

MARCH 11, 2026

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Hasser and CM Thomas absent. Clerk-Treasurer on vacation and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer was in attendance.

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Register Form. VP Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Eldridge. The bills totaling \$166,108.98 Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business:

Discussion on yard sales. Attorney Rebecca stated that White County has an ordinance that allows yard sales for 72 hours and if longer, need to get a permit. The resident that is having continuous yard sales would be considered operating a business and would not be allowed as it is zoned residential. Council will look at sample ordinances provided by Attorney and put together an Ordinance for the Town.

Eng. Ken was not present. Pres. North stated that he, Eng. Ken and Emmett had a site visit with KIRPC regarding the wastewater grant. We scored 442 points out of the 450 points needed to be considered. There were many applicants and it is very competitive. Will reapply in October. He was informed that 2027 is fully funded for the grant. CM Girard said that Eng. Ken had written the letter of intent for the Community Foundation Grant for bathrooms at the Wood Street Park.

Pres. North informed council that he and CM Eldridge had discussed the purchase of new electric meters. The Town has funds available to purchase electric meters, so would not need to take out a loan. The bank advised it is not advisable to mess with the present bond. Council agreed to purchase with funds and not take out a loan if not necessary.

Pres. North stated he had someone approach him about lighting at the pickle ball courts by Town Hall. The person would like to draw up plans for lighting and present it to the council.

Terry LaOrange was not present. Pres. North, CM Eldridge and Emmett attended his surprise birthday party the previous Sunday and said there was a good turnout and that he was very surprised.

Fire Chief reports: None

Supt. Emmett reports: Sewer going good. Water running good. Tim sent in application to retake WT3 test. Tim will be attending the Spring Conference next week. There have been no issues with electric. Houston Electric did maintenance on 2 generators. He also had them check the Fire Station generator and would like to add that to the yearly contract. SR 43 should be closed down as scheduled on March 16. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will forward the email we received from Mike Hill regarding SR 43 and CR 1250 S becoming a temporary 4 way stop during construction in town.

CM Girard reported new grills at Wood Street Park are leaning and wondered if they could be anchored better. Supt. Emmett will check on them. Also mentioned the hot coal barrels are holding water and asked about drilling holes in them. Also, there are no scoops or tools to empty coals from grill to barrel. Supt. Emmett will look into getting some grilling tools and attach them to the grills. He will drill holes so water can drain from barrels. He will also have the guys check all trash cans and dog stations now that the weather is getting nicer and park is getting used more. Supt. Emmett said they will be putting solar lights along the new shelter, closest to the corn hole boards for better lighting.

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Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 517 miles; Noise complaint at 3rd & Wood; Check vehicle, Clawil St; Property Damage crash report at Casey's; Criminal Confinement Arrest (involving resident holding a solicitor and showing a gun until police arrived; Vandalism reported; Talk to officer, Clawil St; Tow company notification of vehicle repossession; Juvenile wellbeing check; Reckless/sleepy driver X 2/ Assist county with traffic stop 900 S & SR 43; Check vehicle 3rd St; Talk to officer 3rd & Wood St.

Police Golf Cart is not working. Tim and Emmett tried to trouble shoot problem, but could not repair. Feels the batteries and charger are both bad and will need to be taken in. Council informed Marshal Yeoman to find out cost of repair. Also discussed checking into cost of changing to lithium battery or a gas golf cart with a trade in of the current golf cart.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer