

November 13, 2024

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

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Thomas moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$106,998.87. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Pres. Butz announced needing to discuss approval on the Interlocal Agreement between City of Monticello and Town of Brookston and Prairie Township for equipping and staffing EMS services. Atty. Rebecca noticed liability was not included on the agreement and spoke to Atty. George Loy. The liability needs to be added. Atty. Rebecca asked Fire Chief Jason if fire department was allowing EMS on fire truck on fire runs. Fire Chief said no. VP North made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between City of Monticello and Town of Brookston and Prairie Township for equipping and staffing EMS services with the exceptions to add liability, take off the Township under #2 The Facility and add Big Creek Township, Round Grove Township and Chalmers to #7 Service Area. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Pres. Butz would like to discuss how to handle leaf pick-up. Supt. Emmett said it usually takes 2-3 days to do all Town. It took 2 hours just to do Wood St. to Wastewater Plant. VP North said Town is priority and leaves come second. Council said when picking up leaves where ever you stop at then need start pick up there and move on. Need to finish all of Town first then start back at beginning. CM Girard feels they need to at least pick up 2 days a week. Council said pick up as needed.

Terry LaOrange reports: IMPA over collected last year and is to return some of that back to Town stretching it over the years. The following year they will want an increase and his (Terry) and Pres. Butz's thoughts were we can levelize some of those increases if we just kind of absorb this one. Knowing that if we see increase we can absorb it and keep rates the same. CM Hasser made a motion to absorb it to keep rates where they are at. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. With the rain we may not get project done behind Max's house. Was hoping to get this project done during the fall. If it dries out and not super cold then maybe work on the project. But don't see it happening. 1st St Project is completed. Breakers were moved and everything they wanted accomplished was done.

Eng. Ken reports; water project plans along with hydrants to be done before Thanksgiving. Would like Fire Chief to meet with him on map of all the fire hydrants to see if need to remove to another location. Lead report is done and paser for LTap is done. Can apply for CCMG paving grants either January or July. 43 project announced a water line needs to be moved on the south east side of Town. The Town will need to provide drawings to where to move the line and construction will re-locate water line to be added in their budget and no cost to Town. 7th St water line needs to be moved also. They will only pay 10% for cost of removal. VP North mentioned the Town had that section repaired 2 years ago and Rock N Dirt did the repair. Eng. Ken will provide a clear scope for the next meeting and have someone from project to attend. He, Pres. Butz, Supt. Emmett to put together a scope for a wastewater grant to upgrade and save money. This scope to include new equipment, new blowers and a lot of wiring and piping. Does the Council want to proceed with the wastewater project? Council said yes. Eng. Ken will have scope done in a couple of weeks. CM Thomas asked about the street sign grant. Eng. Ken has the map of signs and will bring in next meeting.

Chief Jason reports: benches are in and boy scouts put them together. Thank you to the Town employees for delivering the benches to the fire station after they were put together. They look really nice.

Emmett reports: sewer good. Put the senseaphone on water for alert. Electric going ok and seconds what Terry LaOrange said about the project behind Max's house. REMC in Monday for Christmas lights across the highways. Will be working on Town Christmas lights Friday. Josh Kelly put in his 2 weeks notice on November 4th. This Friday is his last day. CM

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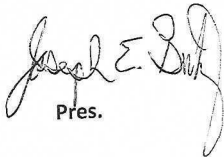
Girard asked if he was offered more money. Supt. Emmett said no that Josh was already heading out the door that he wanted to be more lackadaisical, less manual work to do. He is leaving on good terms. Pres. Butz asked about the Gazebo lights for the roof. They do not match with the bottom lights. Supt. Emmett said he was having a hard time finding those lights and will look into ordering other lights to all match. CM Girard asked about the ball park no parking signs. He will get those done. CM Girard asked about the lamp post in front of Dave Alms house. The photo eye had been replaced and with the trees it is shaded there. May be able to turn the photo eye to another direction. Will check it out. VP North asked if he saw the north side of clock not working. He hadn't and will call someone in to check it out. Last Wednesday the Bobcat was having issues. Bobcat Company came to pick it up and they found the drive motor and drive case needs repaired. Cost will be \$10,000.00. This will be taken out of all utilities.

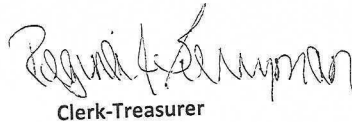
Craig Runshee with Harmon-McClintic was present to present a quote for 2025 Town Insurance. Council will review.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 329 miles; 2 case reports; 1 crash report; 1 animal complaint; 3 disturbances; 1 vin check; 4 traffic complaints; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 8 other police services. Police vehicle is a 2021 and will be up for trade in 2026 and would like to keep it up until then and if enough money in the budget he would like to take it to the detail shop to get it cleaned up. Council said yes.

Pres. Butz asked Council if they would like to do a Christmas dinner this year! Council said yes. Clerk-Treasurer will call Jackson Street Pub to see about hosting the dinner to be at 6:00 p.m. on December 4th.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Pres.


Clerk-Treasurer