

JUNE 26, 2024

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

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$143,559.51. Unanimously approved.

Emily with KIRPC was in attendance for Public Hearing for CDBG Grant. Got approval for local match for improvement of water plant. Application will be submitted by noon Friday, June 28 and award will be mid-August. If not awarded, there will be another opportunity to submit. Pres. Butz presented Resolution 3 – 2024 Authorizing Submittal of the CDBG WDW Grant Application to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Problems. CM Thomas made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2024 and second made by CM Hasser. Resolution 3 – 2024 passed unanimously.

New/Old Business

Trudy Hughes was present to question why she cannot drive her Can-Am ATV in town. She reported she was stopped by Marshal Yeoman last week and informed she could not have it on Town Streets. She also came into Town Hall last week and Dep Clerk gave her the Golf Cart Ordinance. Pres. Butz stated they could not be on Town streets because they are a violation and the Town only allows golf carts. Pres. Butz said when originally brought up, it was decided ATV's would not be allowed because of speed, but he would not object to discussing again. Decision was made to table until all council members and Attorney Rebecca were present. Will be put on July 10, 2024 agenda.

Jack Tatman stated there are dead trees along SR 43 near Lopp's dentist office and he is afraid they are going to fall on someone walking or on a car passing by. Pres. Butz stated it would be up to the State since they are along the highway. Emmett stated Krintz Lawncare mentioned taking them down, so he will look into seeing if Lopp's are taking care of this. Also CM Hasser stated trees on 4th St & SR 43 @ Clapper's and further south are obstructing the view of traffic going north. Marshal Yeoman to speak with homeowners to have them trim trees back.

Ken reports paving will begin 1st-2nd week of August. He gave Emmett the list for the Fire Station. He spoke with 1 Source and they said they have paid the Mulhaupt's bill and he would send Ken a receipt. Ken said they are very open to making any repairs needed. Bid packets for restroom and renovations at Fire Station have been sent out. Hopefully can begin construction mid-August.

CM Thomas asked Superintendent Emmett about the hole on 4th and Wood St. Emmett explained that material settles around structure and may need filled. Also discussion about Mills & Davis Streets and how it looks like it's sinking. Emmett and Eng. Ken explained that the last paving was only 2 blocks and it stopped at the intersection. Hopefully these would be taken care of & paved soon.

CM Hasser stated the storm drain at Casey's and 4th Street is full and asked about putting a dome grate on it. Supt. Emmett explained that he has jetted and dug it out. They are working on cleaning catch basins now and will check it. He also said the dome would not help, as the holes are big on the grate and debris will still get through.

Terry L. reported that they will go ahead with project to replace poles between Holden & Brackney St. REMC will use poles in scope and will run new wire. They're still having difficulty finding right of way machine. Discussed need and importance of talking to residents this will affect. They could be without power multiple times during the pole & wire replacement. The project will take 3 days to complete.

Pres. Butz presented a list CM Hasser had suggested for the new Website. All agreed that projects and improvements made to the Town should be listed, but will keep the cost of

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projects off of Website. Dep Clerk let them know the new Website is ready to be reviewed and she and Clerk-Treasurer will look at it next week.

Emmett reports things are going good at Treatment Plant. Had an outage at the water plant, but REMC changed cutouts and should make things easier. Questioned whether it would be cost effective to purchase crack sealing equipment so that street repairs and repairs to walking path at Heart Park could be done. Reports getting things cleaned up and ready for fireworks. Will be getting barricades for 8th Street and signs for 1 way traffic.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 406 miles; 4 traffic complaints; 2 domestic disputes; 1 criminal arrest; 2 traffic warnings; 3 criminal history investigations; 1 ordinance violation and 2 follow up on ordinance violations; 5 other police services. Had meeting for fireworks with Fire Chief, Emergency Management and Supt. Emmett. Everything is ready to go and will be the same as last year. The school will be resurfacing the parking lot at the elementary school and will have it completely blocked off to traffic during fireworks. The school is responsible for monitoring and enforcing no parking. Looked into cameras for Wood St. Park and Ball Park. Found a solar powered trail cam that costs \$200 and then \$25.00 a month for service. Marshal Yeoman will be able to access from his phone. Council agreed to purchase one for Wood St. Park and see how it works before deciding to purchase for Ball Park. Still looking for part time deputy. It has been two years since the incident with Officer Neal and Marshal would like to see if he is interested in returning to part time duty if the Board is ok with that. Board had no problem and agreed that he could talk to him, but needs to make sure insurance will cover him before making decision.

Deputy Clerk informed Board that Chris Perry wanted them to know that the Ball Park paths and improvements are very nice and he appreciated what has been done. Also let Board know that the air conditioning unit went out twice last week at Town Hall. Tim replaced a part that worked a couple of days, then it went out again. My Guys Heating were called and Tim got it running again before they came. They said it's working for now, but could be a temporary fix as the unit has some age on it. Pres. Butz said will see about budgeting for a new A/C if needed.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Joseph E. Butz
Pres.

Janie Hurst - DC
Clerk-Treasurer
Regina Johnson