

# October 8, 2025

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

No Live Streaming tonight due to technical difficulties.

Public Hearing on the Wastewater Drinking Water Grant which grant is for wastewater project. Emily Albaugh with KIRPC announced Town is applying for a \$750,000.00 grant. Town's local match is \$2,250,000.00. No full project details at this time still working through speculations. The proposal submission is to be submitted October 24, 2025. To help score points Town can hold a public open house to last 45 minutes, before a regular Council meeting from 5:00 p.m-5:45 p.m. Details of the project include adding new clarifier, and rewiring. CM Eldridge asked if the specs will be available at the open house. Emily said yes. Will need to hold a second public hearing. Eng. Ken will work with Emily to get the grant. CM Thomas asked how many grants awarded. Emily said typically 8-9 grants. CM Eldridge said people don't know what they see they want to know how much it's going to cost them. Also need letters of support from residents. Council approved having the informational open house at the next Council meeting on October 22, 2025. The second public hearing on Wastewater Drinking Water Grant will be on December 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting. This is for the application and passing the resolution to submit all by December 19, 2025. Need to do a community resiliency vision plan in which she will meet with Pres. North and a member from the Economic Development. She will get a hold of Pres. North when to meet.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Girard made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM Thomas. 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 Eldridge. The bills totaling \$68,631.28 Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business:

Atty. Rebecca presented the Ordinance Designating a Three-Way stop at First Street and Moore St. This will be Ordinance #9-2025 if approved. CM Thomas made a motion to approve Ordinance #9-2025 Designating a Three-Way stop at First St and Moore St. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous.

Discussion on sign quotes. County quote \$3,621.00 signs only. Traffic Safety Store total with post \$7660.17. Discussion on what post would be better. U-Channel or Square. CM Eldridge asked Superintendent Emmett if he checked with Michael Todd. Emmett said no, he will. CM Thomas made a motion to have County do the signs. Second by CM Eldridge. Motion unanimous. Supt. Emmett will have price for posts at the next meeting. Clerk-Treasurer said she will write a check out if getting close to end of year and hold it until receive the signs to be able to take it out of this year's budget.

CM Girard presented 2 quotes for garland. One with and one without ornaments. Quote with ornaments is \$9,019.00 and without is \$5,852.20. CM Girard made a motion to accept quote for \$9,019.00. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer announced a resident came in office asking if Town could put a speed bump on Railroad St. before 1<sup>st</sup> St. There is a yield there now and with the construction on SR 43 vehicles are driving fast around there and there are children living by there. After some discussion Council said no to the speed bump.

Eng. Ken reports: plaque of Joe Butz for pickleball is \$720.00 plus shipping and handling. Will get Clerk-Treasurer the invoice. Total for paving 2027 is \$551,647.11. Town match is \$110,329.42 and Eng. Fee is \$10,000.00 total local funds of \$120,329.42. If no curbs take \$40,000.00 off. CM Eldridge asked if cheaper to put in curve curbs, then square. Eng. Ken said no. Council asked if enough funds budgeted. Clerk-Treasurer said she's sure there are and will check it out. Working on if there is a grant for light posts per CM Girard's

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request. CM Girard mentioned asking Eng. Ken to see if any funding out there to replace all street lights like West Lafayette. It's hard to get parts for the street lights Town has now.

Terry LaOrange reports: Nothing to report.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Need to talk to Eng. Ken regarding info on the flooring at the fire Station. Will text him. Jason presented pictures of what the floors look like now. Re-seeded the grass at the fire station. Town may want to revisit on the ambulance agreement. Atty. Rebecca will look into it.

CM Girard asked Atty. Rebecca on the extra ambulance transfer. Atty. Rebecca said she has left Atty. George Loy a message to transfer the ambulance to Township. Pres. North said Town will not have anything to do with it. Atty Rebecca said correct.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer going good. Water good. He and Tim did a training on Monday with Alliance of Rural Water. Tim waiting on letter to take his water test. Should be arriving soon. Tim is doing 4 semesters and will be done June of 2026. Small meters have been replaced. Still a few to do and will work on replacing the larger meters. Hydrant flushing next week. Electric good. Batman to give quotes on what all is needing repaired. Once he gets the quotes, he will let Council know. Gotten a quote from Steve's overhead Doors. The garage doors need replaced at the old fire station. Cost will be \$6,954.00. Council approved. Purchased a new trash can like the pickleball can for the Brookston-Waugh Park. Already received it and is put at the park. Will be on vacation tomorrow and Friday. CM Thomas asked if he (Emmett) talked to White County on filling in the cracks at the walk park. He has not, will call.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 274 miles; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 civil complaint; 1 traffic complaint; 4 traffic warnings; 4 traffic stops; 1 gun permit; 1 ordinance violation; 1 follow up ordinance violation; 22 other police services. Presented Council some activities within last 2 weeks. Has an interview with Terri Delp for crossing guard. Spoke with the son and mother regarding 504 S. South St he had given abatement to. They are working on cleaning the property up. Gave a citation to resident of 309 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. regarding having a junk business. Would like to purchase a new vest with money left over in his budget. Council approved. Gave a yellow tag at resident on SR 43 and 8<sup>th</sup> street north of Subway on tall weeds in front of property.

Clerk-Treasurer presented an email received asking Council to allow Adult Go-Carts in Town limits. Council said no just golf carts only. Received 2 documents from Baker Tilly to be signed. One being Asset Management Plan and Debt Issuance. VP Girard made a motion to sign the 2 documents presented. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer