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The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Thomas 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 Eldridge. 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 Hasser. The bills totaling \$222,372.80 Unanimously approved.

Public Hearing for Town of Brookston Wastewater Utility Preliminary Engineering Report to obtain assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program. Council signed the Model Per Acceptance Resolution. CM Eldridge made a motion to approve Pres. Terry North as the Signatory Authorization for SRF Loan Program. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous. Open house at the Wastewater Plant on Friday, December 5, 2025 from 2:00p.m- 4:00 p.m. Will send out a post card to residents and Clerk-Treasurer to post on office window and put on the Town Website. Pres. North asked if people are to walk around the plant. Eng. Ken said it's up to Supt. Emmett, what he wants to do. Pres. North asked if still need residents to write a support letter and if council members can also write a support letter. Eng. Ken said yes to both.

New/Old Business:

Pres. North asked Council if they would want to change day of meeting on November 26th for Thanksgiving and December 24th meeting would need changed due to office closed that day. Council approved to have meetings on November 25th and December 22nd.

Pres. North asked for any updates on projects. Supt. Emmett said Jack Tatman working on tuck point on the Town Hall building. Small windows in at the old fire station and waiting for the big window to come in. Heaters in garage by police station to be put in. Still to put the caps on the Town Hall. VP Girard asked about the rolled roof. Supt. Emmett called Rigo since worked on the roof and haven't heard back, will call him again. CM Eldridge asked about the overhead doors. Once they come in, they are to be put in.

Eng. Ken reports: spoke during the public meeting and left afterwards.

Terry LaOrange reports: still working on getting the air brake on 4th street pole. They put the order in and they will store it until able to put up. Waiting on a good window to put it on. Cost of this and hardware is between \$16,000.00-\$18,000.00 to come out of electric loan balance and new replacement pole to come out of the maintenance. CM Eldridge asked if Town was still affiliated with IMEA. Terry said yes. CM Eldridge asked if anyone was going to the IMEA meetings. Terry said yes Emmett has gone to annual meeting and he has gone to a couple meetings. The maintenance agreement with Carroll White REMC is going great. Late 2026 or early 2027 will talk to them about extending the agreement like in the past.

Pres. North announced the fire department has the ambulance. Atty. Rebecca said yes it went from Monticello to Prairie Township Fire Department. Brookston Town has nothing to do with it. CM Eldridge asked if there is any report Town can receive on all runs and hours the ambulance service is on site for 24-hour service. Pres. North said he spoke to Cody of Monticello. They are never not here in Brookston unless they get called on a run. He said one time they were in Monticello and were coming back when they were called asking where they were. Atty. Rebecca said she could request a report but next year Town will be signing a new contract with them and can add the wording of request in the contract.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer plant going good. Water going good. Tim to re-take his WT3 and DSS tests. Last Thursday Mint City was in Town going around to see what trees needed trimmed. On the 4th had a partial outage at the library due to a squirrel. Slow start on leaf pick-up due to being repaired and leaves falling late. The guys worked most all-day putting Christmas decorations up and checking to make sure all lights working. Will need to adjust bows on them, and had to order 2 more garlands not enough. VP Girard asked about street light by Casey's not working but the decorations

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were. Supt. Emmett said probably lights preventing the eye to come on. They had to replace socket for photo eye in front of Jeffries Insurance. Pres. North asked about the freeze service line to replace meters. Supt. Emmett said that has already been done and meters all done except now waiting on getting the large meters. CM Eldridge asked how many hydrants to replace. Supt Emmett said around 15. Clerk-Treasurer said she received email from Alliance on Tim's apprenticeship that they are holding the 3rd qtr. pay reimbursement check until Tim passes his 2 water tests per agreement.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 426 miles; 1 animal complaint; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 traffic complaint; 15 traffic warnings; 15 traffic stops; 7 other police services. Not much went on. Had an early crash and well-being check. Firearms training. VP Girard asked about the grievance from a resident getting abatement. Atty. Rebecca said there is nothing further to respond to.

Fire Chief Jason reports: asked Clerk-Treasurer if she received email on flooring. She answered yes and will pay ½ of invoice and email stated they will start working on floors December 8th-12th. Radio's to be put in the ambulance tomorrow. Did use it first time going to Mark's house. Overhead door is fixed. The Company put the screws in wrong. May have issues with the other doors and Supt. Emmett will get quotes on getting doors fixed before the issues. CM Eldridge said even though the company Paramount Doors warranty ran out we should still let them know how disappointed Town is with the doors they put in.

Clerk-Treasurer announced receiving another donation check from Brian Jackson for Aaron Jackson memorial fund of \$12,439.21. Balance of 22,939.72. He will be giving invoices needing paid to come out of the fund. CM Eldridge said any money left over needs to stay at Wood St Park and will be a start for new bathroom. CM Eldridge said Brian would like put a sign up also and CM Eldridge showed Council a picture of a similar sign they put up elsewhere. Council approved.

Eng. Ken brought in the plaque for the pickleball court. CM Eldridge suggested putting 6"-8" letters on the building over the plaque to say Joe Butz Memorial Courts so it can be seen from road. Council agreed. Clerk-Treasurer will ask Eng. Ken if place where the plaque came from does lettering and get a couple of samples.

Council agreed inviting Joe Butz family to the dedication of plaque next spring when it is warmer. CM Eldridge mentioned having a cornhole tournament also.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.




Clerk-Treasurer