

November 25, 2025

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

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. CM Thomas moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$173,454.74 Unanimously approved.

Craig Runshe with Harmon Insurance was present for any questions the Council may have. CM Eldridge asked if no big changes from last year. Craig said it was apples to apples on renewal. There was a 2,000.00 increase due to policy changes. CM Eldridge said no big changes from last year then. Craig said the increase is 4% for value of property to keep up with inflation and workers comp for wage increases and add on employees. Craig worked on keeping insurance increase down as much as possible for Brookston had no loss runs. Pres. North asked Clerk-Treasurer if Council could vote tonight. Clerk-Treasurer said yes for no other Insurance submitted a quote. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Harmon McClintic Ins. as presented. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous. Terry LaOrange wanted the Council to know when he had questions regarding electric, Craig was very helpful and met with Terry and went around Town and to make sure what all in electric to be added in the Insurance policy.

New/Old Business:

Pres. North announced had a site visit meeting with Gerry White with OCRA and Emily with KIRPC. Went through what is needed for the wastewater grant. Made a few wording adjustments. Town will need points. Get residents to write letters of support will help. VP Girard asked if they received any letters yet. Pres. North did not ask, so not sure. The system is in decent shape and need to keep it that way.

Pres. North mentioned having a salary meeting following the December 10th meeting.

Resolution for Naming Wastewater Improvements Town's Highest Priority Project was presented. If approved this will be Resolution 1-2025. CM Eldridge made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2025 as presented. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Pres. North would like the Town to send a Thank You card to the Jackson Family for the pavilion at the Wood St. Park. Pres. North mentioned in talking with Brian Jackson he (Brian) would like tables put under the pavilion. CM Eldridge mentioned when send the thank you card add a note to ask Brian to pass on to all that was involved in the pavilion project. Also to include a report where all money was spent from the Aaron Jackson Memorial Fund. Clerk-Treasurer will get it printed.

CM Thomas thanked the Fire Department, ambulance service and Marshal Yeoman for coming to his home when he was injured.

Eng. Ken reports: none

Terry LaOrange reports: Nothing at this time. Pres. North asked if received the air brake yet. Terry said yes, it's sitting in the warehouse with Brookston tag on it. CM Eldridge asked if it was going on 4th St. Terry said yes, between Prairie St and Ripley St.

Fire Chief Jason reports: nothing at this time. Pres. North asked about the flooring. The flooring is to be put in between December 8th -12th.

Supt. Emmett reports: IDEM was here yesterday for inspection. Had a few minor things which most will be rectified in the project. Lab went well. Water plant had a few bugs which will get fixed in the water project. Tim re-took the water test and did not pass. Sent application in to take the test for a 3rd time. Pres. North asked when does he find out the results. Supt. Emmett said right after the test. On the electric, he has not heard back from Mint City on tree trimming. CM Eldridge saw them trimming on Ripley St. and VP Girard saw them by Waugh property. Tatman is almost done with the projects he is doing. Has to finish

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the caps yet. The pre-construction meeting on the SR 43 project has been pushed back to January. Information he has heard on when it's to start is in February. CM Eldridge asked if the water lines been done. Supt. Emmett said no that he and Eng. Ken are finishing them up with F&K. CM Girard asked if Rigo gotten back with him. Rigo did come to Town Hall and that part of the roof was not done by him (Rigo) it is the old rubber. Rigo did suggest stretch it back and put river rock on top of it to keep flattened. Supt. Emmett said he and his employees will be able to do that themselves and not hire someone to do it. Pres. North asked about the change order from Tatman. Supt. Emmett said there was more tuck pointing need to be done then what was estimated, increase of \$1500.00 and the big window at the old fire station had wrong measurements. Company had the measurements flipped flop and to get the correct measurements would take long getting the window and went with 2 small windows instead and cost \$200.00 more with a final \$1700.00 increase. Clerk-Treasurer asked if Council approves the change order of \$1700.00 increase and completion of all projects can she issue the check. Council approved the change order and yes check can be issued per Supt. Emmett has made sure all work is completed to his satisfaction. VP Girard asked when last day for leaf pick-up. Supt. Emmett said not sure yet for there are lots of leaves out there but hope to be done by 2nd week in December. CM Thomas asked if ready for the snow. Yes, just have to put the plows and spreader on. VP Girard asked heard back on the signs. Supt. Emmett has not. She has another contact number for him on the signs.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 444 miles; 2 animal complaints; 2 traffic stops; 2 citations; 3-gun permits; 3 other police services. Not much went on. A couple of animal complaints and a hunt for a possum. His Deputy Marshal Brennan is doing really well.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.



Clerk-Treasurer