

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

Monday, October 20 , 2014

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

Council members present:           Lewis Harper  
  Todd Speer  
  Ted Britt

Council members absent:           Scott Israel  
  Jake Kunz

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for September 15, 2014 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. As there was no quorum for this vote, this item will be held in abeyance until a quorum is present. (Councilmen Lewis Harper must abstain as he was not present for September meeting.)

**Public Hearing** – Environmental Ordinance – First Reading (7pm) – Mayor Langford opened the Public Hearing and welcomed questions and comments from the public. Several questions as to the wording and/or definition of “Wooded Lots”, “Structures” and “Grassy Areas” were brought up. After a brief discussion Ted Britt made a Motion to table this hearing/reading until additional information is obtained by the Town Manager. Lewis Harper offered a Second to this Motion. The Vote was unanimous by Councilmen present.

**Appearances:**  
None

**Committee Reports:**

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Langford reported on an email received from Tyrone’s Mayor Dial regarding the ARC. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Mayor Langford will respond, from the entire Town Council, in approval of opposition. Mayor Langford also noted that Mr. Bob Ross, representing the Fayette Visioning Committee, would like to speak to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Langford will contact Mr. Ross about an appearance at our November 17, 2014 Council Meeting.

Planning and Zoning - Brooks Town Manager, Ellen Walls, is to follow up with Fayette County and Brooks Zoning Administrator, Eddie Lanham, regarding permits and codes.

Recreation – Natalie Fields was present for the Recreation Department. There are still a few questions and quotes outstanding on the lease in regards to lawn maintenance, responsibility for

damages, etc. Mrs. Walls is to review lease further, along with constructing a “5 year forecast” of projected costs/needs for recreation property.

Cemetery – Ellen Walls reported that she will be working with Al Hardy to compile a “5 year forecast” list of items used for the cemetery (ex: mower, tractor, etc.) to project upcoming costs for replacement of items.

Library/VPO – None

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 Todd Speer made a Motion to table this matter until more information is ready to present. Lewis Harper offered a second to the Motion. The Vote of Council Members present was unanimous.

Lawn Service – Ellen Walls reports that the cost of additional services with current lawn service has been minimal. Appearance of the grounds has improved. Aaron Gable told Mrs. Walls they are still having a bit of trouble getting control of weed growth around railroad tracks but they are still working on a solution to this problem.

“Putman Park” Update – Mrs. Walls reports that an estimate has been received in the removal of Mr. Cavender’s propane tank behind Bella Bronze. She is now consulting with Dan Davis as to drainage issues as well as looking into tree services for trimming a Pecan tree on property.

### **New Business:**

LMIG – Ellen Walls is currently working with Fayette County to prioritize projects for use of LMIG funds for roadwork and/or improvements.

Fayette Co. Library Board Appointment – Ellen Walls is to submit a recommendation letter for Kim Bradley to continue to serve as the representative for Brooks. Councilmen Lewis Harper made a Motion; Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote of Council present was unanimous.

### **Any Other Business:**

Brooks resident Don Britt questioned the usage of Fayette Co. grant/tax money for sidewalks, golf cart trails, etc. Nothing is proposed for the Town of Brooks at this time.

There being no other business, Lewis Harper 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,

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Kim Bradley, Brooks Town Clerk