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Moment of silence for the victims of 911

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

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 Payable Voucher Form. VP North moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$104,318.93. Unanimously approved.

Public Hearing for Budget 2025. No public attendance. Clerk-Treasurer presented what changes were made of increases or decreases for 2025 budget. Adoption for 2025 Budget next meeting 9-25-24.

## New/Old Business

CM Hasser reports: announced he received quote for sound barriers for the south side fence of pickleball court located next to Town Hall. Cost is 260.00 for each panel needing 16 panels for a total cost of 4,160.00. The panels have grommets making it easy to hang up. Supt. Emmett is also getting prices. They will present all quotes at next meeting. Would like the Town to purchase another grill for the baseball park. The previous 2 grills purchased were put at the Wood St. Park. Council said yes for Supt. Emmett to order another one. Met with Lucy Dold of White county Foundation and a representative from Newton and Jasper Counties. They have a possible donor who would like to donate something for the Town. CM Hasser took them around to check out the parks and new fire station. They would like a copy of Comprehensive Survey. Eng. Ken will get one for them.

VP North reports: had concerns with the Jacobs field property at end of Second St. with six feet tall weeds with stuff buried in them and pieces of pipes on there. Marshal Yeoman just presented Jacobs with a fine. He will check on it every few days and if nothing has been done, Jacobs will continue getting fines which go up each time. Also the blacktopping next to Craisen if Supt. Emmett can get new rubber parking blocks and get with Jacksons Striping to put in the parking lines. Fire Chief Jason thought there should also be a bumper around the gas meter there. Supt. Emmett will get a hold of Nipso about getting one.

CM Thomas asked Supt. Emmett if any stop signs been ordered. Supt. Emmett ordered some. Council asked Eng. Ken if there are any grants out there for signs. Eng. Ken said yes there's a miscellaneous grant that can be used for signs. Council told Supt. Emmett to go around Town and make a list of all signs and get pricing.

Terry LaOrange reports: test pole at north end of town and met with Travis who will be working on it. Finished Holden and Brackney St. Has a couple complaints, one being needed to be notified day of project for they are on oxygen and are not on the alert. Which they were notified start of project. Town Office used to have list of people on oxygen but they are no longer in Town and no one has reached out of who is on oxygen now. Next project will be north of Town around storage unit and then move pole on Max's property which power will effect Joe's, Ralph's, and Max's residence. Want to get done before it gets cold. VP North asked how to tell what poles are bad. A yellow tag is put on the pole. A vertical tag is the pole number.

Ken reports: received the grant for the water project. State will send agreement to sign and will solicit for bids mid October. Hope to close out grant December or January. Then will have financial advisor to help set up loan payments. Rigo is ready for inspection at fire station. After Comprehensive meeting tomorrow will go over to check if ready for the inspection before calling for the inspector to come over. When getting new meters there is a piece of equipment Town can purchase to help read any trouble water usages. Cost is around \$13,000.00 and another Town didn't use it and Utility Supply will sell it to Town for \$7500.00 to pay in advance before the grant. It can be added in grant to reimburse back to Town.

Emmett reports: working on getting new meters. Pres. Butz asked if the new meters read a possible trouble of high water. Eng. Ken said yes that is the equipment he was talking about earlier that will detect any trouble usage. Pres. Butz asked how long it takes to change

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all the meters. Eng. Ken said about 2 months. Supt. Emmett announced meeting with INDOT on the ST RD 43 paving project. Couple poles need removed. Pole east side of 43 by Lopps one of decorative poles and pole between 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> St. Can put a short prop pole in and run wire aerial. This would be cheaper. CM Hasser asked if we can use our maintenance poles. Terry LaOrange said yes and no cost. The cost would be the wire which runs around \$500.00. VP North asked if State would be responsible. They would not. Supt. Emmett said they are working on cleaning up the Town and getting it ready for festival. CM Mark noticed a car sunk in a hole in alley by Lickity Split. Emmett said there is broken asphalt underneath. Will grate the alley and fill in the holes.

Chief Jason reports: asphalt and concrete looks good. When will the gutters be done? Eng. Ken said should be either today or tomorrow. JR Halesma said a guy did mud and painted the kitchen.

Clerk-Treasurer report; presented cost for the SRF sewer loan to be paid off. Can pay it off on September 20, 2024 for \$210,412.61 or September 30, 2024 for \$210,591.42. With the wastewater debt service reserve of \$182,298.99 in the General Bank Account and Wastewater Sinking Fund Account, Town has enough to pay off the loan leaving a small amount left over to be transferred to General Bank account to put back in wastewater utility fund. CM Hasser made a motion to pay it off September 20<sup>th</sup>. Second by Pres. Butz. Motion unanimous. Clerk-Treasurer will take to bank to wire the payoff. Presented the paving invoices from Milestone, Reith Riley and Municipal Civil to be approved and the Clerk-Treasurer will print a check tomorrow and send to them. VP North made a motion to pay all 3 invoices presented. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. Heather Fisher would like to use the ball fields on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for a softball tournament. Council said no rent for the fields but must provide copy of insurance before using the fields. VP North asked if they will need lights. Clerk-Treasurer will get more details. Penny Titus, Field Representative for Congressman Jim Baird will be here Monday September 16, 2024 from 2 p.m.-4: p.m at Town Hall for public to visit with any concerns or questions.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 327 miles; 2 crash reports; 2 animal complaints; 2 domestic disputes; 3 traffic complaints; 1 traffic warnings; 1 traffic stop; 5 ordinance violations; 1 follow up ordinance violation; 12 other police services. Included a list of abatements that had been sent out with his report. VP North asked if the R&M grocery store received abatement. Troy said he did send one to them and getting ready to send them a ticket. VP North said behind the appliance store there are 3 mattresses and junk laying there. Marshal Yeoman did speak to Gwen of the Appliance Store about the mattresses and a vehicle sitting there not running. He told her all needs removed before festival.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer