

# January 22, 2025

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Hasser absent.

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling \$168,118.82. Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business

Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan. Eng. Ken Smith presented a summary of responses on the surveys sent out. Numerous responses were on line. 150 total responses. Main complaint of businesses was internet speed. Maybe Terry LaOrange can speak to Brightspeed for the agreement is to have high speed in Town. Will need to ask businesses what main issue is before speaking to Brightspeed. Shawn with KIRPC announced the Town was awarded a \$50,000.00 grant with \$5,556.00 match. This is a live document and need to use the grant towards recommendations from public responses on the survey. Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan is closed!

Council to approve Resolution #1-2025, Resolution approving Brookston Comprehensive Plan PL-22-112. CM Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2025. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Jenilynne, White County Area Plan Director presented two amendments. A81, Renewable Energy Systems. Updated standards for Battery Storage to change permitted zoning district from A-1 General Agriculture to A-2 Agriculture Industry. CM Girard made a motion to accept A81 as presented. This is ordinance #2-2025. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Next amendment is A82, Parking and Loading standards. Establish regulations and standards for Data Centers and revise the existing standards to permitting Broadband projects. CM Thomas made a motion to accept A82 as presented. This is Ordinance #3-2025. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Pres. Butz has been working with Atty. Rebecca on the fire department agreement. Atty. Rebecca will send Council Members a draft of the agreement to review and if any questions to the agreement forward your questions to her. Once reviewed and all looks good she will then forward the agreement to Fire Chief Jason to review.

Pres. Butz, Eng. Ken and Supt. Emmett met with Scott Robinson to work on scope for the wastewater plant. Scott would like to meet again. Pres. Butz said once scope is done he will forward to Council the list and cost for the wastewater project. Eng. Ken announced missed the 1<sup>st</sup> round for the water grant will submit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round which is June or July.

Eng. Ken reports: the highway project for the underground work is 165,841.36 and the cost to the Town is 30,000.00. His recommendation is let RQAW do the drawings and plans that way any issues it goes back on them. Pres. Butz asked about change orders, Eng. Ken said Town will need to submit to INDOT and they can agree or disagree to pay for the change order. Eng. Ken asked Pres. Butz to sign the agreement between Town and RQAW for their professional services. Water Project drawings are done and will bid out the project March or April, close in June and Construction to start August or September. Waiting on permits.

Pres. Butz said Eng. Ken will need list of what streets or curbs need done for the paving grant by next Friday. Supt. Emmett mentioned a list of streets and curbs that need done. Council can review the list to see what needs to be done and CM Girard also said since Emmett has the list he can pick what needs done first to be within the budget.

Terry LaOrange reports: Everything going well. Had power outage at sub east of Town. New wires came out of the shoe. Power was restored with 1 hour and 7 minutes.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none, no fire department present.

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Supt. Emmett reports: As Terry LaOrange said, electric was back on as quickly as it was. Equipment at wastewater plant had to be reset due to the power outage. Really no issues with water. Had one water leak. Been doing maintenance at the water building. Pres. Butz did ask Supt. Emmett to start looking at what is needed for next year's budget.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 402 miles; 1 case report; 2 disturbances; 2 traffic complaints; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 4 other police services. Ordering a new portable radio and will need another one and will put in next year's budget. His camera he has now is an Axon-2 and Axon 3&4 are being used now. Would like to purchase new cameras which cost around 600.00-800.00 with a 1000.00 a year maintenance fee. White County prosecutor has a new report system for them to do their reports. Once they know the new system he will need to be doing it that way.

Pres. Butz gave a run down on balances of all utilities. Everything looking good right now. Hope to add more revenue to the wastewater.

Eng. Ken mentioned easy way for live streaming is a phone on tripod and account with YouTube. He can have his son set it up for the Town.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

*VP J. South*

*Regina A. Benyman*

Clerk-Treasurer