

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mayor Langford led the Invocation and the Pledge then called the meeting to order.

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

Council members absent: Lewis Harper

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for September 15, 2014 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. All Council Members present were in favor of approving the Agenda for September 15, 2014.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the July 21, 2014 Council Meeting were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Scott Israel 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 July 21, 2014. (Councilman Todd Speer abstained from vote as he was not present for July 2014 meeting.)

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Council Meeting were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Todd Speer made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Jake Kunz 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 August 18, 2014. (Councilman Ted Britt abstained from vote as he was not present for the August 2014 meeting.)

Appearances:
None

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Langford reported that the property between Bella Bronze and Benice building (local Brooks businesses) has been purchased by the Town of Brooks. Town Manager, Ellen Walls, will check on drainage issues and ownership of propane tank on this property. The Mayor and Council hope for a ribbon cutting ceremony and naming of Putnam Park in Spring 2015.

Planning and Zoning - Planning and Zoning Director, Eddie Lanham, was not present for tonight's meeting but had a question as to the Town of Brooks permitting/inspection agreement with Fayette County. Ellen Walls offered to discuss this matter with the county and obtain copies of agreement if one is on file.

Recreation – Brian Davis was present for the Recreation Department. While updating the lease, Ellen Walls had a few questions as to responsibility with some equipment, grounds maintenance, termite contract, etc. Mrs. Walls will check for an IGA with Public Works for grounds maintenance. The TOB also requested a calendar of the playing schedule for T-Ball fields.

Cemetery – After a brief discussion it was unanimously determined to keep the price of cemetery lots at the present amount of \$3000.00. This issue will be re-calendared for review in September 2015.

Library/VPO – Kim Bradley reports that the shingles on the library roof were replaced on September 10, 2014; company is to re-inspect within 6 months.

Water and Sewer – None

Financial – Financial materials were provided to the Mayor and Council Members by Ellen Walls for discussion and further review at their convenience.

Unfinished Business:

Library Renovation Status – Councilman Scott Israel made a Motion to table this matter until more information is ready to present. Ted Britt offered a second to the Motion. The vote of Council Members present was unanimous.

Environmental Ordinance – Ordinance has been prepared and copies distributed to Mayor and Council for review. Scott Israel made a Motion to approve a Public Hearing on October 20, 2014. Jake Kunz offered a Second to the Motion. The vote of Council Members present was unanimous.

Lawn Service – Ellen Walls and Kim Bradley met with Aaron Gable prior to tonight's Council Meeting. Problems with lawn service have been addressed. Service frequency is to be increased as well as additional services added.

New Business:

Marge Counts, head of the Brooks Women's Club, approached the Mayor and Council about an event on October 26, 2014. They would like to hold the 1st Annual Brooks Community Business Appreciation Day. Mrs. Counts would like the TOB to pay for postage on the invitations (approx \$40.00). Scott Israel made a Motion to approve purchase of stamps for this event. Todd Speer offered a second to this Motion. All Council Members present voted unanimously for the Town of Brooks to cover the cost of postage for invitations to this event.

At this time, in order to discuss property/real estate matters, Mayor Langford called for an Executive Session. Todd Speer made a Motion to conclude the Council Meeting. Jake Kunz offered a Second to this Motion. All Council Members present voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session (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 October Council Meeting and determined to be open or closed to the public. Councilman Ted Britt made a Motion to conclude the Executive Session and return to the regular Council Meeting. Jake Kunz offered a Second to this Motion. All Council Members present voted unanimously to close the Executive Session and return to the regular Council Meeting.

Any Other Business:

Jake Kunz expressed concern with trees overhanging roadway in some areas, especially with winter and possible ice storms approaching. Ellen Walls offered to investigate responsibility. Scott Israel is to check on Marshall Office for enforcement of Environmental issues if the need arises with the revision of the Environmental Ordinance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Brooks Town Clerk