

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, September 16, 2013

Mayor Langford led the invocation and pledge and then called the monthly meeting to order.

Council members present: Ted Britt
 Scott Israel
 Todd Speer

Council members absent: Lewis Harper
 Jake Kunz

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There being no comments or revisions, Todd Speer offered a Motion to approve the Agenda and Scott Israel offered a second to the Motion. The Council unanimously voted to approve the Agenda for September 16, 2013.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There being no comments or revisions, Scott Israel offered a Motion to approve the minutes and Ted Britt offered a second to the motion. The Council unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting.

Appearances:

Zach Byrd, made an appearance before the Council with updated information regarding the arbor he is to build for the church. The town is able to help with funding if needed but he is unable to use PVC type materials as this is considered too easy and does not meet the guidelines of an Eagle Scout project. Scott Israel made a motion to approve Zach's project for a pressure treated arbor and footings at a cost of \$1204.00, which will be funded by Zach Byrd. Todd Speer offered a second to the motion. It is understood that any additional walkway, platform, etc. will not be part of Zach's costs.

Allison Chambers approached the Council in regards to an event on Saturday, September 28, 2013 titled "Vietnam Homecoming". The Town Council was in agreement to support this event and a proclamation was signed by the Council and presented to Ms. Chambers in observance of this event.

Steve Brown and Steve Rapson were present on behalf of the Fayette County Water System. Mr. Rapson states that he is the acting Water Director for Fayette County at this time. Mr. Brown and Mr. Rapson both assured the public and Council that all problems and concerns are currently being looked into but that there are no health issues or risks concerning the water. Any additional problems or concerns may be directed to their offices. David Barlow and Charles Oddo, both Fayette County Commissioners, were also in attendance but made no comments.

Seth Zimmerman with AMC also made an appearance before the Council. Mr. Zimmerman stated that his company is currently working with Fayette County concerning some road closures and detours that will occur as a result of their work. Dan Langford agreed to assist Mr. Zimmerman's company any way we can so this project will go smoothly. As a definite date for this project is still unknown, Mayor Langford proposed a Called Meeting, tentatively set for October 14, 2013 to further discuss plans with Mr. Zimmerman and Mike Riley.

PUBLIC HEARING and SECOND READING: Proposed Text Ordinance

Mayor Langford opened the Public hearing on the Proposed Text Ordinance. Comments were welcomed from the public but none were received. Since there were no oppositions, Todd Speer made a motion to adopt the Text Ordinance and Scott Israel seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, Mayor Langford announced the ordinance as approved. The public hearing on this matter was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING and THIRD READING: Emergency Management Ordinance

Mayor Langford opened the Public hearing on the Emergency Management Ordinance. Mayor Langford welcomed comment from the public as there were several residents in attendance but none were received. Scott Israel made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with Todd Speer seconding the motion. Mayor Langford announced that the Emergency Management Ordinance has been approved. There being no further discussion, Mayor Langford closed the Public Hearing.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dan Langford is proud to report that there will be no election needed in Brooks in November. Dan Langford, Lewis Harper and Scott Israel will all retain their positions with the Town of Brooks. After a drainage issue between the Christian Church and the Mize office space/garage, it was agreed that the Town will pay for cleaning costs. The down spouts have been re-routed but we have not had any additional rain to know if this will solve the problem completely.

Recreation – None

Cemetery – Lot sales soared during the month of August. 51 lots were sold, 28 of which were paid for in full and 23 are currently on payment plans. Al Hardy is appreciative for everyone's hard work during this time. He will be giving Cynthia Winkle a bonus from the cemetery account for all her hard work as she is not paid from her regular salaried position for cemetery business.

Planning and Zoning – Eddie Lanham presented two issues for discussion. The zoning map received by the town in August needs a correction. He will contact Cynthia Winkle for contact information to have the correction made. Mr. Lanham also ran into a problem obtaining an

inspection for a building permit. He was instructed by Fayette County Environmental Management that they will not do inspections within the city limits of Brooks because we did not sign and adopt a stormwater ordinance. Steve Rapson from Fayette County said he would be happy to look into this problem and will be in touch with the town.

Library – Ms. Morris reported to the Mayor and Council that the stamp sales at the VPO are good and book check-out is steady.

Water and Sewer – None.

Financial – Financial materials were provided to the Mayor and Council Members for discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Library Renovation – A revised plan has been received from the architect. A follow-up meeting with him will be arranged as well as a meeting with the county to see if our plans are acceptable.

LMIG Roadwork – Cynthia Winkle was not present but left a written report on this matter. Dan Davis has been hired to mark the corners and boundary line between Hardy Hall and Maddock property. This is needed to determine the paving vs gravel issue. The meter has been raised at the lower end of Church Alley. SRP has been recommended for the paving work with a cost of \$2700.00 to clean and hot seal 2,740 linear feet of cracks in the roadway. This cost can come out of our LMIG Funds.

Town Street Lamp Ornaments (switch to LED?) – HOLD pending input from Lebbey.

Zoning Map – See Planning and Zoning above.

S.P.L.O.S.T.- Awaiting vote in November 2013.

New Business:

None

Any Other Business:

Marge Counts made mention of a Grant that she would like to apply for. If approved, this Grant would provide extra funding for exterior improvements to the Methodist Church. The Council was in agreement that this would be of great assistance to her and offered her any help she needs in completing paperwork, etc.

Todd Speer questioned Brooks Elementary School grounds and whether or not we received any feedback from Fayette County Board of Education. Dan Langford says he informally contacted someone and has not received a reply. Scott Israel will make an additional inquiry.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Morris, Town Clerk