

October 23, 2024

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with Cm Girard and CM Thomas absent.

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 Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling \$370,941.80. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

VP North announced this is a special night. He, Ken and Max sat down one day talking and thought it would be a great idea to nominate Pres. Butz for the Sagamore of The Wabash Award. Took about 3 months planning, asking friends and county to send letters and the help from State Senator Ed Charbonneau. Received notification Pres. Butz would be awarded the award. Senator Ed Charbonneau was present to present the Sagamore of The Wabash Award. He mentioned this award is not an easy award to get and was very happy to present this award for he doesn't know any Council Present to hold a president position for 46 years. He said this was an easy one from the beginning to do with all letters received of what Pres. Butz's has done for his community no doubt he should receive this award. Pres. Butz was so surprised, had no clue this was going on. He thanked VP North, Max and Eng. Ken for the nomination and all he had the pleasure of working with and said he did all this for the people of Brookston. VP North, Max, Eng. Ken and Atty. George Loy said a few words about Pres. Butz and thanked him for everything he has done over the 46 years.

Brayden Evans, White County Area Plan Asst. Executive Director presented the Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #A79-Ch-7 Renewable Energy Systems with the new changes that he presented previous meeting that was tabled. If Council approves the new changes this will be ordinance #3-2024. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Ordinance #3-2024 as presented. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous.

Atty. George Loy presented 1st draft of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Monticello, the Town of Brookston, and Prairie Township for EMS Services with the Town of Brookston. There were a few questions pertaining to the agreement. CM Hasser asked about the equipment Atty. George said it's City of Monticello, Pres. Butz asked about the insurance and Fire chief Jason said fire department has their own insurance and EMS will have their own. If fire department drives EMS ambulance then fire department will have to give ambulance service copy of fire roster and credentials. Which the fire department will not be driving the ambulance. Fire Chief Jason said the facility should be Town and not township. Atty. George asked what service area outside Town and Township to add to agreement. Fire Chief Jason said Big Creek Township, Round Grove Township, and City of Monticello. Atty. George said the Council is to review and discuss the agreement and note all changes and he will present to Monticello. Fire Chief said once agreement is signed then Monticello will start hiring people for the EMS Ambulance Service.

Pres. Butz mentioned the water issue should not have happened and didn't agree with the water boil since it was not a line break. The phone line wasn't working at the water plant for the alarm at the time this happened and switch had broken. He would like the council's approval to hire Eng. Ken and Terry LaOrange to meet with himself and Supt. Emmett to go through to see what really happened and to keep this from happening again. CM Hasser made a motion to hire Eng. Ken and Terry LaOrange to work on the water issue. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous.

Pres. Butz and Eng. Ken have been discussing water project. He always heard you can only do one project at a time and now can do 2 projects at a time. Pres. Butz would like to add wastewater project. Would like Council approval for him, Eng. Ken and Scott at wastewater to scope together what is all needed for wastewater project to be included with water project. Council approved.

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Terry LaOrange reports: work on electric project at 1st St by Family Dollar to start tomorrow. This will affect 11 houses and notification was put on their doors. Will be moving 2 breakers by the storage unit to the alley.

Chief Jason reports: Doors on shelter around the trash dumpster at firestation are broken off the hinges from being blown open. Would like to put a black chain link gate up. Asst. Chief Rex thought maybe put a lock in ground to keep gate secure. Council thought that would be a good idea.

Emmett reports: no report from Emmett for he was at Alliance Conference and his employee Tim sat in meeting for him. Tim said Brian Jackson will be doing the striping tomorrow beside the Brewery from St. Rd. 18-4th St.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 293 miles; 1 animal complaint; 1 traffic stop; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 8 other police services. Had firearms training last Friday. Pres. Butz mentioned a couple places in Town had overgrown plants in alley and sidewalks and Troy handled them pretty well.

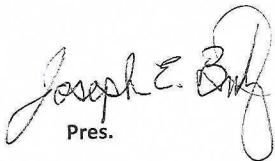
Chris Perry was present to tell Council the baseball field's looks great. Heard a lot of feedback how good the park looks. Council said thank you!

Eng. Ken said he, Ralph, Joe, Emmett, Terry LaOrange met with INDOT on the St Rd. 43 project. INDOT needs work of Town utilities to be removed out of way before St Rd 43 project begins. Terry LaOrange has plan for poles overhead. Not sure about the underground with water lines. Either way Town has to design the plans whether Town removes themselves or has contractor do it. St Rd 43 paving to start next summer from 18 West to Reynolds. Town will work on what is best way to do it.

Pres. Butz asked Atty. Rebecca Trent if anything could be done with trains blocking all intersections for 2 hours. She said the Federal Government gives all rights to railroad, so nothing can be done. Not sure if it helps maybe people start sending letters of the issue. Fire Chief Jason said he made a call to CSX and told them about the amount of time train blocked intersection preventing them to get through for emergency to highway 65. Marshal Yeoman has called CSX many times.

Clerk-Treasurer announced she called Monticello on credit card machines if there are costs involved using the machine. They said yes, they have a few thousand dollars cost every month to have the machine. Town will keep what they have.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Pres.


Clerk-Treasurer