

November 27, 2024

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

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 Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling \$128,927.08. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Signing of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Monticello, the Town of Brookston, and Prairie Township for equipping and Staffing EMS services within The Town of Brookston with changes that were needed. CM Hasser had a question regarding #3 equipment on second page of responsibility for repairs and replacement of all fire apparatus and first response units. Pres. Butz said they questioned it also when first received agreement last month and was told EMS will be responsible for their stuff and Town and Prairie will be responsible for our stuff. Fire Chief Jason looked at agreement and no issues. CM Thomas made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Monticello, the Town of Brookston, and Prairie Township as presented. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Eng. Ken reports; presented a summary of water improvements project along with a map of the wastewater plant project for a grant. Next week a survey for water project. Pres. Butz asked if any galvanized piping being placed. Eng. Ken said there are 2 or 3 areas needing replaced. Lowering lines at crossings on SR 43 on 4th, 7th, 10th and 1st streets. Running a 4" meter pipe down middle of SR 43. INDOT or Town to move lines along SR 43. Town will move the lines to pay up to \$30,000.00 and anything over \$30,000.00 INDOT will reimburse payment to the Town. Eng. Ken asked if the Council would like to proceed with the wastewater project grant. Council said yes. Will go after the grant next year.

DeAnna Pachen resident on Springboro Road was present asking Council if they are aware of the battery energy system wanting to store batteries within 4 miles away from Brookston at 1100 S and Springboro Road. Company called Spearmint Energy known as Green Eagle. Council heard little about it but no one has attended a meeting or contacted anyone on the Council. Mrs. Paschen announced there were around 200 people in person at the White County Commissioners Meeting along with an estimated 100 people on virtual asking the White County Commissioners not to approve the battery storage facility. As of right now it has been tabled. Fire Chief Jason is aware of this and said they will not attend the fire of batteries if there is one, that they will be protecting the surrounding areas. Mrs. Paschen said its Agriculture 1 and there is no ordinance and they can do whatever they want on the land. CM Hasser said he is on the Area Plan committee and there is an ordinance on restrictions and where they can go. They would need to go to Area Plan for approval. After much discussion Mrs. Paschen said there is another meeting on December 10th at 5:00 p.m at Camp Tecumseh. Pres. Butz said Council will also send a letter to the Commissioners. He will get with Clerk-Treasurer to draw up the letter

Terry LaOrange reports: no report

Chief Jason reports: He did sign the petition regarding the battery storage and again they will not fight a fire if this happens, they will protect the surrounding areas.

Emmett reports: leaf pick-up is caught up. He and Tim worked hard getting them picked up. Prior week the vac broke down and has been repaired and also down to 2 employees. Been dealing with Titan trailer on a water leaked and they said Town should take care of it. They had signed an agreement with Town that they-Titan are responsible for all water repairs. Pres. Butz said the patronage is on the same line which they have a separate meter from the trailer for their bill and when water has to be shut off for repairs the parsonage has no water also and with the water project grant there will a separate line put in for the parsonage. Supt. Emmett will call Alan George to get a quote for the line. Did advertise for General Laborer and received 6 applications. Will interview one applicant on Tuesday at 3:00 and one on Friday at 9:00 a.m. VP north asked if the park bathrooms been winterized. Supt. Emmett said yes.

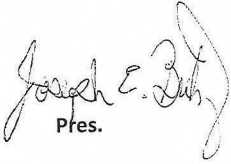
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Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 336 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash report; 2 disturbances; 1 traffic complaint; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 1 criminal history invest; 8 other police services. For 1 1/2 months worked on making sure his trainings were all done for the year. Start training again in February next year. Shop with a cop on December 15th.

Clerk-Treasurer reports; Christmas dinner on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Jackson Street Pub. Asked Counsel if they would like to approve insurance quote from Harmon McClintic or wait until next meeting on December 11th. There will be no other quotes coming in. CM Thomas made a motion to accept Harmon McClintic. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. December 25th meeting will be rescheduled to December 23rd.

Will have an executive meeting following next meeting on December 11th on salaries for next year.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Pres.


Clerk-Treasurer