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The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with Pres. Butz by phone and CM Hasser absent.

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 Thomas moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$143,534.06 unanimously approved.

Public Hearing on the water surcharge- No attendees. CM Thomas made a motion to approve the second read and sign Ordinance #1-2023. 1st read was approved last meeting. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Max Eldridge and Bill Richey are present representing Brookston Cemetery Board regarding annexation. Used to be Odd Fellows Lodge now it will be Brookston Cemetery Inc. Part of cemetery in Town and part out of Town. Atty. George Loy said why need to annex, it's considered one lot now. Max and Bill both said Joe Rogers, Area Plan Director said needs to annex. Atty. George Loy said he will talk to Joe Rogers.

Eng. Ken announced need to make a motion to award the project for the new fire station. Contractor will work non-stop as per contract says to be done. CM Girard made a motion to award the project to 1st Source Construction Management and to authorize the Council President and Town Attorney to prepare and execute a contract for the work per bid of 1st Source contingent upon release of funds of the CDGB Grant, from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

CM Thomas made a motion to approve Council signatures on the Resolution #2-2023 Concerning Funding and Maintenance of New Brookston Fire Station with Fire Chief Jason Sanders signature. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. Clerk-Treasurer announced Fire Chief Jason Sanders did sign the yearly fire Protection Service Agreement. Pres. Butz will sign the agreement when he returns from vacation.

Terry LaOrange reports: received quotes from 2 of 3 entities sent of costs of service study bids sent out. Both entities proposals were close and after reviewing, Terry LaOrange recommends The Prime Group for in their bid it states not to exceed \$18,000.00. CM Thomas made a motion to accept The Prime Group. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Pres. Butz announced when he gets back from vacation he will be collecting information on rates for CD's. Will discuss if worth canceling what we have versus what rates can get.

VP North asked if the benches have been ordered. Clerk-Treasurer said yes. Benches to be shipped 3rd or 4th week in April. Pet stations already here. Christmas lights to be shipped in May. VP North asked if paid for orders. Paid for benches and ½ payment on lights. Pet station paid for.

Pickleball colors to be approved tonight. CM Girard suggest 4 squares burgundy, outside dark gray, penalty box area beige. CM Thomas made a motion to accept colors CM Girard suggested. Second by VP North. CM Girard will also send information to Pres. Butz to send to vendor who will be doing the work.

Atty. George Loy said the agreement with the Commissioners on the funding is a 3 party deal. All parties will need to meet to sign the agreement.

Clerk-Treasurer announced auditors said there is to be an ordinance for the summer sewer sprinkling rate. Can amend sewer ordinance already in place to add the summer sewer rate. CM Thomas made a motion to proceed with the ordinance. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. Clerk-Treasurer will send Atty. George Loy a copy of the current

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sewer ordinance in place to be amended to add summer sewer sprinkling rate for the May read to set the June, July, August and September bills. This is calculated for each resident's usage.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer plant going good. Replaced the sensor and Ortman was here on the 10th doing a flow test that was good. Came back on the 17th and did a second flow test it also was good. Have 2 wells working now. Semi hit a pole north of Town on 43 that made power flicker. Had a resident asking for a speed limit sign to be put on Ripley St between 5th and 8th. A lot of speeding. CM Thomas made a motion for a 20 MPH sign to be put up as requested. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. The residents of the tree at 1205 Davis St. that fell over landing across the street are asking if the Town can take the sidewalk out so they can get the rest of the tree removed. When they poured the sidewalk in they went around the tree and needs to be removed. After they remove the tree Town can put sidewalk back in. Supt. Emmett announced he will schedule to take water test at end of month. (March).

CM Thomas asked Supt. Emmett when drain will be put in at Roger Stevens's property. Supt Emmett replied planning it around weather. Would like it to dry out to avoid a big mess. Should be installed this spring.

CM Girard asked Supt. Emmett about replacing ball sign on Clawil. Emmett asked if want metal or wood sign. Response was metal and there are 2 signs. May only need to put up one. Need to check for sure.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none

Eng. Ken reports: none

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 537 miles; 2 case reports; 3 traffic citations; 2 traffic stops; 1 vehicle towed; 2 criminal history invest; 16 other police services. On April 14th and 15th will be attending a Marshalls Training Course in Indianapolis. Will be on vacation June 18-23. Has contacted 2 people for a 4th position. One not interested and another was thinking about and then he had a person contact him asking if he had any positions available and he will be interviewing that person.

Clerk-Treasurer asked Atty. George Loy on trash bids. Current contract is expiring at end of this year and want to get the bids going so when she and Pres. Butz meets on budgets for next year will need to know what to budget for trash collection. Atty. George Loy will send what to advertise.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer