

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mayor Dan Langford led the invocation, pledge and called the meeting to order.

Council members present:            Lewis Harper  
   Scott Israel  
   Todd Speer  
   Ted Britt  
   Jake Kunz

Council members absent:            None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for January 26, 2015 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Councilman Lewis Harper made a Motion to approve the agenda; Todd Speer offered a second. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the Agenda for January 26, 2015.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting, both regular and Executive Session, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Scott Israel made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Ted Britt offered a second. The vote of the Council was unanimous, all in favor of the Motion to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2014. Scott Israel also made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for the Executive Session of December 15, 2014; Lewis Harper offered a Second. The vote of the Council was unanimous, all in favor of the Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 15, 2014.

**Appearances:** None

**Public Hearing: Second Reading and Adoption** - Todd Speer offered a Motion to close our regular Council Meeting to open the Public Hearing scheduled for 7pm. Jake Kunz offered a Second, Council was all in favor. Mayor Langford opened the Public Hearing and Second Reading of the proposed Environmental Ordinance. Mayor Langford asked for comment from the public. There being no comments Mayor Langford asked for a vote from the Council. Vote of the Council was unanimous, all in favor of the passing of the Environmental Ordinance. Lewis Harper made a Motion to close the Public Hearing and return to our regular Council Meeting; Todd Speer offered a Second, Council was all in favor.

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Committee Reports (if any):**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Langford discussed a meeting he attended concerning the future of the old Brooks Elementary School building. He made it clear that the building & property still belongs to the FCBOE, not the Town of Brooks. The Mayor and Council only have a say about the zoning of the property if anyone purchases the building.

Planning and Zoning - Eddie Lanham was not present this evening. Town Manager, Ellen Walls, proposed 3 new members of the Zoning Board be approved by Council (Micah Goodman, Bob Rolader and David Richards, of which Mr. Richards was the only one present). Two other members of the Zoning Board, Dawn Dixon and Dora Hunt, were previously on the board. Lewis Harper offered a Motion to approve these new members of the TOB Zoning Board. Ted Britt offered a Second. The vote of the Council was unanimous.

Recreation – Ty Mueller of BAR was not present this evening but has been in touch with Ellen Walls. The department has submitted a Utility expense report. Mr. Mueller hopes to be present at our February meeting with a full yearly expense report as well as a final copy of the lease agreement, ready to sign.

Clerk's Report – Occupational Sales Tax/Business License sales have been slow. Only 17 licenses out of 33 from 2014 have been renewed along with 1 new. Kim Bradley and Ellen Walls have been adding Facebook pages for Town of Brooks Library, Brooks Chapel and also the Town of Brooks in hopes of circulating news and information faster throughout the community. Links to these pages will be added to the Town website as well as a notice about the Emergency Siren Test taking place on February 4, 2015.

Manager's Report – Ellen Walls reported the pecan tree in Putman Park has been cut down and the stump removed. There was some damage to the cement picnic table in the area caused by a local resident. Mrs. Walls will bill resident for removal, replacement and clean-up costs. Mrs. Walls also had several wooden benches removed from the Downtown Area to prevent injury to residents. She is also looking into a truck being donated to the TOB from Fayette County surplus for town employees to use for errands, hauling supplies, etc. Mrs. Walls also reported that she is working with Phil Mallon of Fayette County concerning our LMIG/GDOT distribution and inspection for roadway projects. Mrs. Walls was also contacted regarding a Bike Race to take place in Brooks on March 14 & 15, 2015. She advised them that they will need a Special Event permit from the TOB as well as permission from FCBOE, as they plan on using Brooks Elementary School as their “base”. Mrs. Walls also supplied Financial Materials for review by the Council.

Other – None

**Any Other Business:** Councilman Scott Israel reminded Mayor, Council and public about the Whitewater High School Acoustic Guitar Concert. It will be held at the Brooks Chapel on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:00pm. An advertisement will be included in garbage bills going out by February 2, 2015.

At this time, in order to discuss a property matter, Mayor Langford called for an Executive Session. Scott Israel made a Motion to enter into Executive Session, Ted Britt seconded the Motion and the vote was unanimous. (See Affidavit Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sec 50-14-4.)

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mayor Langford indicated that he would execute the required Affidavit and further, stated that the Minutes of the Executive Session will be reviewed at the February 23, 2015 Council Meeting and determined to be open or closed to the public. Lewis Harper made a Motion to exit the Executive Session and continue with the regular Council Meeting; Todd Speer offered a second and the vote of council present was unanimous.

There being no other business, Lewis Harper made a Motion to adjourn which was seconded by Todd Speer. The Council Members present voted unanimously to adjourn and Mayor Dan Langford closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kim Bradley, Town Clerk