

JUNE 28, 2023

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present and Clerk-Treasurer was at conference.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling 280,945.45 unanimously approved.

Joe Rogers, White county Area Plan was present giving out flyers for contractors for residential development to apply for grants. Depends on funds available. Also have 3 amendments. 1st- SA10, Ordinance #4-2023 drainage board oversight. Designation an HOA as owner with water to retention pond in subdivision. CM North made a motion to accept Ordinance #4-2023. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. 2nd- SA8, Ordinance #5-2023 subdivision to create lots provision through plat committee. Minor lots of 15 lots and no roads. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Ordinance #5-2023. Second by Pres. Butz. Motion unanimous. 3rd-A73, Renewable Energy Systems Wind and Solar Sitting Regulations to expand battery storage requirement. This will be Ordinance #6-2023 if passed. CM Thomas made a motion to accept Ordinance #6-2023. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. Pres. Butz mentioned cannot find property to expand. Joe Rogers said a lot of resistance. Subdivision process is expensive to go through and infrastructure cost. Has asked Commissioners to consider funding road development to overcome that obstacle and they are considering it. VP North asked if water and sewer included in this. Joe Rogers said no.

Gayle Rogers announced ordinance #22-08-15-01 Economic Development Reserve Fund was passed in White County August 15, 2022. Money from Wind Farms ½ to taxing units and other ½ to operating funds. Commissioners decided EDA money 60% to go in reserve and 40% to operating funds. Reserve fund for municipalities. If apply for grant and need help with the match ask commissioners to see if they can help. It can be either granted to them or a loan. Pres. Butz asked if this is where Commissioners gave Town money for fire station. Gayle said no it was a separate entity. Right now there is 2 ½ million in fund and next few years should receive another 9 million. If any Bond issues ask Commissioners to loan the money with less interest rate to pay back. Eng. Ken asked when the program will be in place. Gayle said it's already in place.

Pres. Butz asked Atty. George Loy on trailer park ordinance amending water and sewer. Atty. George drew up the ordinance and notice of hearing. Pres. Butz said already published in paper for public hearing on July 12th. Ordinance for \$50.00 to add per unit.

Atty. George Loy announced talking to Trash Kans after bids were open and Town verbally accepted Apex for unlimited pick up. Trash Kans sent letter stating in the body of their bid it stated unlimited pick up with pick up to be on Fridays. Trash Kans bid is lower than Apex. If Council approves, Atty. George Loy will draw up contract for Trash Kans clearly stating unlimited pick up. There was no contract with Apex. Council approves.

Pres. Butz proposed CM Girard and VP North to oversee the Town parks. Council approved. CM Dawn had list of what is needed. She hadn't had a chance to check the heart to heart park yet. Dispenser for paper towels. Supt. Emmett says ball recreation buys the paper towel and toilet paper. When season is over Town can buy some but generally bathrooms don't get much use once it gets cold out. Pavilion at ball park soffit and fascia is bad, get quotes to repair. Water fountain is sickly. Just need to clean it up. Drop off from new concrete to asphalt. Supt. Emmett said that is to keep water from draining on it. There is a spot on new concrete to yard. Will build up the yard for they did it once and it settled. Benches need scraped and painted. Would like to put in budget 4 more tables for Wood St. Park. Tennis nets. Supt. Emmett already ordered nets. Throw rotten bench away at tennis courts. Signage at tennis courts to add no pets, keep court gates closed, children under 10 to be supervised by an adult, no alcoholic beverages allowed. CM Girard presented copies of signs to put up if Council likes them. Also Supt. Emmett to purchase 2 trash cans like the one at the gazebo for tennis courts and pickle ball court. Also put on sign could be a penalty if don't follow the rules.

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Eng. Ken reports: met with contractor on fire station. Will start in 2 weeks. Suggest Town to do a planning grant for Comprehensive Plan that does inventory. Received quotes for plaques. Eng. Ken had \$2,100.00 and Pres. Butz had \$800.00. Council approved Pres. Butz quote.

Terry LaOrange reports: Cost of Service Study getting close to being done. Need a little more information. ADM's numbers aren't matching. Once done will set a date of which meeting to attend to present the Study. Hope to be final by end of July. Implementation by September or October. Could be October for it is a shorter month.

Atty. George attended a couple law conferences. Changes to TIF. Council President to appoint the president for Redevelopment Commissioners and Council Members appoint Vice President to the Redevelopment Commissioner. New purchase of supplies amount over 150,000.00 is to be bid out and any other amounts to be determined how much to be spent. This to have a threshold. Decision at next meeting.

CM Girard was approached by Jamie Cook who operates Base Program at the church asking on Monday after the fireworks if she can take children down to the heart to heart park to clean up any trash. Pres. Butz said there usually isn't any because fireworks people come back on Sunday and clean up, but they can still go down and look.

CM Thomas asked CM Girard if she had ordered the banners for the shelter at Wood St. Park. She had not and will order them tomorrow.

Emmett Reports: Scott's son is working down at the treatment plant cleaning up the ditch and then will move on to repainting the fence. Passed out the CCR reports. Will be taking his WT-3 test this Friday. Power went out on the West side of Town on the 16th. It was the Nipsco sub and was switched over to the new sub. Had 5 outages within a week due to squirrels. Purchased a Kubota tractor. Will be taking in the 550 for electric issues. CM Girard asked if he was going to put another truck in the budget. He is hoping to replace the F150. Will be working on getting things ready for the fireworks. Eng. Ken asked if the sidewalk at the heart park been done. Emmett said yes.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 277 miles; 1 crash report; 1 disturbances 1 vin check; 3 traffic complaints; 1 criminal arrest; 1 warrant service; 9 other police services. Golf Cart marked and ready to go. Hadn't received invoice yet cost is around \$50.00. He, Fire Chief Jason and Roberta of EMS met finalizing for the fireworks. Children have made a fort out of the pile of limestone at the ballpark and should it be covered with a tarp to keep children off of it for safety. Council said yes.

Fire Chief Jason reports: asked about the permit for the fireworks. Pres. Butz will call Paul and ask.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer