

# May 28, 2025

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 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 Hasser asked about the pressure washer. Supt. Emmett explained it and the Clerk-treasurer said it was taken out of all utilities and park fund. CM Thomas moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$134,606.76. Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business

Water Project Bids opened. Received 3 bids. Dashiell Contractor, Bid A, \$560,500.00, no Bid B, Artesian, Bid B, \$1,060,000.00, no Bid A, F&K, Bid A, \$632,950.00, no Bid B. CM Thomas made a motion to take under advisement. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Jeff Rowe of Baker Tilly was present on the rate study for financials and presented the time table for the water project SRF loan. Gave 4 options the Town could do. Eng. Ken said there is no requirement to put money in the bank and now the State added a management asset plan to do every 4 years. Final rate study is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Council to review the study that was presented to them by Jeff Rowe and discuss best option for the Town.

Sarah Griffin was present on the pavilion project for the Wood St. Park to be donated through the Aaron Jackson Foundation. Eng. Ken gave her drawings for her and her crew to look at and once approved he will apply for the permit.

Phil Bell who represents WHIN is present to speak to the Council on getting approval to put a broadband tower on the Water Tower. This would mean Comcast to run optical fiber wire to the water tower. Town of Schieler is not getting service from the other locations the broad band services are and Brookston would be the place to give them service. Council said to get all information of what is need to do this and meet with Supt. Emmett before and decision is made.

Pres. Butz from Ronald Hill of White County Emergency Management that Tom Bartlett representative for Brookston has resigned and needs Brookston Council to appoint a person to take his place on the Advisory Board. Meetings are 2 times a year at 7:00 p.m. in Monticello. CM Hasser asked Clerk-Treasurer if she would put on Town Website. She said yes. CM Thomas asked what they do. Fire Chief Jason said they make sure County is doing what they are supposed to be doing and if a fire department needs a new truck they would be the ones to go to for decision.

Chris Hale gave update for shelter at the church. The church is willing to still open doors for shelter during bad storms or tornado warnings. Church not sure on insurance for this. Atty. Rebecca said that would be owners to provide insurance for the Town cannot insure other property that's not theirs. Pres. Butz said to ask the County Commissioners if they could help.

Eng. Ken reports: Pre-Construction meeting on paving is this Friday at 9:00 a.m. Will also put in the camera after meeting same day.

Terry LaOrange reports: getting ready to start pole project. Every time they get ready to start its been raining. Will start next Monday. All poles are new and Town will fund 2 of them so they don't have to take out of the maintenance

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agreement. Carroll White REMC will not be doing the work another contractor will do the work.

Supt. Emmett reports: All going good. Pre-Bid for the water project went good. Extra iron build up in the water throughout Town and there is extra iron at 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Midway. The hydrants near there will get flushed more for the residents are getting orange water. Electric outages during the bad wind storm. Westside went out for about 5-10 minutes and came back on some outages out due to trees falling on power lines. East side of Town had electric outage due to regulator spraying out oil. List for budget 2026 are Dump Truck cost \$90,000.00, Hydrovac cost, \$150,000.00, Mower, cost \$22,500.00 and a post lift. A new sidewalk from Antique Store on S. South St to connect to sidewalk by Sheagley's. Pad at the fuel tank, and 8<sup>th</sup> St Entrance to Walk Park, cost \$29,000.00. Fence at Wood St and Ball Park estimated cost is \$20,000.00. North end fence at Wood St. Park had been damaged, cost was \$3,000.00.

Pres. Butz presented CM Girard's budget items. Most items listed could possibly be done this year. Roof above police station, re-painting or wrapping door trim at Waugh Park, work on new park equipment at Wood St. Park. Wrap fascia on Wood St. Park pavilion. Update Christmas decorations. Ball field Concession Stand roof, Pres. Butz spoke to Joey Lamson regarding this for its baseball responsibility, and addressed shingles need replaced. Council approved CM Girard to look at what Christmas decorations needed. Also a list of things not getting done was also presented. New street signs up, landscaping, weeding and mulch, banner at Wood St Park, Alley's graded and sprayed and railroad tracks sprayed. CM Hasser said he thought the equipment CM Girard referred to was purchasing new playground equipment. CM Thomas asked Eng. Ken if applied for grant for the signs. Eng. Ken said the grant application was pushed back.

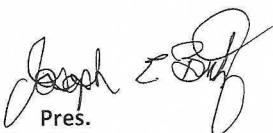
Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 340 miles; 1 disturbance; 1 traffic complaint; 3 traffic warnings; 3 traffic stops; 5 ordinance violations; 1 gun permit; 14 other police services. Giving out ordinance violations. Spoke to Walter Cornelius on RV sitting at the coffee shop. He is getting it plated by Friday. Still working on the R&M property. Having trouble getting information on the owner. Last update is it's going up for foreclosure. The Fountain Trust Company does not have it yet. Council said let the Bank know if Town mows it and doesn't get paid a lien will be placed on it. Pres. Butz said he had a complaint on the high grass, weeds behind the old appliance store, not a thrift store. Marshal Yeoman will take care of it. Marshal Yeoman will be at an emergency training at the airport.

Fire Chief Reports: Put motion sensor switches in the hallway, kitchen and gear room of the fire house. Medic 3 here in a couple weeks. Fire Department purchased medic 8 ambulance so now they will have 2 ambulances. Monticello talking about giving them a ladder truck. Would it be ok to put the trailer at the wastewater plant until they sell engine 2 truck? Council said yes.

Clerk- Treasurer said Town Office is getting calls about renting out fire house conference room for parties. Council said no.

Pres. Butz said any other budget items need to presented soon. CM Hasser said bathroom for the Wood St. Park.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
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Clerk-Treasurer