

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mayor Langford led the invocation and pledge and then called the monthly meeting to order. Mayor Langford announced that he had heard from Mr. Israel and as a result of a call to work from the Fayetteville Police Department, Ms. Israel will be absent from tonight's Meeting.

Council members present: Lewis Harper
 Todd Speer
 Ted Britt

Council members absent: Scott Israel
 Jake Kunz

The proposed Agenda was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review prior to tonight's Meeting. Lewis Harper made a Motion to approve the Agenda 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 March 25, 2013.

The proposed Minutes of the February 25, 2013 Council Meeting was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review prior to tonight's Meeting. Todd Speer made Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Ted Britt offered a second to the Motion. The vote of the Council was unanimous, all in favor of the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 25, 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Langford opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Resolution of the Fayette County Annual Report on Resolution To Approve The “Fayette County 2012 Annual Report On Fire Services Impact Fees (FY2012), Including Comprehensive Plan Amendments For Updates To The Capital Improvements Element And Short-Term Work Program (FY2013 – FY2017)”; And To Authorize Transmittal Of That Document To The Atlanta Regional Commission For Coordination Of Regional And State Review Prior To Adoption and welcomed comment from the public. There being no public in attendance, Mayor Langford closed the Public Hearing.

Appearances: None.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Langford reported that although the BOE voted to close the Brooks Elementary School, he attended the Repurposing Meeting and would continue to keep the Council posted on the matter. Our School site is zoned Office/Institutional which is the proper classification for obtaining tenancy.

Recreation – Mike Saul, President, and Darby Holliman, were present on behalf of BAR, Inc. Mr. Saul reported on the enrollment for baseball and updated the Council on the new walkways poured at the ball fields, including the t-ball fields (walkways connect fields 1 and 2 and there are walkways around field 3, etc.). Mr. Saul previously forwarded pictures of the new playground to the Clerk and Council Members. Mr. Saul stated that BAR is interested in getting more of the community involved in events and further, is interested in possibly utilizing the space at the Elementary School (e.g. cheerleading in poor weather). Mayor Langford offered to participate in any meetings BAR has with the BOE and County in an attempt to use/lease the Elementary School space.

Mr. Saul also addressed the concerns brought to light at the last Council Meeting by a resident by explaining the “draft” process required by the league. Mr. Saul invited the Council Members and any interested residents to attend the BAR, Inc. Monthly Meeting which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fieldhouse.

Mr. Holliman reiterated the interest of BAR, Inc. to get the community more involved, suggesting banners being hung for seasonal sports, tournaments, etc.

Planning and Zoning – None. Eddie Lanham was not present at the Meeting.

Cemetery – None.

Library – None.

Water/Sewer and Solid Waste – None. Todd Speer noted that the Stormwater issue needs to be revisited at the time we review and establish the FY 2014 Budget.

Financial – Materials were provided to the Mayor and Council Members for review. The Mayor and Council discussed the biggest differences in comparing this FY2013 to last FY2012, which were the renovations and maintenance of Hardy Hall and the Church Buildings and the reduction in audit fees.

Unfinished Business:

Library Renovation Status – Due to the absence of Mr. Israel and Mr. Lanham, this was skipped.

Hardy Hall Maintenance - The work has been completed and full payment for same has been made by the Town.

Brooks Post Office – VPO Offer – Cynthia Winkle reported that Ms. Payne recommended our site and had received a contract from the U.S.P.S. Ms. Winkle will continue to work with the U.S.P.S. on this matter and will keep the Council posted on the progress.

GA DOT – LMIG Funds – Cynthia Winkle reported that the Town received the LMIG funds and as a result of the recommendation of Phil Mallon at Fayette County, an account has been opened to keep the funds separate from Town funds.

Church Alley Roadwork – HOLD until Spring, 2013.

Short Term Work Program - Fire Services Impact Fees – Having completed the Public Hearing (above) in this matter, Lewis Harper made a Motion to approve the proposed Resolution on the Fayette County Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY 2012) and authorize Mayor Langford to sign the Resolution. Todd Speer made a Second to the Motion. The Council voted unanimously approve the Resolution on the Fayette County Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY 2012) and authorize Mayor Langford to execute the Resolution.

L.O.S.T. Intergovernmental Agreement – Cynthia Winkle reported that the lawsuit involving the County has been concluded (Brooks was not a party but was keeping an eye on this matter) and the L.O.S.T. has been executed by Mayor Langford.

TOB Insurance – Cynthia Winkle offered the Council Members some changes in the application which she discussed with GIRMA and would significantly reduce the annual premium (including a \$1,000.00 deductible for public officials' liability). The Council discussed the changes and agreed to the deductible. Further, the Council determined that a reasonable value for the pumping station is \$5,000. Lewis Harper completed the application and Ms. Winkle will forward it to GIRMA in the next few days.

New Business:

Proposed Ordinances – Mayor Langford announced that he is scheduled to meet with legal counsel this week and invited other Council Members to join him if they wish to do so. A copy the proposed Ordinances were provided to each Council Member for review so that possible revisions may be considered at the April Meeting and the Public Hearing and First and Second Readings can be scheduled for future dates.

Town Street Lamp Ornaments (switch to LED?) – The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of switching the street lamp ornaments to LED as proposed by Mr. and Mrs. Lebbly. After discussion, Cynthia Winkle offered to contact Mr. and Mrs. Lebbly and ask that they come up with a plan for switching over – possibility a few ornaments at a time or maybe specific colors at a time since the boxes are by color in packs of 25 or more or maybe working out a deal for a bulk purchase to switch all ornaments at once.

Resolutions for former Town Elected Officials and Employees – Lewis Harper said he was approached by the Hanson family requesting that the Town consider a posthumous appreciation of Mary Ruth Hanson. Mayor Langford talked of honors presented in the past to various elected officials. Mayor Langford agreed to work on something for this purpose, including the possibility of having something added to the Hardy Hall gallery for both Robert Butler and Jacqueline Carson.

Any Other Business:

Cynthia Winkle provided Council Members with an updated Contact Information List and indicated that she will have the website updated. Ms. Winkle reminded everyone that Council Meetings require a quorum and as such, it is more than a courtesy that Members notify the group in the event they will miss a scheduled Council Meeting.

Council Members discussed a bike race that not only went through the Town of Brooks but caused the closing of roads in the Town and also occupied the Elementary School parking lot overnight. All of this was done without any notification to the Town or any request for a Special Events Permit. Cynthia Winkle agreed to talk with Scott Israel to find out what group hosted the race if either Mr. Speer or Mr. Britt could provide her with specific dates of the event. The Council Members agreed that a letter should be sent out to the Sheriff's Department indicating that the Town requires a Special Events Permit prior to them authorizing an event or closing roads, etc. Letters should also be routinely sent out to groups requesting to host events that affects the Town roadways or properties or will affect the Town residents.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Winkle, Town Clerk