

JANUARY 24, 2024

Clerk-Treasurer presented the updated Attorney Rebecca Trent agreement from 2 hours a month to 24 hours per year. CM Hasser made a motion to accept the updated agreement for 24 hours per year. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer presented White County Economic Development Letter of Donation from Town for \$2500.00 taken out of Cedit that was approved for in the past. CM Thomas made a motion to donate the \$2500.00. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous

Ryan Altman resident and his line of skill is fire service. Wanted to give information on cost increases 10% every year on fire equipments and fire trucks run around 750,000.00. Fire trucks should not extend past 20 years old. Pres. Butz mentioned he has heard communities combining to one location. Ryan says some do but he wouldn't recommend it. Example, Monticello would probably be the district point and they would receive all the money and Towns wouldn't get anything and the money would be distributed as needed.

Shawn Cain of KIRPC was present to say thank you for everyone who showed up for the fire station walk through. Announcing Town received the Comprehensive Plan grant. There was a change in fees to pay KIRPC which went down according to budget. She will send copy of the change. Also will need a payout form from 1 Source. Eng. Ken already spoke to them regarding this.

Supt. Emmett reports: things going good. Do have high flows at water plant due to lots of rain. Over the weekend did have water main break on 8th and Holden Dr. CM Girard asked if he checked the light on 43. He did and need to get a photo eye for it. CM Girard asked about last year looking at the pavilion at the ball park, if he is planning on getting quotes for the sofit and fascia and roof to get the work done before ball starts. He has gotten a quote from Rigo last year and will call a couple more contractors for quotes.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 526 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash report; 2 disturbances; 2 traffic complaints; 2 traffic warnings; 2 traffic stops; 1 juvenile complaint; 1 criminal history invest; 8 other police services. Still going pretty smooth. During the ice storm had a few slide offs.

Pres. Butz mentioned Atty. George Loy called to let him know he has sent all Town signed documents to Brightspeed and it's in their hands to sign and send back. They were to go out and count the poles in Town. He will send one more invoice to the Town for work on this.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.




Clerk-Treasurer

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

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling \$191,899.23 unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Randy Strasser, director of White County Economic Development was present to announce there is ready funding available and doesn't know how much money is available. State is targeting Housing, Childcare and Workforce Development. He will be driving around in 2-3 months checking to see if there are any properties or lots that are available for local builders to do the jobs. CM Thomas asked what will be put on these lots. Randy said single family homes with 3 bedrooms. CM Hasser asked if check the schools for building trades that could work on the construction. Randy hasn't but could be a possibility. Will know how much money available in May.

Ken reports: did the walk through for the fire station and had 10-14 items to be corrected. Provided 2 documents. Both for the new fire station. One is a Change Order effective for January 24, 2024 and the other is Certificate of Substantial Completion for on or before February 26, 2024. He is still working on the change order items. Unanimous approval from Council on the 2 documents presented. Water project scope for plant rehab. Changing filters, drip drain, blower, clean out bottom. May want to purchase new generator, change meters and lines. CM Girard asked if any lines need changed out at homes is it the homeowner's expense. Ken said no it's included in the grant. Total cost for project is anywhere from 1.2 million-1.9 million. Depending what all needs done. For the 1.2 million grants Town's match is \$500,000.00. Pres. Butz asked Commissioners for \$500,000.00 and hasn't heard back on it. Ken spoke to Matt Martin regarding the SRF debt service loan. Town has \$182,000.00 in debt service fund and can pay the loan off with it and be done end of August if Council approves to do so. CM Girard made a motion to use the debt service fund to pay loan off to start saving the 12,000.00 payment a month in wastewater utility. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Ken will let Matt know of this. Started working on Comprehensive Plan. Pres. Butz said may check where there are old trailers sitting on Moore St.

Terry LaOrange reports: asked Eng. Ken if the new water meters that are not with IMPA are compatible with electric meters. Ken thought they were and if Terry could get what is all in detail on electric he will check with Utility Supply. Terry said drive through with Harmon Ins, checking out all poles which is under the blanket on the insurance policy. Will keep Council informed on any changes needed.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Fire chief Jason was not present. JR Halesma was present for him. Announced the fire department doesn't look at it as 2 entities but as one. Pres. Butz understands that but has spoken to Fire Chief Jason regarding splitting donations received between Prairie Township Fire and Brookston Fire. CM Hasser asked why this is needed. Pres. Butz said this will go in Fire fund to be spent on fire department. CM Girard said, we do have a fire engine and if any repairs it can be paid from fire department fund and not Town funds. Pres. Butz said to have Jason get with Regina on it. Pres. Butz also said there was an issue that Town could get in trouble for and that is fire department had people in the building installing wire for speakers. Pres. Butz has told Fire Chief Jason that no one is to be in there during construction. Shawn Cain of KIRPSC said absolutely no one except 1 Source Contractors to be in building per Davis Bacon which means wages to be paid from the Fire Department or Town. No one includes, Fire Department, Town Employees and outside Contractors. JR Halesma said they have Comcast scheduled to come in February, should he cancel? Shawn said leave as is and she will let him know. Clerk-Treasurer also asked JR to let Fire Chief Jason know the Protection Services Agreement is ready for him to sign it. Just made date changes rest of agreement is the same.