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The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members presents including Pres. Butz by phone call in.

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 Accounts Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$130,176.15. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Penny Titus, Field Representative for Congressman Jim Baird was present to observe meeting. She does outreach for him.

Clerk-Treasurer reports: ILMCT Institute School was long. A lot of refresher, no changes. Information on AI, Amendment Auditor. Property Tax relief still in progress. Also Gerald Harrison would like to use tennis court for tennis lessons this year. He has used the tennis court in the past and would like to use it again. Council said they would like to have more information on if he charges for the lessons and how long he would like to use the court. Clerk-Treasurer will send an email to him asking the questions.

Pres. Butz reports: asked Council to look into identifying future needed streets. Need to pave streets in order to add curbs. He, Eng. Ken and Supt. Emmett working on scope of Sewer plant for grant. Eng. Ken waiting on Shawn Cain to let them know dates for the bids for water project. He thought it was either April 23rd or 2nd week in May. Eng. Ken and Supt. Emmett working on this year's blacktopping and curbs. Supt. Emmett announced he has on Railroad St from 7th to 4th St. paving and curbs, Wood St. from 4th to 3rd St. paving and curbs and Wood St from 3rd St north Town limit repaving. CM Girard asked if any paving left over if they could add about 2 feet at recycle trailers. Eng. Ken will get it done. Pres. Butz working on presentation for the Commissioners. When he gets back he's going to sit down with them to discuss Brookston's growth, expansion and where the money comes from and what we can attract. CM Girard asked isn't that what Randy Strasser is hired for. Pres. Butz said he will pass on her comment. CM Thomas said Randy reached out to him to talk to him. Not sure what he wants to talk about but feels Pres. Butz should be included in the conversation. CM Girard said the White County Economic Development has been helping Monticello, Reynolds, Monon and Wolcott.

Eng. Ken reports: Pres. Butz signed agreement for RQAW to move water lines. INDOT accepted bid for the project.

Terry LaOrange reports: working with Travis on putting plan together for the poles between Holden and field and behind Max's and Pres. Butz's house and south end of walking park.

Supt. Emmett reports: IDEM will be doing walk through soon at sewer plant. Hauling sludge next month. Hydrant flushing is done. Had a main water leak on the 19th. Tuesday the 18th replaced a water service line at 206 7th St. His water class was about maintenance and mainly refresher course. Would like to get a GIS mapping in the future. REMC helped with the Town clock. Replaced all computer board. 3 demand meters had the same reads for 2 billing cycles. He and Terry LaOrange will be working on it. They believe the January power outage may have caused it. Employee Tim will be on vacation starting Friday until Tuesday. He has tried to reach out to the person interested in part-time mowing and no answer. Will be advertising for mowing. Contacting Leslie Coating on the tennis court and pickleball. Would like to put permanent post in at pickleball court next to Town Hall like the tennis court, this way the nets will last longer. Will be able to take nets down for winter. Shuffleboard shed had been knocked over not sure if wind or someone knocked it over, so he moved it to a different area where it can be on camera. Will eventually purchase a better shed. VP north asked if any vandalism to town property. Supt. Emmett said no, the picnic tables at the ballpark look good. CM Girard asked about street signs. Eng. Ken is waiting for grants to be available. VP north said stop sign at 4th and Ripley St is really bad. Supt. Emmett will order a couple signs and Penny of Congressman Baird's office asked if County would sell

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you signs. They make them and if they do sell them possibly be cheaper. Supt. Emmett will check it out.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 382 miles; 2 case reports; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 traffic complaint; 1 traffic warning; 4 traffic stops; 3 criminal history invests; 3 gun permits; 16 other police services. Interview a candidate Freddy Martinez for part-time deputy and if goes good if Council approves. Council said yes. Health department giving out AED machines and he put his name in for one. Town has one but needs a battery and if get another he will put the old one in Town Hall Office. CM Girard asked if he has been trained on it. He said yes. He is also thinking of having a CPR class. He will be gone on April 4th, 5th and 6th for Marshals conference. His police vehicle will be 5 years old spring of next year and wasn't sure if budget for next year or year after that. CM Thomas asked how many miles on the vehicle. Marshal Yeoman said just less than 50,000 miles. His thought is he would like to keep this vehicle instead of trading it in to have a second vehicle. Then next time when purchasing a new vehicle start trading them in and will always have a second vehicle.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres:

VP *TJ*

Regina Simpson
Clerk-Treasurer