

# August 28, 2024

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Thomas made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM Girard. 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 \$165,078.06. Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business

Braden Evans, White County Area Plan assistant director was present for Director Jenilynne Kyburz to go over the Amendment A79, more restrictive regulations and standards for Commercial Solar Energy Systems. This amendment provides more restrictive setbacks from road rights-of-way, non participating parcels as well as municipalities. This amendment also incorporates the requirement for special exception use approval by the area Board of Zoning Appeals if required by Appendix A79. Pres. Butz asked how many acres maximum to allow in County. CM Girard said Commissioners said they have no control over what landowners want to allow on their property. Commissioners are not going to be involved, this is landowner's decision. CM Thomas asked about natural boundaries such as setbacks along creeks. Braden is not aware of any setbacks of land features. Best to stay away from creeks. VP North made a motion to take A79 under advisement. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Terry LaOrange had a question how would this limit affect entities just sitting there. What if down the road need a battery pack. Braden said it would still need Town approval like the windmills.

Trudy Hughes was present asking if Council approved Can-Am to be driven in Town. Pres. Butz said Council voted only golf carts allowed in Town.

Jessica Mekos, resident next to pickleball court by Town Hall was present asking Council if a sound barrier could be put up on fence for when players are playing its really loud and disturbing them while her son is trying to do homework or sleeping. Supt. Emmett will look into it. She also appreciates the time change for playing pickleball.

Ken reports: presented a schedule of meeting dates for the ST RD 43 project coming in spring and if a Council member could attend those dates. VP North will attend along with Supt. Emmett, Eng. Ken and Terry LaOrange. Fire Station building inspection was done and the doors are in. The inspector added other issues that had already passed from previous inspections. Once the remodel is completed will do a final walk through for the final inspection and will discuss those issues why added now and already passed previous inspections. Will use one of the bays at the fire stations for the Comprehensive Plan Open House during the Apple/Popcorn Festival at 12:00 p.m. September 21<sup>st</sup>. He sent out post cards for the open house and it had the wrong date on it and the Clerk-Treasurer will send out an alert with corrected date.

Terry LaOrange reports: Spoke to Travis this morning and with the weather being so hot they will finish the project a week from tomorrow. After project, next will be moving the pole inside the storage unit north of Town to the north side of garage by the alley to be able to go through alley to get to it. He did check pole requested from CM Ralph and feels it's not an emergency.

Emmett reports: Sewer plant running good. Tim doing his water classes. Will be painting hydrants. Having electric voltage issues on 4<sup>th</sup> St. there is a bushing on transformer. Replaced for bigger transformer. Concrete done at fire station, cost \$1,845.00. Milling done yesterday. Weather permitting, they hope to be done with paving on Friday. CM Hasser said the intersection at Wood St and 1<sup>st</sup> St. hasn't been done. Eng. Ken and Supt. Emmett will check on it. CM Girard said the ball park looks horrible with weeds in the pea gravel and there is a sign still hanging on pole that you can't even read it the letters are gone. Supt. said will be working on weeds next Tuesday since it's the off week of brush pick-up and will take sign down. Weeds bad along curb across from school. VP North asked where the Town should draw a line where residents are to take care of sidewalks and curbs. Council agreed residents need to take care of sidewalks and curbs along their property. Marshal Yeoman

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will be checking through Town of any weeds needing taken care to let residents aware of their responsibility.

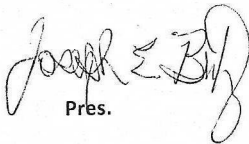
Chief Jason reports: Concrete at Fire Station looks good. Mary Hasser would like to do a mural inside the fire station building. She is to present plans to them. This will not be started till next year. VP North asked where is the mural going to be. Fire Chief Jason said in one of the hallways. Council said ok.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 348 miles; 3 domestic disputes; 2 disturbances; 1 vin check; 2 traffic complaints; 1 traffic citation; 2 traffic warnings; 1 ordinance violation; 2 warrant services; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit 3 traffic stops; 16 other police services. Full festival mode. Met with EMA, Fire Chief for safety barriers for festival. Will put up 2 camera poles like last year for they worked good.

CM Thomas presented the banner to hang up. Council approved to hang it up at the tennis courts facing 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Executive session to follow regular meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss job performance of individual employee, as according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer