

JULY 10, 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 Hasser. 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 Hasser. The bills totaling \$183,870.93. Unanimously approved.

Sue Zook a resident of Brookston was present asking the Council if something could be done about her neighbor behind her are shooting 500 gram repeater fireworks that are landing on her garage roof and deck. Council said when it is happening call the police so they can come and talk to the neighbor.

Sarah Griffin was present asking Council for approval to add another shelter at the Wood St. Park. She organizes the poker run and helps with the Aaron Jackson memorial fund. Brian and Theresa Jackson would like to use funds from the memorial golf outing along with funds from the poker run to build the shelter in their son Aaron's name with no cost to the Town which to start building next spring. Right now there is around \$12,000.00-\$15,000.00 in the fund and will include what is collected from this year's golf outing. Council approves and would like to see the plans to include concrete foundation before making the final motion of approval.

Mark Delgado White County Prosecutor was present to introduce himself and to observe.

New/Old Business

Discussion continues on ATV's from last meeting. CM Girard made a motion to keep ordinance for golf carts only and no ATV's. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer reports: She and Pres. Butz went over budget and Pres. Butz would like to have a special meeting with Council to go over budget. Tomorrow the office will be closed for an hour for her and her Deputy doing training for new website. Checking on what is needed for live streaming to start July 1st next year. Did add extra to office equipment to help with cost of materials for live streaming.

Ken reports: there were 4 bidders that showed up for the fire station remodel for ambulance. Rigo's, Jack Tatman, Community Man Service and Hamstra Builders with price under \$75,000.00. Sealed bids to be opened at next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Everything for the Water Project grant has been turned in and should hear if receive grant August 28th. Would like permission for Pres. Butz to sign agreement contracts for paving #1-2024 to start August 15th and done September 15th. Council approved. Water loan is to be paid off in September and if Council wants to go ahead and pay off soon as can. Council said yes. Eng. Ken will call Matt Martin with Baker Tilly to get pay off schedule.

Terry L. reports: meeting REMC tomorrow morning to go over plans to put up poles and transformers between Holden and Brackney. Poles can come out of the scope and rest of cost around \$4,500.00 and does not include the machine. There is problem with the fences. Will meet with residents to let them know they will be pulling back the fences to get through.

Pres. Butz thanked the Fire Department and First Response for job well done during the fireworks.

Emmett reports things are going good at Treatment Plant. Had to keep eye on it during all the rain we got. Had electric outage over on W. 8th due to transformer going bad. This week and possibly next week will be focusing on spraying weeds along all curb lines and along railroad tracks.

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Chief Jason reports: explained the mix-up on increase of fire officers pay increase. He sent Pres. Butz a break down of pay of officers and runs. Pay runs were already approved for next year's budget from 5.00 to 10.00 per runs. Would like approval for pay increase of officers pay to budget next year. Pres. Butz said the fire department to under 1 entity and shouldn't be separate. Council will meet in special meeting to look over budget. Clerk-Treasurer asked if the officers pay increase was already included in the proposed budget that had already been presented to her. Jason said yes.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 370 miles; 4 case reports; 1 disturbance; 2 criminal arrests; 3 traffic warnings; 5 traffic stops; 1 ordinance violation; 2 abatements served; 1 criminal case follow-up; 11 other police services. From last meeting regarding trees by Clappers on St Rd 43 it was the house south of him that he spoke to about trimming their trees for visibility. CM Girard said it's the trees at Clappers and on the corner of 5th and St Rd 43. Marshal will check them out but disagrees about the tree at Clappers. He didn't think Clapper's was an issue for they are young trees. He will look at it again. CM Girard mentioned about a resident on 11th St. putting out kitchen chairs with a sign saying reserved parking during the fireworks when it should be public parking. Marshal didn't see it for he was busy with fireworks and will try to remember to check on it next year. Marshal said Lopp's is in the process of getting bids to take tree down by their dentist office. Pres. Butz asked if on state right of way road is State responsible for trees or residents. Atty. Rebecca said residents are responsible to take care of right of ways even though it belongs to State. Marshal would like to get a plan together for future hire of a full-time deputy. Pres. Butz said it wouldn't be for this budget but can put one together for future plan.

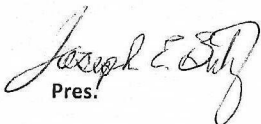
Clerk-Treasurer announced receiving 1 quote so far so new AC unit from Snyder & Lehnen for \$12,502.00. Supt. Emmett explained what all is needed. My Guys Heating and Cooling was to also turn in quote.

VP North asked about all the trees on St Rd 18 east. Needing trimmed.

Supt. Emmett announced Denise Lopp asked if Town could do anything about the broken up sidewalk from Town through her property. Council approved to have it dug out and filled in with dirt.

CM Hasser asked if anyone wants to add to list of what Town has done give to Regina to put on new website. Also asked Clerk-Treasurer any updates on the water apprenticeship. Clerk-Treasurer said she has been dealing with it for 2 months through emails and phone calls. Now has to re-submit and start over. They are saying they are having trouble with the northern region. She is to go over it again tomorrow with a person to do it over again.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Pres.


Clerk-Treasurer