

# JUNE 14, 2023

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with VP North and CM Girard absent.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling 155,128.72 unanimously approved.

Frank Hilligonds of TK Trash Kans was here regarding the bid for trash service for 2024. He explained that they will take unlimited trash, will not leave anything behind unless it is an object that they are not allowed to take. If we accept their bid, trash pick-up will be on Fridays. The only holidays they closed are Thanksgiving and Christmas. If Christmas falls on Friday, the trash for Brookston would be picked up on Saturday. If bid accepted, they will notify residents by letter, also have a pamphlet/booklet that will be attached to each tote for resident to review. Pres. Butz stated he would like to speak with Atty. Loy before decision is made and if agreeable, will sign at next meeting.

Pres. Butz proposed charging \$50.00 per unit to the owners of the two trailer parks for sewer and trash pick-up. The loss of sewer charge was overlooked when single meters were put in. Ordinance #3-2023 Water and Sewer Utility Service Charges for Single Meter Multi-Unit Mobile Home Parks was presented. CM Hasser moved to approve Ordinance #3-2023. Second was made by CM Thomas. Unanimously approved.

Pres. Butz proposed a \$3.00 increase per resident for wastewater. CM Thomas moved to approve increase. Second was made by Pres. Butz. Will have Atty. Loy draw up ordinance to send to Keystone for rate change.

Discussion on this being an election year. Pres. Butz had suggested putting information on bills, but there is not enough room. Council feels Town should let residents know about upcoming election of Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer and that residents should contact Monticello with questions. CM Hasser suggested putting on website and also sending out alert. CM Thomas and Pres. Butz agreed with that.

Much discussion about new Fire Station. Eng. Ken Smith presented a color picture of two options for colors. CM Hasser suggested going with charcoal gray walls and red roof chosen from color palette. All were agreeable to these colors and unanimously chose white doors with the charcoal gray walls and modern red roof. Pres. Butz and Eng. Smith will meet with contractor tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to discuss schedule, Pres. Butz feels that August 1<sup>st</sup> start date is unacceptable, as they stated it takes 45 days to get package, so should be able to start by mid-July.

Pres. Butz stated Scott Robinson has been very helpful at the treatment plant. Discussed future plans for hauling sludge and cleaning tank. Scott would like to take tank all the way down when sludge hauled next and do an inspection. He would like to improve mixing and has identified many areas that need improved. Emmett to check into gasket for door. Discussed hiring Scott's son part-time for cleaning up fencing, painting and general improvements at treatment plant. Scott states need to get moisture out before it causes more problems. Pres. Butz said 20-30 hours per week for part-time to get the process going and Emmett to meet with Scott's son and get him set up.

Pres. Butz asked Emmett on progress of pickle ball courts. Red paint had to be ordered and it came in yesterday. Emmett called contractor, but got no answer, will try again tomorrow. Fence next to Town Hall will be finished tomorrow. They had the wrong hardware for hinges when here last week. Pres. Butz suggested putting up a board for players to put paddle if court is in use to show who is next in line, or install a white board where they can sign up. If people waiting to play, maybe limit players to 3 games. Will discuss further, but feel we need to have some sort of plan.

Terry LaOrange reports: Cost of Service Study progressing with no hiccups so far. He is having them do 2-3 different ways to evaluate.

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Eng. Ken reports: He and Emmett walked path at Heart to Heart Park with Reith-Riley. Reith-Riley hot boxed problem areas and will come back to sealcoat on Monday.

Emmett Reports: CCR report to be passed out on Monday. Still waiting on materials for small clarifier. No issues with water other than had to order a part for the chlorine pump. Electric feed for trailer park on W Fowler Rd. was changed out to feed from ball park instead of through field from Ripley St. Had two power outages on June 3 & 13, both from squirrel in transformer.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 604 miles; 1 incident report; 2 disturbances; 2 vin checks; 2 call for service; 6 assist other agencies; 1 medical assist; 4 traffic stops; 2 citizen assists; 1 ordinance violation; 15 other police services. Marshal Yeoman reports a homeless man has been sleeping in his car at the ball park occassionally. Do we have an ordinance about overnight parking at town parks? Signage or ordinance would help him enforce no overnight parking. Pres. Butz will get with Atty. Loy to draw something up. Also, Marshal Yeoman has an extra security camera that he could put on west side of Town Hall to face pickle ball courts. Council said yes, security camera would be great. Marshal Yeoman and Emmett to see where to attach camera so that it does not cause damage to building. Marshal Yeoman will be on vacation out of state next week.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Have we received fireworks permit yet? Pres. Butz will text Foreman to see when he's sending it. Fire Chief Jason asked what things, other than the tables and chairs discussed at prior meeting were not going to be furnished for the Fire Station. Eng. Smith will look into what is allowed to be furnished and comply with grant. Fire Chief Jason states he needs a ballpark figure of what the fire department will need to furnish so that he can apply for assistance.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer