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Eng. Ken reports: Baker Tilly water project study given states if delay a little for better rate. It's 2.8% now and hopes to get lower. Council approved to delay for better rate. No water rate increase and pay off old bond. Construction to start August-September. Putting together scope for the sewer project and will sit with Supt. Emmett to go over it. Grant is for \$750,000 and need to apply for it soon. Pres. Butz asked schedule for blacktopping to start. Supt. Emmett wasn't sure they are working on other project might be able to start soon. They guarantee to be done before Apple-Popcorn Festival.

Pres. Butz announced 3 people interested to serve as Brookston's Representative on the Emergency Management Agency's Advisory Board. Max Eldridge will do it if no one else applies, Chris Hale and Michael Grovak. CM North knows Chris Hale personally and he's a Brookston kid. CM Hasser agrees. VP North made a motion to appoint Chris Hale. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Atty. Rebecca said she received the Bond Ordinance if council wants to proceed to approve. There is a process to do it. Council said yes. CM Hasser made a motion to adopt on 1st read. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous. CM Hasser move to suspend the rules to consider for adoption. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. CM Hasser made a motion to adopt Ordinance #4-2025. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

VP North asked if we are in the summer sewer rates. Clerk-Treasurer said yes.

Pres. Butz said there are problems with ballpark bathroom being too small for no wheelchair to fit and damage to plumbing. Council to look what can be done, if need to expand. CM Girard mentioned maybe get hand dryer trash full of paper towels and all over floor. Council agreed to keep bathroom where it is. Pres. Butz will ask Eng. Ken to draw up plans. Council feels ball association should keep bathrooms clean. Pres. Butz will ask ball president Joey Lamson to attend meeting to discuss. CM Girard said there are pallets against the building and been there for the past 3 weeks. CM Hasser said option could be Town hire cleaning service and charge the ball association.

Pres. Butz said need to have discussion bathrooms for Wood St. Park. VP North's opinion is to keep porta pot for its working fine. The bathroom at water building gets abused. Supt. Emmett says it has had sink broken off wall, trash, feces on walls, toilet paper stuffed in toilet. CM Girard said maybe need to put camera on outside of building. CM Hasser said 2 ½ years ago when received ARPA grant they were to give list of projects to do from the grant and bathroom for Wood St was on the list and never got any quotes and also in 2023 you ask for budget items and bathroom never put in the budget. CM Hasser said the frustration when they ask for it and nothing in budget, for it gets dropped. Pres. Butz frustrating no one pushed on it to getting quotes and why Council doesn't get quotes instead of bringing things up. He has been already working on a lot of projects. Some discussions on where would a bathroom go. Possibly need to go east end of pavilion and not sure if can expand parking. Pres. Butz said Eng. Ken did drawings in past and nothing became of it. Will have Eng. Ken bring drawings at next meeting and will discuss if need bathroom or keep porta pot. CM Hasser said if new bathroom we can still close bathroom in winter. CM Hasser said could put cameras outside of water building bathroom and sign on the inside that there is a camera outside. CM Girard had an application from Town of Chalmers that they use for people to rent or donate to use the shelter for an occasion. Pres. Butz feels all should be able to use shelter at no cost. Need more info. CM Girard asked Supt. Emmett how many stalls would be needed for bathroom at ballpark. Answer was 2 stools in women and men's room a small and big urinal in men's room. Supt. Emmett said if put in new bathroom at Wood St. Park will also need a heater to help keep pipes from freezing after closing for winter.

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