially too much money to piggy back off water. He's also trying to work out something with REMC to add to maintenance agreement. Pres. North asked if the contract needs to be renewed. Terry said it is perpetual. Agreement automatically renewed April 1st. May want to start talking to REMC to ask for another extension. CM Thomas asked what is the pole expectancy. Terry said 30-40 years. If treated should get another 10 years added.

Fire Chief reports: none. VP Girard asked how the fundraiser is going. Fire Department received around \$20,000.00 in donations.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer trouble with all the rain the sludge has become thick for the pumps to work correctly. Added water to thin it and is working better and getting back to normal. Water going well. Tim went to Indy and reviewed his last test he did not pass short a few incorrect answers. Did re-apply to take the test again. Had a service line repair on Wood St. Dashiell to start putting the Hydrants in soon. Hadn't heard anything from Artesian. Nothing on electric. Part time help for mowing started this week. VP Girard asked if the part-time help does weeding after he mows. Depends on how long it takes to mow. VP Girard said brush on Murphy St has been there for several weeks Bobcat in for service. Tires, seals, drivetrain, electric work, oil change. Did ask what the trade-in value would be and right now it's \$22,000.00. After trade-in cost for new Bob-cat is around \$47,400.00. Will probably budget for new one next year. VP Girard mentioned street sign missing on Moore St and light on Railroad St. Also, when will they start spraying alleys. Supt. Emmett said probably after next week. Depends on weather. Girard ordered 4th of July banners for the Wood St pavilions and if any leftover maybe put on the gazebo. Pres. North asked about the

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controls for the well bldg. Supt. Emmett said the panel arrived 3 weeks ago and isn't installed yet still waiting on parts. Pres. North asked if he talked to anyone on when the cable lines will be removed from old poles by Max's house. Supt. Emmett hasn't heard back yet. Water leak by Alm's building, when will that be fixed? Will need to call Accu-Dig and might give another company a call for quote to fix the leak. Any word for the water tower maintenance. Not heard from anybody. Pres. North mentioned when he was out checking sidewalks, he noticed the electric panel at the trailer park off 1st St is in bad shape. Supt. Emmett and the ladies in the office have been trying to get a hold of the owner and he will not return their calls on the panel and other issues. CM Eldridge asked isn't there someone from State supposed to inspect trailer parks. Clerk-Treasurer said if a resident there gets shut off for non-payment REMC will not turn it back on until it is fixed. It is hazardous. Atty. Rebecca will send a letter to the owner. Pres. North said stop sign at 1st and Ripley is knocked over. Supt. Emmett said it's actually the street sign that's down. CM Thomas asked when painting will start on the curbs. Usually, they work on it close to the festival. They generally don't paint them every year. The curbs were done last year and they had been done 2 years prior to that.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 556 miles; 9 traffic stops; warrant service; talk to officer-invasion of privacy; reckless conduct call; assist County-open door/window at Dollar Ct; 2 neighborhood complaints- south of town & Moore St; accident-hit and run; theft; medical assist; disabled vehicle; talk to officex2(Wood and 3rd area); repossession notification on a vehicle. Training April 9-11 in Indy for Indiana Marshal's Conference for Yeoman and Fessler. He attended the White County Commissioners meeting regard detour for the Apple/Popcorn Festival. White County approved detour on County Road for the day and will provide signs for the detour. Clerk-Treasurer had sent email to INDOT asking what approval needed from White County. If a letter would work. No word back yet. Information on e-bikes. Class 3 age is 15 years and up. Will ask Jim Bolen if a bicycle educational class could be done for the children. Checked on batteries vs new gas golf cart. Buy lithium batteries is the cheapest way to go. Quotes from GT carts \$3200.00, Captain Spiffy \$3217.00 and R-Tech had 5 quotes, lowest \$2650.00, \$2975.00, ECCO battery \$3880.00. VP Girard made a motion to accept quote for \$2650.00. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer reports: presented the 2027 fire protection contract to be approved and signed. CM Thomas made a motion to approve and sign contract. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. # applications for SR Rd 43 closeout to be approved for \$154,201.00 to be paid to F&K. After cleared check will be sent to State for reimbursement. CM Eldridge made a motion to approve the 3 applications for ST Rd Closeout. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Application #3 for Artesian to be approved. CM Thomas made a motion to approve application #3. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous. Furnace not working in office. Had Dustin Blakenship check it out and needed to order a part for it.

CM Eldridge asked Atty. Rebecca if heard anything on the old grocery store. She said it's still not listed for foreclosure. Also 200 N. Prairie St. The porch is falling in and should follow under unsafe building roof looks to be ready to fall down, is there anything that can be done? It should be considered under the unsafe building ordinance. Atty. Rebecca will look into it and send a letter to the homeowner.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer