

# January 11, 2023

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. VP North made a motion to approve minutes with change bids going out to bids received. Second was made by CM Hasser. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. There are to be 2 account payable vouchers. CM Hasser moved to pay the bills listed on the 2 Accounts Payable Voucher Registers. Second was made by CM Girard. The 2 bills totaling \$107,080.55 unanimously approved.

#### New Business:

Shawn Cain from KIRPC was present for the Grant Administration Agreement between KIRPC and Town of Brookston for administration cost of \$37,500.00 for all costs involved including ads for the new fire station grant awarded for \$500,000.00 to be approved and signed by the Town President. She already expressed how Ken Smith has done a good job on getting everything done and right for the grant. VP North made a motion to approve the agreement. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Scott Robinson was present to meet the Town Council members and give update on sewer plant. He has stepped in after last employee left and has had to make some changes and more to come. Has been training Emmett. He will stay on as long as needed. In 2020 there were quite a lot items in lab found marginal and was never corrected and was wrote up on them in 2022. Scott has sent the write ups and CM Hasser asked about the equipment listed in the pictures and Scott explained the pictures of how the testing is done. Scott announced he has met the new inspector Maggie. The BOD testing shows there is a settling problem. He has been researching on why and may have idea why. Need to wait before announcing it. Hauled out sludge which previous employee stop doing. Scott and his partner Brian will be going in the plant to clean up the lab and train Emmett more. Once Scott figures out what is needed at plant, then will get Eng. Ken involved adding in the scope.

Pres. Butz told the Council if anything they want to see get done make a list. VP North asked if restrooms will be added to the Wood St. Park. Pres. Butz did not add it in to be done. CM Hasser asked how much money in ARPA fund if enough for the restroom. There are other projects still to come out of ARPA fund, not sure what will be left. CM Girard has been looking at Christmas lights. Clerk-Treasurer is expecting a catalog soon and her and CM Girard will get together and go over and see what is available.

Pres. Butz reports: been talking to Terry LaOrange on electric. There is a guy looking at Brookston to develop property. Pres. Butz met with Randy Mitchell to see if any property around Brookston that can be annexed. Maybe area end of 12<sup>th</sup> street east of Town to field. Randy Mitchell heard there maybe some help for developers on infrastructure. Terry LaOrange feels Town needs to address a better process on charges for adding new services for property. Pres. Butz said in the past Town will run up to property line and owner responsible from there. Will look at options. CM Hasser announced at Area Plan meeting it was discussed on considering helping developers. No decision yet.

Pres. Butz spoke to Jim Davis regarding the ambulance service. Depending on bids received at Wednesday's meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> Pres. Butz said cost for the bay and mezzanine could be affected if not enough funds to cover the new fire station. He will meet with County Commissioners, Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> to ask if they could help on funds if needed. Jill Mears needs to publish in paper the additional appropriation for the \$125,000.00. She has concerns on the ambulance service. Jim Davis says the ambulance service does not involve the fire department.

Terry LaOrange reports: will have discussion later on regulators. VP North asked if the pole behind where Craisin Brewery used to be was safe. Terry LaOrange said it yes, it's pretty sound.

Pres. Butz asked Council if they want to keep old fire station. It can be used by the EMT for their vehicle and office and store some fire department equipment. Council said yes to keep it.

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Emmett Reports: list of some equipment to purchase. Compactor, Vacuum. Looking to budget next year for a new truck to trade in old truck. Packet plate, cost \$2,600.00. Small welder, \$2,400.00. Post lift. Plow for F250, \$9,400.00. Hydrovac trailer \$40,000-\$60,000.00. Will email list to Council. This list of purchases may have to spread over 2-3 years. Depending on budget of funds. New hire Josh Kelly is learning pretty quick and having him working at water plant also. There was an incident of a pedestrian tripping on a bad area of sidewalk in front of Brookston Jeffries insurance. Had to get stitches. Emmett filled in the area temporary with concrete and will be replacing sidewalk from corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> St to Jeffries Insurance along railroad St. CM Girard asked about the pedestrian door at the shop being fixed. Emmett said yes the door knob was replaced. It hadn't worked right since it had been hit.

Pres. Butz mentioned a resident came in Town Hall complaining about how bad sidewalk at the walk park was done. Reith Riley will come back and do a walk through to see what can be done.

Eng. Ken reports: pre bid on fire station 10:00 a.m. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Bids to be turned in by 6:45 on January 25<sup>th</sup> to be opened at 7:00 p.m January 25<sup>th</sup> Town meeting. Bring in 1 inch service line through utility room. 4 inch tanker fill lines come in off South St to go between bay 1&2 and 3&4 stop at east side of building. VP North asked if the lines have a back flow. Eng. Ken said yes. Pres. Butz asked if there will be another paving grant available. Eng. Ken said yes will be applying for paving grant on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is another 75% grant with a 25% match. Pres. Butz told Council to think about what streets to be done.

Fire Department reports: asked about getting a new contract between Fire Department and Town. Couldn't remember doing one. Clerk-Treasurer will check on it.

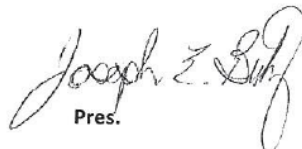
Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 436 miles; 1 case report; 1 animal complaint; 2 domestic disputes; 1 disturbance; 2 vin checks; 1 traffic complaint; 1 criminal case follow-up; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 1 follow-up ordinance violation; 12 other police services. Met the new prosecutor. They talked about equipment because in the past the prosecutor helped get equipment and the new Prosecutor said he will help all he can. Spoke with Sid Rose on the vehicles stored on property. Mr. Rose did receive the certified letter to remove vehicles and this made him upset. Marshal Yeoman told him he could come to Town meeting to speak to the Council regarding his disapproval. Mr. Rose may put up a fence to hide the vehicles from public view. If not done by February 1<sup>st</sup>, Marshal Yeoman's goal is to have extra officers on hand while vehicles are getting towed away.

Eng. Ken announced there being a ledger to keep track of all spending for the fire station. Clerk-Treasurer announced having 3 fire department funds set up for the new fire station. Shawn Cain of KIRPC said put all funds in the fire station building fund. She and Clerk-Treasurer will be working together making sure all moneys are distributed out correctly and all paperwork done right. Shawn has a box and all separated out. Will bring a binder Friday with tabs to distribute documents to the right place.

Clerk-Treasurer presented the K-IRPC Planning Commission for Town Council to nominate a representative for commission. Pres. Butz made a motion to nominate CM Girard as Planning Commission. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer presented a \$2,500.00 donation invoice from White County Economic Development. Pres. Butz made a motion to pay the donation. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
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Clerk-Treasurer