

September 24, 2025

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

Max Eldridge is the new appointed Council Member.

Election of officers for President and VP President to finish out the year. CM Thomas nominated VP North as President. Second by CM Eldridge. Motion unanimous. CM Eldridge nominated CM Girard as Vice President. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

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 Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$520,552.82 Unanimously approved.

Adoption on the 2026 Budget Ordinance #8-2025. CM Girard made a motion to adopt 2026 Budget Ordinance #8-2025. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

New/Old Business:

CM Thomas has called a person on putting in signs. Haven't heard back yet. CM Thomas has a list of signs being 60 stop signs, 1 yield sign and 2 speed limit signs. Pres. North asked if any money for signs. Clerk-Treasurer said there is some in street sign fund and if want to purchased signs this year can use what money is left in the fund and borrow from a utility and pay back from next year's street sign budget. VP Girard asked about the railroad sign by the school. Pres. North said also a semi sign needs replaced. Eng. Ken said can apply through the railroad crossing grant or add to CCBG grant.

VP Girard will get with Clerk-Treasurer on ordering Christmas wrap for poles.

Clerk-Treasurer presented a bill for \$775.00 from Ike's Sewer Service that was billed to My Guys Heating and Cooling. They were informed that the clogged line was on their property so they hired a plumber to fix the problem to be informed it was not on their property it was on Town side. Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council if Town could pay the invoice for it was not their clog it was Town's clog. CM Eldridge asked if the clog was clear. Supt. Emmett said they had to call in Accu-Dig. CM Hasser made the motion to pay the invoice. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous.

Joe Butz Memorial Pickleball Court plaque was presented to review for approval. Council approved the plaque presented. CM Thomas asked about getting estimates to fill the cracks at the Heart-to-Heart Park. CM Eldridge said might get with County to see if they can help. Also ask County on street signs. VP Girard will ask tomorrow.

Pres. North announced pavilion at the Wood St. Park is done. CM Eldridge asked if he saw the grass that was put down. Pres. North said yes looks nice. CM Thomas asked about getting some lighting put in there.

Eng. Ken reports: lists of reports coming due. Waiting on F&K for the SR 43 moving the water lines. CM Eldridge asked if they have to go deeper, Eng. Ken said yes. Dashiell would like approval to submit first draw of \$258,849.46. CM Thomas made a motion to submit 1st draw. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. Working on wastewater scope for wastewater drinking project. CM Eldridge asked what major improvement in the scope. Supt. Emmett said another clarifier, taking the old one out. Change motors in the oxidation ditch. CM Eldridge asked if there is an increase in sludge handling. Eng. Ken said yes, a new mixer in sludge tank. Eng. Ken was thinking maybe have an open house at the wastewater plant. Pres. North asked about when applying for next grant for paving streets. Deadline is October 31st. Sooner to get list of streets that need paved sooner to apply. CM Hasser already started a list. Mills St between 5th and 8th, Davis St. between 5th and 7th plus some curbs possibly and Ripley St. from 4th-SR 18. CM Hasser will email his list to Council to add on any streets needing paved.

Terry LaOrange reports: Nothing to report.

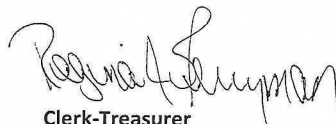
Fire Chief Jason reports: ambulance to be given to Prairie Township or Fire Department and not to Town of Brookston. He called Atty. Rebecca and she has not returned his call. Clerk-Treasurer will email her tomorrow. 1st Source did not seal the fire station vinyl floor and it is deteriorating. Pres. North asked if it is still under warranty. Eng. Ken said no but will send an email asking them if they will take care of it, since they did not seal it. Eng. Ken asked if the doors were fixed. Supt. Emmett spoke up and said yes, Town fixed it. Pres. North asked how the pancake breakfast went. Numbers were lower than on profit expected. They had to purchase the sausage through Butlers which the cost was more because the other companies they used in the past are no longer available to purchase sausage. Had a lot of compliments on how good the Butler sausage tasted and would like to use them again. Will need to raise their breakfast price up a little to cover the cost. The price has never changed over the years and costs have gone up.

Supt. Emmett reports: new water meters going well. Bulk of them already in. Will have a progress meeting on Monday with Dashiell. Artesian will be coming in at the end of month to do the plant portion. Electric good, getting a list of trees needing trimmed around the powerlines. Apple/Popcorn Festival went well. Have an electric decorative pole up Town by Jackson Street has a short going out. Had to kill the power to it. Leaf vac ready for leaf season. Fence replaced at NE end of Wood St. Park at the end of October. Cost will be \$3600.00 for black fencing. CM Thomas said the alley next to Lickity Split and alley by Pizza King have big pot holes. Supt. Emmett said yes because when people turn into Lickity Split they turn in same spot. He is thinking maybe pave 10 feet of section there. VP Girard said there's a pothole at Ripley and SR 18 West. Supt. Emmett said yes once get cold patch will fix it. Supt Emmett and Eng. Ken asked Council to approve a changeout order for Dashiell to change the large diameter meters while they are here changing residential meters. VP Girard made a motion to approve the changeout order. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

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. Shots fired down at ADM, they thought they were considered outside of Town. Marshal said no they could not be shooting They were shooting rats as big as cats. Apple/Popcorn Festival went pretty good. Had a vehicle accident at one area Had a parking issue at the Hunter Nutrition. Had 2 golf carts and vehicle accident at another area. Fire Marshal inspected the festival, no violations. No complaints regarding the one way on Wood St and Brackney. Had a request to do a one way on West 4th and 5th St during festival. Will not be able to do that. Garage trucks had problems getting through Town on Friday due to the garage sales. Clerk-Treasurer will talk to Trash Kans to see if there is a better solution for next year's pick up. CM Thomas asked if he (Marshal) checked the house on South Prairie St right side of Amick's on the tall weeds. Marshal Yeoman sent them an abatement. Weeds along street had been trimmed. Marshal Yeoman mentioned previous meeting there was a discussion where to put the stop sign on 1st St. either at Moore St or Midway St. Pres. North had a concern, once a vehicle stops and then takes off could be noisy. CM Hasser suggest maybe put it on Moore St and have only one block to Traylor Ct. CM Eldridge mentioned a car will not be noisy but a truck could and not many trucks go down that way. Clerk- Treasurer said will talk to Atty. Rebecca at next meeting for a sign ordinance and give her the location where it is to go. White County will allow ATV and side by sides starting October 1st. Golf carts still only allowed in Town.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.



Clerk-Treasurer