

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mayor Langford was in attendance at the Fayette County Board of Education Meeting and so Lewis Harper, serving as Mayor Pro Tem, led the invocation and pledge and then called the monthly meeting to order.

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

Council members absent:            None

The proposed Agenda was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review prior to tonight's Meeting. Scott Israel offered a Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Intergovernmental Agreements under New Business and Todd Speer offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the Agenda for February 25, 2013.

The proposed Minutes of the Council Meetings of November 19, 2012 and December 17, 2012 and the Called Council Meeting of February 11, 2013 were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review prior to tonight's Meeting. Jake Kunz offered a Motion to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2012 and Scott Israel offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the November 19, 2012 Minutes. (Note that Todd Speer and Ted Britt abstained from this vote as they were not present at the subject Meeting.) Scott Israel offered a Motion to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2012 and Todd Speer offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the December 17, 2012 Minutes. (Note that Ted Britt and Jake Kunz abstained from this vote as they were not present at the subject Meeting.) Todd Speer offered a Motion to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2013 and Scott Israel offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the February 11, 2013 Minutes. (Note that Ted Britt abstained from this vote as he was not present at the subject Meeting.)

#### Appearances:

Zibe and Karen Dowdy appeared to introduce themselves to the Council and talk about the planned opening of Brooks Pizzeria & Bakery on Price Road. Mr. Dowdy spoke about the plans to change the building and add signage and Mr. Harper referred him to our Zoning Administrator, Eddie Lanham. Mr. Dowdy and Mr. Lanham will meet at a convenient time outside the Meeting. It was noted that Mrs. Dowdy put together a flier that was distributed with the garbage invoices for first quarter, 2013 and the flier has generated a good deal of interest in the community.

Zachary Bird of Scout Troop 118 appeared to introduce himself to the Council and open discussion of a potential Eagle Scout Project which he may plan and accomplish to the benefit of the Town. Potential Projects include: Installation of railroad ties and flowers (perennials) and bushes around Hardy Hall and/or Church Building; Repair/replace downtown benches; Build/Install Arbor or Gazebo for the Church Building for photos; Straightening up the concrete right of way (roadway) markers; and Installation of handicap ramp at Thrift Shop. Mr. Bird is also considering building a greenhouse at Whitewater High School. Mr. Bird will begin working on a proposal and will get back to the Council at such time as the proposal is complete.

Although unplanned, Terry Ingram appeared to tell the Council about her new, in-home business offering music lessons. She teaches any age individual any bass instruments at any level and any woodwind instruments at beginning levels.

#### Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report – None.

Recreation – Although no one appeared from BAR, Inc., Scott Israel indicated that some area parents are upset about the combining of multiple ages of children on teams (i.e. 14 year olds playing on the same team as 16 year olds). Additionally, parents assert that the “select team” was cancelled at the last minute. All of this forcing parents to sign their kids up to play ball in other programs. The Council Members discussed the situation and agree that they are not in the position to dictate to BAR, Inc. as to how it conducts its leagues. However, the Council is concerned about any issues brought to it by a resident of the Town. Ted Britt indicated that he will contact Ty Mueller to confirm the date change of the March Meeting and also request that he attend the March Meeting so that this matter and any other matters may be addressed.

Planning and Zoning – None.

Cemetery – None.

Library – It was agreed at the December Meeting that Eddie Lanham would obtain three (3) bids for the architectural drawings, etc. but only one has been submitted to date. Mr. Lanham agreed to continue his work toward obtaining two (2) additional bids.

Water and Sewer – None.

Financial – Materials were provided to the Mayor and Council Members for review, including a list of both Residential and Non-Residential Business Licenses issued and a copy of the two (2) Affidavits required to be completed by each license application.

Unfinished Business:

Library Renovation – See Committee Reports (above).

Hardy Hall Maintenance – Eddie Lanham reported that the work is completed and he has submitted an invoice.

Brooks Post Office – VPO Offer – Cynthia Winkle informed the Mayor and Council that she met with Kris Payne and anticipates that Ms. Payne will be making a favorable recommendation to the Committee that makes the decision on the VPOs. In the event our location is approved, the Town will be hearing from a negotiator in the next few weeks.

GA DOT – LMIG Funds – Cynthia Winkle stated that she believed the LMIG Funds requested have been approved by the GA DOT as a check of their website indicates same. The Town is hoping to receive notification in the near future. Ms. Winkle will keep the Council posted on this matter as we move forward.

Church Alley Roadwork – HOLD (until Spring)

Short Term Work Program – Impact Fees – HOLD (pending scheduled Public Hearing)

L.O.S.T. Intergovernmental Agreement – This was previously approved and has been executed by Mayor Langford and submitted to Joe Morton, City Manager of Fayetteville. We are now just awaiting a fully-executed copy of the final Agreement.

New Business:

TOB Insurance – Cynthia Winkle informed the Council Members that per discussion with Dan Langford, the Town is in the process of “shopping” its insurance needs for a better rate. Ms. Winkle will keep the Council posted on the results.

Intergovernmental Agreement re: TAVT (Ad Valorem Tax on Autos) – Ted Britt offered a Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize Dan Langford to execute the original Agreement and Jake Kunz offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion and authorization for the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

Any Other Business:

Expense Reimbursement re: BOE – Mayor Langford submitted receipts for expenditures incurred as a result of informal meetings with BOE Members regarding the potential closing of Brooks Elementary School. Jake Kunz offered a Motion to approve the reimbursement of these expenditures to Mr. Langford and Scott Israel offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion. Cynthia Winkle stated that she would make reimbursement within the next few days.

There being no other business, Todd Speer made a Motion to adjourn which was then seconded by Scott Israel. Cynthia Winkle reminded Council Members that the March Council Meeting was bumped to March 25, 2013. After which, the Council Members present voted unanimously to adjourn and Lewis Harper, serving as Mayor Pro Tem, closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Winkle, Town Clerk