

September 25, 2024

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with Pres. Butz absent.

Budget 2025 Adoption. CM Thomas made a motion to adopt Budget 2025, Ordinance #2-2024. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$918,153.09. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if they would want to extend summer sewer rate on the October bill. Council's decision was not to extend the summer sewer rate.

Ken reports: thanks to those who were at the fire station inspection for the ambulance service. It passed the inspection. Will be receiving the occupancy permit soon. The only thing Eng. Ken saw was a couple of dings on back of building next to the drain spouts. His opinion was he thought there was not enough storage in the mezzanine. CM Girard asked if there were storage under the staircase that can be used. Eng. Ken said yes. VP asked about the storage area behind where the ambulance was going. Deputy Chief Halsema said when they spoke with Galen and Craig who are no longer in administration, they said the ambulance service only need a cabinet and the fire department could have the rest of storage. Deputy Chief Halsema asked Council if they want them to reach out to the ambulance service again to ask about the storage they will. Council said they didn't need to for if ambulance service needs the storage sure they would let the fire department know.

Eng. Ken thanked all who attended the public comprehensive meeting at the fire station on the 21st. He passed out the Comprehensive responses to the Council and the study will be available next meeting and pictures and drawings will come next once he gets them all done. People are looking at property by LaDonna Stewart's property to build single family homes. Want to let Council know that Pres. Joe has been on top of everything while dealing with his health issues. He has done so much.

Deputy Chief Rex Halsema reports: pancake breakfast for the apple popcorn festival went well. CM Thomas suggested next year blocking off fire station parking lot. CM Thomas asked if another department could cover during the festival for there are a lot of people in Town and thought the fire truck came out to fast for a call out. He also suggest instead of going out 2nd St. maybe try going out 1st St. where not as busy. Deputy Chief Halsema said they will figure out for next year since this was the first year at the new fire station located in a new location. CM Girard said biggest complaint she heard was the train sitting on the tracks in the middle of festival for over ½ hour.

Emmett reports: utilities going good. He will be off next Thursday and Friday. Festival clean up was easier for this year was the cleanest he's seen after festival was over. VP North didn't think there were enough trash totes out for the festival. Supt. Emmett said they had the same number of totes as last year. Will see about getting more for next year. He did a count on stop signs needed replace. Count is 72 and cost will be \$9,600.00. VP asked about a grant for the signs. Eng. Ken said can apply for grant available in January. Council decision was to hold off purchasing new stop signs until January to apply for grant. Supt. Emmett said he had at least 4 or 5 stop signs left over from last batch ordered and he will replace with the worst signs. Will look into what street signs needs replace also. VP North asked if any tree trimming being done around the signs. Supt. said yes. CM Hasser asked if trimming was done at either 5th or 6th between Davis St. and Mills St. Supt. Emmett thought they had and will double check them.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 299 miles; 2 crash reports; 4 disturbances; 1 civil complaint; 5 traffic complaints; 2 ordinance violations; 1 juvenile complaint; 1 follow up ordinance violation; 18 other police services. Festival went fairly smooth. Lot at 614 E. 3rd St, Jacobs property, they have moved a bunch of stuff, weeded, and mowed and also paid the 225.00 fine. VP North asked if he was satisfied what has been done. Marshal Yeoman said as

of now yes. Lois Runk crossing guard will be resigning after Christmas so he has put the word out to hire a new crossing guard. VP North asked how many ambulance runs during the festival. Marshal Yeoman and Rex Halsema both said at least 8.

VP North mentioned Pres. Butz will not be at next meeting due to he is having surgery.

Need a temporary replacement to go to the Economic Development Meetings for Pres. Butz. CM Thomas has volunteered to do the meetings.

Clerk-Treasurer presented the letter from Town of Chalmers offering a brand new Neptune Meter Reader to Town of Brookston to purchase for \$7,500.00. Supt. Emmett said if purchase now we can start using it. This will be purchased from water utility. CM Thomas made a motion to purchase the Neptune Meter Reader. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Terry LaOrange reports: not much for Supt. Emmett was keeping Council informed on electric. VP North asked if project behind homes on Brackney was finished. He said yes. Next project up by Family dollar and would like to get the poles done behind Max's house before winter. Didn't have any complaints from residents while doing the project on Brackney.

Clerk-Treasurer said she will have the porta pot located at Wood St. Park removed the middle of October before Halloween. VP North asked Supt. Emmett if the restrooms at the ball park open. Supt. Emmett said yes they are open all during the day and locked by the police officer on duty at night and open all day on Sunday for there are no officers on duty that day.

CM Hasser mentioned concerns on the drain on Kolb St. The water runs down from the field across the road and doesn't drain well and in the winter if rains or snow melts and it freezes to ice. VP North said Town has spent a lot of money on that drain and feels it should be ok.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.



Clerk-Treasurer