

MAY 10, 2023

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard asked if both golf carts are 2016. Supt. Emmett said no, one is 2014 and the other is 2016. CM Girard moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$109,330.32 unanimously approved.

New Business/Old Business:

Shawn Cain of KIRPC was present regarding contract between Owner and Contractor to be signed by Owner. Eng. Ken will set up pre-construction meeting and the Contractor can sign the agreement then.

Public Hearing for Summer Sewer Rate-No attendees. This is for June, July, August and September bills. CM Girard made a motion to approve Ordinance #2-2023 for the Summer Sewer Rate. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Bids for Trash Disposals. Received 3 bids. Contract is for 5 years.

1. Apex-take all trash- 2024-128,520.00 per year, 2025-133,660.80 per year, 2026-139,007.23 per year, 2027-144,523.39 per year, 2028-151,739.28 per year

2. Trash Kans- 1 bulk and cart- 2024-12.95 unit/month, 2025-13.95 unit/month, 2026-14.65 unit/month, 2027-15.38 unit/month, 2028-16.15 unit/month

3. Waste Management- 1 container plus 1 bulk item per month- 2024-14.15/Home, 2025-14.86/Home, 2026-15.60/Home, 2027-16.38/Home, and 2028-17.20/Home. CM North made a motion to take under advisement. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Pres. Butz presented spreadsheet, Eng. Ken put together on state of water account. Should receive more revenue during the summer. Clerk-Treasurer asked other Towns for their water and sewer rates. Brookston's rates are lower. There will be a grant available to use to rebuild filters and new meters and software. Could get a SRF loan for Town's match and could possibly wrap new loan around existing loan and not pay on new loan until old loan is paid off. There was some discussion on new meter systems. Council approved Eng. Ken to go forward to scope together on costs for water project.

Pres. Butz mentioned mowing getting better. The guys are out spraying for weeds. CM Girard asked if the gazebo and Waugh corner park have been sprayed yet along with the sidewalk along Railroad Street from corner park to parking lot. The weeds are really tall. Supt. Emmett said Lopp was to do the parks. He will get with him and find out if they had been sprayed. Sidewalk is to be getting re-done. Will call Doug Bunch to see when he can start it.

Pres. Butz announced the WT-3 application has expired and Supt. Emmett has to reapply the application. IDEM is trying to get the test changed to make it not so hard to pass. Only 17% are passing the test. Supt. Emmett sent his application in last Friday.

CM Girard was down at the ball park and witnessed children turning the water hydrant on and spraying it towards the bathrooms. Council said may have to put a lock on it.

Terry LaOrange reports: Still working through the process on electric study.

Eng. Ken reports: Will call contractor for fire station to set up a pre-construction meeting.

CM Girard asked the progress on water tower contract. Atty. George Loy said he has a call in and has not heard back yet.

Atty. George Loy said APEX trash bid looks to be what Town asked for to take all trash. Will review. They pick-up in Reynolds, Chalmers and Royal Center. Emmett to call and ask if they are satisfied with APEX. Clerk-Treasurer will see Chalmers Clerk-Treasurer tomorrow and will ask her.

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Pres. Butz had a list of streets for paving to include-

1. Park Street and if considered a street around apartments
2. Mills Street breaking down, needs ground out and resurfaced.
3. Finish Brackney from Holden Dr. to 8th St.
4. Davis Street high traffic area.
5. Vine Street possibly 9th to highway.
6. Brackney from 11th Street to end of road.

CM Hasser concerned about Wood St. north of 1st St. It is breaking up. Pres. Butz agreed it's getting bad and if any paving money left will add to list.

Pres. Butz mentioned the basketball court is listed to be done and paying from ARPA funds.

VP North asked Supt. Emmett if he heard when Reith Riley was coming back. Emmett hasn't heard from them and he would call them.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 563 miles; 2 disturbances; 1 juvenile complaint; 1 criminal arrest; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 1 ordinance violation; 10 other police services. Yesterday he noticed a crack on police vehicle windshield. Already called insurance and they told him to get estimate. Town has a 500.00 deductible. Council approves to get it fixed.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Engine 3 is done as of yesterday. Once he gets all invoices he will turn them in. Pres. Butz mentioned round table and chairs would look nice in fire station. Can Fire Department have a fundraiser for them? Fire Chief thought the new fire station comes furnished. Pres. Butz said no it does not.

With elections this year down the road talk about possible transition. CM Girard said when transitioning the President gets the Vice President ready to take over.

CM Hasser had someone ask about mosquito spraying. There has not been any spraying at this time for they aren't out yet due to still having cool weather.

Emmett Reports: Taking the mosquito fogger in for testing. CM Girard had list of questions for Emmett. Q- If Leslie Coatings been in spraying-A-Yes they have. Q-Cameras in trouble catch basins. A-Did clean them out, so far draining and want to check them out after a rain to see if they are still draining before spending money on camera. Q-ball signs in yet. A-received speed limit signs and still waiting on ball signs. Q-are you putting fresh mulch down. A-yes they will around Water Tower, Wood St. Park, Gazebo, and Walk Park. Q-spaying alleys. A-started grating the alleys and then will spray. CM Girard said alleys to be grated have been on the list of things do for 6 weeks now. Q-spraying curbs. A-did several areas on Railroad St. yesterday. Painting curbs this year.

Clerk-Treasurer had a call from one of the ladies of Home Ec Club asking if the Town or the ladies need to do maintenance on the bench they donated to the town. Council said the Town will do the maintenance.

CM Hasser asked about last year Attorney General sending a statement on Opioid Settlement. Clerk-Treasurer said yes and already received 1 payment.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer