

July 23, 2025

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present.

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser had question on amount spent on bleachers. Payment said 988.50. Clerk-Treasurer said probably more items listed in parks and not enough room to add all items. Will look at it and let him know. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$168,673.98. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Jenilynne Kyburz, director of White County Area Plan is present on 2 amendments and other miscellaneous. We are updating our Comprehensive Plan; anyone can go on line to take the survey. Jenilynne announced Ralph Hasser as APC for Brookston has missed 3 consecutive meetings and by statute it's considered resignation. We will be glad to have him if he chooses to be re-appointed if not then the Council can appoint another person. First amendment is #A83 to establish an increased maximum height allowance for development within the I-3 zoning District. Previous height is 100 feet; now maximum height is 110 feet. CM Girard made a motion to accept #A83 as Ordinance #5-2025. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous. Second amendment #A84 to incorporate standards for Mobile Retail Food Establishments. Pres. Butz asked does that affect the mobile food trucks at the liquor store. Answer is yes; they should also get a permit. CM Thomas made a motion to accept #A84 as Ordinance #6-2025. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. CM Hasser announced he is stepping away from the APC. CM Girard said she would be the APC. Jenilynne will send forms to the Clerk-Treasurer to be filled out. Jenilynne also announced the County Council and White County Commissioners came up with a Building Repurposing fund. This is money recurring from building permits and have not been used. This is for any Commercial or institutional property converting to residential. Amount is 20% of cost and no more than \$20,000.00.

Bill Madden is present to take a picture of Council Members and Clerk-Treasurer to add to his book he is writing to be called Then and Now.

Eng. Ken reports: his recommendations on voting contractors for the water project pending on final loan. Artesian of Pioneer, Division A for \$1,060,000.00 for plant and Dashiell Contracting A for \$560,500.00 for distribution. Reith Riley will start paving mid-August and be done by Apple/Popcorn Festival. Town received permit to lower water lines on St RD 43. Already have State permits. Recommendation is Town should purchase the materials in house and hire contractor to do the labor. Will solicit for bids. CM Thomas made a motion for Town to purchase the materials. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. Eng. Ken said there are several invoices that had occurred during the process of the grant. Can turn in invoices to be reimbursed same on the water project if choose to.

Terry LaOrange reports: IMPA contacted him that Duke will take down the Brookston sub between March 15th-17th.

Fire Chief Jason reports; None

Scheurich Proposal of \$2,950.00 was presented for installing an additional new washer and dryer at the fire station. If Council approves will need to pay 50% at acceptance and 50% at completion. CM Girard made a motion to accept the proposal to pay 50% acceptance and 50% once completed. Second by VP north. Motion unanimous.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer going well. Water going well. Received responses back from IDEM to be corrected in the water project. Electric out for a short time due to replace transformer that received some damage in the storm. New part-time person hired mainly to weed throughout Town. Did pull him to weed the Brookston corner lot and Gazebo. He has already done railroad, most of 7th on westside working towards north end. CM Girard said there are a lot of alleys and streets with weeds throughout. Town Grasshopper mower returned on the 15th. John Deer tractor has more issues then thought it had. CM Girard asked him to weed along the fence at the ball park.

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Pres. Butz talked to Supt. Emmett and cannot understand why a schedule cannot be done to keep track of what's being done. He had a sample calendar that Supt. Emmett can put names on the day and what they worked on. Supt. Emmett said they will start doing a 2-week schedule. CM Thomas said there is a filler you can put between cracks on sidewalks to keep dirt out to help prevent weeds from growing. CM Girard asked what they are using to spray. They have 2-2gallon tanks, a back pack and a pull behind which is used on alleys and bigger areas. We mix roundup and 240 for spray. Pres. Butz said if you spray them tall and leave them, they look bad, that's why you need to cut down then spray.

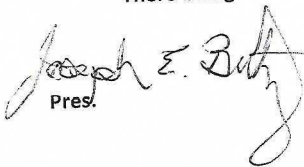
Clerk-Treasurer gave update on the old liquor store. She sent out a certified letter and the owner called and said he is using it for personal use. He had a couple people interested in the building but nothing in writing. He asked if Town would like to buy it. She will pass it on. He also said after the building was hit it was checked out for structure damage and there is no structure damage it is structurally sound. The Form 1 budget was sent to Council members to review before going to budget meeting. Additional 25,000.00 was added to paving in General fund so if need to reduce funds will take 25,000.00 from paving. CM Girard asked Eng. Ken if he had gotten an estimate for cost to build bathrooms for Wood St. Park. He had not. VP North said he doesn't feel we need bathrooms at Wood St. Pres. Butz say's porta pots are doing fine. With no changes Clerk-Treasurer will present to Budget Representative as presented.

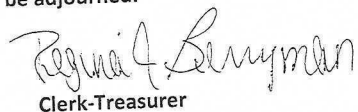
Clerk-Treasurer announced not being at the August 13th meeting she will be at the ILMCT Conference. Her Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will be attending in her place.

Atty. Rebecca Trent announced Council needs to Amend Ordinance #4-2025 Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction and Installation for Waterworks System. CM Hasser moves to adopt Ordinance on first reading. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. CM Hasser moves to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance for adoption. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. CM Hasser moves to adopt Ordinance on final reading to be Ordinance #7-2025. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. She is also working on Summer Baseball Agreement.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 337 miles 2 vin checks; 1 case report; 3 disturbances; 1 traffic citation; 3 traffic warnings; 1 traffic stops; 16 other police services.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Pres.


Clerk-Treasurer