

## FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present and Pres. Butz by phone.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$99,148.08 unanimously approved.

### New/Old Business

Eng. Ken presented agreement to be the consultant on the Planning Study. CM Thomas made a motion to approve Eng. Ken Smith as planning study consultant for Brookston. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Shawn Cain with KIRPC presented the standard agreement for grant administrative for the Comprehensive Plan. Atty. Rebecca to review the agreement.

Joey Lamson and Eric with ball organization were present asking to allow sponsorship signs to be put on the outfield fences and will take them down at end of season. This is a trial season for them and if everything goes well with the signs then would like to continue putting them on fence every year. CM Girard made a motion to allow the sponsor signs as trial season this year to review at end of season. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Also would like to replace the bad boards on bleachers and ask if Town could pay the cost of wood of \$350.00 plus cost of nuts and bolts. School students will do the work replacing the boards and staining them. Clerk-Treasurer said there is enough in park budget to buy the wood and to purchase new aluminum bleachers also. Will need 8 new bleachers. CM Hasser made a motion to buy wood and purchase the 8 aluminum bleachers. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Atty. Rebecca said the KIRPC standard agreement for grant administrative looks good. CM Hasser made a motion to accept KIRPC standard agreement as presented. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Ken reports: paving grant submitted and is awarded mid April. Working on water project study, he will have it available at next meeting. Presented the application #5 and final application for 1 Source. Shawn Cain with KIRPC said the retainage is warranted for a year. 1 Source still needs to put in the grass and keep up on maintenance for a year which is till January 29, 2025. It will also be monitored for 5 years. Once applications approved and paid will start closeout paperwork. Clerk-Treasurer said she will need to come and check the binder to see if anything else to be included. Eng. Ken said thank you to Clerk-Treasurer for putting the binder together. CM Hasser made a motion to pay application #5 and final retainage application with the one year warranty. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

CM Hasser asked if Eng. Ken heard of National Rural Water Association. Eng. Ken said yes. CM Hasser read about wastewater apprenticeship where Rural Association pays all wages, training and laptop. Eng. Ken will call the lady tomorrow to ask her to come to meeting to discuss how to apply and Supt. Emmett will mentor the individual if Council approves for this. CM Thomas made a motion for the apprenticeship. Second by CM Hasser. Motion approved.

### Terry LaOrange reports: none

Eng. Ken said there is a 700,000.00 grant coming available for water projects. Pres. Butz has been talking to Commissioners asking for funding for Town match. Commissioners not ready yet to approve any funding. Eng. Ken said Town can go ahead with grant and if Town is unable to get funding then will be able to cancel out. CM Girard made a motion to move forward with the grant application. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Supt. Emmett reports: New motor at wastewater plant has been installed. Haven't received invoice for it yet. IDEM here today are doing inspection. All went well. Had water

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line break since last meeting at 8<sup>th</sup> and Holden and it's been fixed. There is also a service water line leak next to salt shed needing to be fixed. REMC put in the new light next to pickleball court. Works well. Working with Terry Laorange to take over the electric demand spreadsheet. CM Thomas asked if Brightspeed is in Town working and Emmett said yes.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Purchased new radios and would like to donate a couple of their old radios to the police department. They are 3 years old. Council said yes, that would be fine.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 484 miles; 3 case reports; 1 crash report; 1 domestic dispute; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 traffic complaint; 1 criminal arrest; 2 traffic citations; 1 traffic warning; 2 traffic stops; 1 abatement served; 1 criminal history invest; 1 ordinance violation; 2 follow-up ordinances; 17 other police services. Working on issues with stock pile of materials on property east of trailer court off 2<sup>nd</sup> st. Troy has been in contact with director of Area Plan and environmental office Pat Schaffer. Owner of property has stock pile of materials that is blocking utility pole and on Town easement. Troy sent letter to owner stating all materials are to be moved back 20 feet from easement and is allowing owner 45 days to move it. Request to purchase an off duty gun cost around \$430.00. CM Girard asked if he has enough funds in his budget. Clerk-Treasurer said he does. CM Thomas approved the purchase of off duty gun. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if library can do the rocket launch again at the walk park. Council said yes.

Clerk-Treasurer presented a request from Laurel Eakin asking Council to waive the 60 day written notice when her property was sold. Atty. Rebecca drew up the 60 day waiver. CM Thomas made a motion to waive the 60 day notice. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

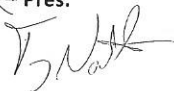
CM Girard asked Supt. Emmett about the trash barrel at tennis courts not getting dumped. Supt. Emmett will check it out.

CM Girard asked about any donation update report from fire department. Chief Jason said there is no report.

CM Girard asked if the water fountain at the ball park could be clean or need to purchase a new one. Supt. Emmett said it will clean up good.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Vice-Pres.




Clerk-Treasurer