

August 27, 2025

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with 4 members present and 1 vacant seat.

Moment of silence for President Joseph Butz who passed away on Thursday August, 13, 2025.

Council approved \$500.00 in Joseph Butz's Memorial to the Brookston United Methodist food Pantry.

VP North to assume the role of President. Any nominations to take place at next meeting per Atty. Rebecca's email.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Girard 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. CM Thomas moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$180,858.39 Unanimously approved.

Max Eldridge was present to say some kind words of Pres. Jos Butz. He will be sorely missed. Brookston was and is, and future great place to live because of his visions and leadership.

New/Old Business:

CM Thomas would like the pickleball to be named after Joe Butz. Council approved. Clerk-Treasurer will get with Eng. Ken Smith on getting a plaque made. CM Thomas mentioned send email out regarding street signs. He received list of signs from Eng. Ken. Clerk-Treasurer said right now there is 3,072.00 in sign budget for this year. Could do them with lowest quote received. Supt. Emmett to get pricing on cost to have someone put the signs in.

CM Girard asked if CM Thomas gotten any quotes for the bathroom. He had not yet. Eng. Ken is to get with him on it.

VP North announced schedule for the pavilion is tomorrow. Post holes done today, materials delivered today. CM Girard asked if know a date to be completed, VP north said not sure, hope to be done by Apple/popcorn Festival. Max Eldridge suggests having a cornhole tournament the Friday before Apple/Popcorn Festival and this to be annually the night before Festival. Council said yes.

VP North suggest a list of roads needed for the next paving project. CM Hasser mentioned Mills St. from 5th-8th, Davis St. from 5th-7th St and 7th St between Davis and Brackney. Max Eldridge mentioned a galvanized pipe needs replaced there. Supt. Emmett will get with Eng. Ken to check it out. VP North asked CM Hasser if his list had any curbs on it. CM Hasser said no.

CM Hasser made a motion to appoint CM Thomas to the White County Economic Development Committee. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. VP North said he would like them to work on the gray building across from water tower.

R&M had been annexed in and Town can mow it and keep track of cost to mow it. Clerk-Treasurer will see if a mowing lien can be in placed through White County.

Clerk-Treasurer mentioned a new modem in place will need to a get back up battery. Supt. Emmett has one in mind, he will get it.

Supt. Emmett reports: Had a pre-construction meeting on water project. Replacing meters starting next Tuesday. Hydrants in 8 weeks out. CM Hasser asked if residents water have to be shut off. Supt. Emmett said yes just for a bit. They will notify the residents when their meter is ready to be replaced. End of October Artesian will start work on the water

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plant. Sewer going well. VP north asked if working on sewer project. Supt. Emmett said yes, will start bidding next year. Electric, no report. Paving, curbing and striping done yesterday. VP North asked why there are cones in the street. That is where the manholes are and will remove once they are upgraded. White County reported West Nile in County. He will be mosquito fogging once a week. VP North asked about cones by the church. There chunks of paving needs to be picked up. CM Hasser said need paint on curbs on Wood St. CM Girard asked about the weeds at the Brookston Corner lot up Town. Supt. Emmett said Tim worked on it today. Also, the trim on the door at the Waugh Park needs work. Will take care of it.

Terry LaOrange reports: Nothing

Fire Chief Jason reports: Cindy was present for the chief. She said they are getting ready for the pancake breakfast for the festival. Clerk-Treasurer said she had calls asking what the cost is for the breakfast. She said same as it always was. Adults \$6.00, 6-12 \$3.00, 5 and under free.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 422 miles; 1 case report; 1 animal complaint; 5 domestic disputes; 2 disturbances; 1 civil complaint; 6 traffic complaints; 1 traffic citation; 4 warnings; 5 traffic stops; 1 gun permit; 3 ordinance violations; 2 follow-up ordinance violations; 16 other police services. Got with Gutwein on ordering new F150. Color will be ice blue. Explained what the hash marks on his reports were. He also assists a citizen with COPD to get them a trac phone at Family Dollar. They gave him money to get it and hours later made a 911 call. CM Thomas said call adult protection service. Marshal Yeoman thought they weren't available anymore. He received a call from Chris Hale about putting a speed 20 mph speed sign in. Vehicles been speeding on 1st street by his house. Council discussed maybe putting in a stop sign instead of speed limit sign. Will table to next meeting to have Atty. Rebecca to do an ordinance. The festival is coming together. Have the stage permit, road closure permit, detouring done, wrecker service in place, CSX request for slowing down to be done 14 days before the festival. Has 3 deputies to be paid by the festival committee and he will have 2 deputies from the Town. CM Thomas asked if the one way on Wood St could be done like the fireworks was. Will look into it. Festival Committee would like a bigger sign at Wood St. and 4th for detour.

VP North thanked the Marshal and Fire Department on what they did for Pres. Butz's funeral.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Clerk-Treasurer

Pres.

CM - Dan Gid