

September 10, 2025

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with 3 members present, VP/Pres North absent and 1 vacant seat.

CM Girard to run tonight's meeting by votes.

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Register Form. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$357,796.49 Unanimously approved.

Public Hearing on 2026 Budget. CM Hasser made a motion to close public hearing, no attendees. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Eng. Ken reports: presented quote material for larger diameter pipe for \$4,123.00 council approved earlier. Solicited to several contractors concerning the SR 43 water line move. Received one response from F&K for \$148,045.00 to furnish materials, labor and equipment for scope of work. Presented Reith Riley invoice for paving project completed of \$319,684.35. Presented 3 invoices from RQAW for professional services for \$125.00, 375.00, and \$1000.00. Make copies of all invoices and copy of check paid and will send in for reimbursement. Presented payment #1 from Dashiell for \$40,655.85 installing meters. Presented Municipal Civil Corporation invoice for CCMG paving for 2025 for \$20,000.00. Community of Rural Affair Grant is coming up if the Town would like him to apply, they said yes. Also, if want to move forward for grant for the wastewater project along with State Revolving Report. CM Thomas made a motion for Eng. Ken to move along with the wastewater grant and report. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Atty. Rebecca presented the resolution for the transfer of the surplus ambulance from Monticello. CM Hasser moved to table the resolution to get more information on it. CM Thomas second the motion. Motion unanimous. Fire Chief Jason said they are wanting to give to Town of Brookston which will mean Town to be responsible for insurance, maintenance and additional cost of \$35,000.00. Council would like to also discuss with the Trustee. Fire Chief Jason will talk to her tomorrow. More discussion to come. CM Thomas made a motion to accept the new summer baseball agreement. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

New/Old Business:

CM Thomas said he researched that Government officials, and Town should change their email to .gov for security. Clerk-Treasurer was not informed of this until meeting. Atty. Rebecca said would be safe to do. Clerk-Treasurer said she uses Town email to email Council. Atty. Rebecca said that is ok since it's not a personal email.

CM Thomas asked Supt. Emmett about spraying weeds in the cracks before filling the them at the walk park before they get worse. Supt. Emmett to call and get quote for someone to take care of them. Also, some discussion on the fence that was damaged at the walk park from the storm. Supt. Emmett to get it fixed.

Terry LaOrange reports: Town substation out of service now. Regulator went bad had to switched off Brookston sub to NIPSCO.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer good. Will do one more sludge haul out. Tim done with class waiting for approval from State to take his test. Will get with Travis on tree trimming around electric lines. Pavillion building up, cornhole boards and pads in. Grate work to be done by Rock N Dirt. Rieth Riley done on paving project. Mowed R&M property for 8 1/2 hours. Part-time Kole gave his 2 weeks' notice to get another job. Will help on his day's off if needed. Curb painting to be done by the end of the week. CM Thomas asked if the edges of the walk park could be trimmed before the festival. Also, a safety light on top of the Town golf cart, so Town employees can be noticed while working. CM Girard asked how many decorative light poles there are. Supt. Emmett said 29 poles and the garland is 12 feet long. Can put up to 15 ft long.

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Fire Chief Jason reports: will be doing pancake breakfast during the festival.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 376 miles; 1 crash report; 2 domestic disputes; 2 disturbances; 1 traffic complaint; 17 traffic warnings; 17 traffic stops; 2 ordinance violations; 2 abatements served; 13 other police services. The last 2 weeks he Had 2 suicides, a lot of school patrolling due to one of the school crossing patrols quit. Chris Landrum to fill in until a new crossing patrol is hired. Neighbors concerned of Jacobs property, what he is doing with it. Marshal contacted Jennilynne, White County Area Plan director and she said it is zoned for what he is using it for. If Town wanted to, they can request it to be zoned residential. Marshal said the property as clean as it has ever been in the past. Will need to upgrade his computer and laptop for his will not be compatible with Microsoft starting October. Supt. Emmett said he needs to upgrade his also. CM Thomas made a motion for the new computers and laptop. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer asked if Council would like to extend summer sewer rate to October 1st bill. CM Hasser made a motion to extend to October 1st bill. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Food Vendors for apple/popcorn festival to start arriving next Thursday evening and a couple vendors will open up Friday afternoon for lunch.

Clerk-Treasurer received a call from a person from Frontier School FCCLA asking to reserve pickleball court next spring or summer for a tournament. Council said for them to call closer to date to confirm.

Clerk-Treasurer presented 2 samples for the memorial plaque in Joe Butz's name for the pickleball court. Council agreed to do the memorial one without all Council names and turn it sideways to see it better. Clerk-Treasurer will let Eng. Ken know.

CM Hasser had one more street to add to next year's paving. Ripley St between 3rd and 4th. CM Girard mentioned the corner of Ripley and SR 18 West the big pot holes. Supt. Emmett is waiting on cold patch to fill them in.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.



Clerk-Treasurer