

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Mayor: Dan Langford

Council member present: Jake Kunz
Lewis Harper
Ted Britt

Members Absent: Scott Israel
Todd Speer
Eddie Lanham, Zoning

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for October 19, 2015 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Mayor Langford requested an amendment to the Agenda with an Appearance of Brooks Resident David Spradlin. Town Manager Ellen Walls also requested to move the Appearance of Rod Wright from Planning & Zoning to general Appearances. Councilman Jake Kunz made a Motion to approve the Agenda and Amendments; Ted Britt offered a second. The vote of the Council present was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the Agenda and Amendment for October 19, 2015.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the July 20, 2015 and August 17, 2015 meetings were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. As there was not an available quorum of Councilmen present for either of these meetings Minutes to be approved, these items will be held for the November 2015 Council Meeting.

Appearances:

- A. David Spradlin - Brooks Resident, David Spradlin, wished to discuss the entrance to Butler Road. Residents on this section of Butler feel it is dangerous with room for only one (1) car to enter or exit the road at a time, especially with limited visibility. Town Manager, Ellen Walls, stated that this intersection/road is on the LMIG improvement list and will be discussed later this week during a previously scheduled county meeting.
- B. Rod Wright - Ellen Walls brought the Mayor and Council up to date with the Zoning information on these lots. Mr. Wright has withdrawn the Variance that was previously requested and has subdivided the property in question into 3 lots of 6+ acres each instead of 4 smaller lots. The property plat was reviewed by Mayor and Council. Lewis Harper offered a Motion to accept this property division. Ted Britt offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

New Business:

- A. Councilman Jake Kunz addressed the Mayor and Council with the proposition to become a Liaison between the Council and BAR. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Town Manager, Ellen Walls, will discuss this position with BAR Manager, Ty Mueller. If this position is determined to be needed/worthwhile, a job description will be devised and presented to Council at a later date.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford had questions about several pieces of mail he received. Mrs. Walls will handle all. Mayor Langford attended a breakfast in support of Liberty Tech. Their Charter has been approved by the State and now they need to choose a site. Mayor Langford will write a letter from the Town to the FCBOE in favor of BES being LT's first choice over Heritage Christian Church.

Planning and Zoning - P & Z Director Eddie Lanham was not present. Mr. Wright was moved to appearances above.

Recreation – Financial Information was received and reviewed by Mayor and Council. Ty Mueller was present and spoke briefly about J. Kunz's requested position. Mr. Mueller noted that BAR meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; public is welcome.

Clerk's Report – Kim Bradley reports the new library is doing well with new visitors and patrons. An incident in town over the weekend, behind BES and then at baseball fields, was witnessed by Mr. Wayne Couch. The Sheriff's Dept. was called, the children were caught in the act and the situation was handled.

Manager's Report – Town Manager, Ellen Walls, presented Mayor and Council with monthly financial information for review. Mrs. Walls also discussed several other projects/estimates taking place including landscaping in front of future Town Hall, Putman Park & hydroseeding in Cemetery. The future Town Hall painting has been completed; interior work to continue including painting and flooring. The old Fire Station has been acquired; maintenance and repair work being performed. New auditing policies and procedures involving financial protocols are being prepared and will be presented to Mayor and Council when completed.

Other – Sheriff Barry Babb joined the Council Meeting while in progress but wished to speak for a moment. The Sheriff's Department would like to send an Officer to future Town Council Meetings for any questions or problems and to be seen by the community. Mayor and Council thanked Sheriff Babb and the entire Sheriff's Department for their service.

Any Other Business: None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk