

OCTOBER 11, 2023

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. Second was made by CM Girard. 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 333,574.35 unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

Electric Utility Rate Ordinance #12-2023 was introduced and public hearing and adoption at next meeting October 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. This is to be December's power consumption for January 2024 billing.

CM Hasser reports follow up on tent. Checked with Area Plan on tent behind Audio Shop up Town. Area Plan said as long as he is using it for the same business on his property following the setbacks he would not need a permit.

Terry LaOrange reports: changed the pole behind Pizza King. Consumers were on board even after explaining their power would be off for a few hours each day for 2 days. Thanked Atty. George Loy putting all legal information together for the electric utility rate. An only concern is December if weather is cold for a jump in billing. He prepared a spreadsheet if any residents want to compare last year's billing to the new billing.

CM Hasser asked Fire Chief Jason if they have had to go to Reynolds as back up. Jason said no. CM Hasser's concern is the solar farm and how to respond to a fire, if there ever is one. Fire Chief Jason said they are trained on residential, and haven't been trained yet on solar. Atty. George Loy said Chris Springer; director for EMA and Monticello Fire Chief are working on putting together training on solar farm.

Eng. Ken reports: none

Fire Chief Jason reports: he presented a list of donations received. Black is committed and red is received.

Supt. Emmett reports: none

Pres. Butz mentioned basketball goals are up.

CM Girard asked if anyone spoke to REMC on putting up Christmas lights before November 18th for Town open house. Clerk-Treasurer already told Supt. Emmett to get with REMC regarding this.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 728 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash report; 1 domestic dispute; 2 disturbances; 1 traffic complaint; 2 criminal arrests; 2 traffic citations; 9 traffic warnings; 16 traffic stops; 1 vehicle towed; 1 gun permit; 2 ordinance violations; 1 follow-up ordinance violation; 19 other police services. Had a suicide in Town. VP North asked about the blue lights next to tennis court. They belong to White County EMA. It's a camera tower. They had them here for the festival and had some glitches. Brookston has better cell service than Monticello and company is out of state and can work through it from there with the better cell service here. Can have them move it if need to. VP North said no its fine people were just asking what it was.

Pres. Butz talked with Clerk-Treasurer on Utility Service invoice for water tower. Clerk-Treasurer received email from Utility Service Collection Specialist saying they need update on payment before they have their meeting. Supt. Emmett has been trying to speak to someone on the maintenance and no responses. Pres. Butz said maybe best to pay the final bill and be done with. VP North asked if tower is in good shape. Pres. Butz said yes and maybe in 3 years find someone just to do the maintenance. CM Thomas made a motion to pay the final invoice. Second by VP North. Passed with a 4-1 vote.

Pres. Butz mentioned someone with Brightspeed will meet with Supt. Emmett tomorrow to count poles. He along with Atty. George Loy, Supt. Emmett and Terry LaOrange

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met face to face with a Brightspeed representative last Friday along with a person on virtual zoom with a presentation on what they would like to do in Town.

CM Girard asked about the leaf vac listed on Supt. Emmett's work schedule picking up leaves sporadically. Employee Tim said they are picking up as needed before they blow in drains and catch basins.

Pres. Butz said poured big part of concrete in fire station. Heat is in. Working on outside and sidewalk. Next the generator pad. Started grating getting ready for blacktop.

CM Girard asked what happened to the old border from the playground. Employee Tim said it is stored at Waugh Building in case they need it for somewhere else.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer