

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with Pres. Butz by phone and CM Hasser absent.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard asked about Dave Alm invoice on printer. Clerk-Treasurer said she purchased new printer and Dave's Computer World set it up. CM Girard moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$119,958.70 unanimously approved.

New Business:

Richard and Connie Cash were present asking for approval from Town Council to allow a group of 10 children ages 6-12 who will build these small rockets to shoot them off at the Heart to Heart Walk Park. Mr. Cash is a member of Indiana Rocketry. Someone had donated small rockets to the club. They would like to connect with the Library and have a Stem Program. The rockets need 50x50 feet to launch safely. They shoot up 100 feet in air. CM Thomas asked Mr. Cash how do they fly and Mr. Cash explained the details of they work. Council approved for them to fly them at the Heart to Heart Walk Park. They have no date yet when this will take place. Will call Clerk-Treasurer when they have a date.

Discussion on color for pickle ball court. No decision has been made.

Pres. Butz reports: he is working with Atty. George Loy on contract with fire department. Eng. Ken has put a budget together for the new fire station. Clerk-Treasurer presented the budget to Council. Pres. Butz has contacted Jill Mears on the 125,000.00 and has not heard back yet. Fire Chief Jason also has not heard from her. Waiting on the 125,000.00 to be able to move forward with the bids. Old fire station used for EMT and any fire department equipment storage. Has Superintendent working on what can be used. Superintendent Emmett said 2-3 bays for fire department and 1 bay for EMT vehicle.

Pres. Butz mentioned getting benches for the Pickle ball Court, Waugh Park up Town and Tennis Court. CM Girard will look into it and bring back options to Council. At least 6 benches to purchased.

Clerk-Treasurer received invoice from Utility Group for the water tower for \$73,110.84. Atty. George Loy announced the water tower contract will need to be paid this year then will be able to cancel. He has spoken to their Attorney and if Town cancels before 9 years then will need to pay back all 9 years. Waiting to hear back from their Attorney to pay in quarterly fees and not all at once and to cancel the Town cancelation that was made.

Pres. Butz mentioned needing to check on future water projects and asked Eng. Ken and Clerk-Treasurer to look at the water operations to see what balance is to see if need to increase water utility rate.

Pres. Butz announced White County Commissioners are helping with expenses for the new fire station and is very thankful. VP North asked if the lowest bid looked ok. Pres. Butz said yes, Eng. Ken did check over the bid and said it looked good.

CM Girard announced she sent an email to Clerk-Treasurer asking Town to write a support letter for new recycling facility. They are applying for a grant to be submitted February 16th. Clerk-Treasurer presented the letter and Council approved to support and was signed by VP North.

Terry LaOrange reports: working on cost of service study on electric. Sent to 3 entities asking for quotes to do the study. 1st time received one back. This time he reached out to the 3 entities to make sure they received the bid for quotes. 2 did and had not heard back for the 3rd. Need to have everything done and turned in by March 22nd to apply for grant.

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Emmett Reports: had water main break, Saturday night on 11th and Wood. 2" line. Called Rock and Dirt in to repair the line. Cost was 1,830.00. Received his letter back to take the WT-3 test. Will take some time to prep for it. Will be meeting Travis of REMC to remove the last 2 poles by Dollar General. When the first pole gets pulled then moves over to put in prop pole at Senior Housing. F350 is still down. Part should be in tomorrow. Was able to get the F250 plow working now have 2 that work. Announced Brightspeed which was Centurylink would like to bring in fiberoptic lines. 90% of lines will be aerial and possibly 10% underground. Pres. Butz asked if this is for cable also. Supt. Emmett thought for internet only. If anything gets tore up they are to fix it. Gave Atty. George Loy information they sent and Atty. George Loy will look over. Pres. Butz asked if need to reevaluate contract since they are a new Company. Atty. George Loy said yes and for Supt. Emmett to get a pole count. Supt. Emmett will also get with Eng. Ken is to get him a map where the storm and sewer lines are located. Pres. Butz said they are not to start until all is checked out.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none

Eng. Ken reports: none

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 569 miles; 1 animal complaint; 2 vin checks; 1 traffic complaint; 3 traffic warnings; 3 traffic stops; 1 warrant service; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 14 other police services. Had training last week. Sid Rose did move a lot of vehicles. Has a few to move but he has made a big progress. Training next Thursday and Friday. CM Girard had question on schedule that was presented. Marshal Yeoman said his deputies want to work weekends for they have jobs during the week. He has been working mostly week nights and doesn't see his family and that's why he would rather not work weekends unless no deputy can work it.

CM Girard asked about summer ball program signing a new agreement. Clerk-Treasurer asked if she can whiteout the old dates and put in the new dates. Atty. George will send a new same agreement to be signed.

VP North said he will be gone next week and if anyone else going to be gone. Need 3 bodies with Pres. Butz by phone. CM Girard and CM Thomas should be here. CM Hasser should be, if he isn't Clerk-Treasurer will call to let the other know.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Regina Penman
Clerk-Treasurer

CM Dan Girard