

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, October 21, 2013

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

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

Council members absent: None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Lewis Harper offered a Motion to approve the Agenda and Todd Speer offered a second to the Motion. The Council unanimously voted to approve the Agenda for October 21, 2013.

Also prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There being no comments or revisions, Ted Britt offered a Motion to approve them and Scott Israel offered a second. The vote was unanimous and the Minutes for September 16, 2013 were approved. (Jake Kunz and Lewis Harper were not present and abstained from the vote.)

Minutes for the Called Meeting on October 16, 2013 (re: LOST) were also made available via email to Mayor and Council for review. There being no other comments or revisions Todd Speer made a Motion to approve and Jake Kunz offered a second to the Motion. The Vote was unanimous and the Minutes for the Called Meeting on October 16, 2013 were approved. (Ted Britt abstained from this vote as he was not present.)

A corrected copy of the Minutes for the August 19, 2013 meeting were also provided this evening. There was an abstention from voting in the June 17, 2013 minutes that was not originally noted. No vote was required on this matter.

Appearances:

Mr. Gerald Woolsey approached the Council and Cynthia Winkle in regards to a street light on Highway 85 Connector that he would like to be turned back on at the expense of the Town. Mr. Woolsey stated that he was advised by Legal Council not to speak about this matter. Mayor Langford filled the Council in as to the whereabouts of this light. Although this was not one of Brooks original street lights, it was determined that this light would be beneficial in lighting a poorly lit area of roadway. After a brief discussion Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the light being turned on at a cost of \$10.50/month. Jake Kunz offered a second to the Motion. The council voted unanimously to have the light turned on.

Mr. Frank Destadio and Steve Rapson also appeared before the Council on behalf of Fayette County Water System. Mr. Destadio is the new Engineer of Record for the Water System. He wanted to introduce himself to the Mayor and Council. He also provided information about his group, CH2MHill, who will now be overseeing the Fayette County Water System.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report – None

Recreation – None

Cemetery – Mayor Langford once again noted sales amount prior to price increase. No other reports.

Planning and Zoning – None

Library – Kim Morris reported to the Mayor and Council that the stamp sales at the VPO have been very good. VPO is currently taking advance orders for 2013 Christmas/Holiday stamps.

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 and provided to the Mayor and Council. Currently waiting for November S/P.L.O.S.T. vote.

LMIG Roadwork – Cynthia Winkle was not present but provided information on this matter. Survey work and sealant has been completed. Paving is set to begin as soon as possible.

Town Street Lamp Ornaments (switch to LED?) – Mrs. Lebbly provided information stating that due to the cost of LED lights vs. standard bulbs (25 bulbs @ \$30 for LED vs. 25 bulbs for \$5 standard), they will be changing out only one street lamp this year. Replacement of others will depend on look, energy costs and durability.

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

Audit – (status – Winkle) – No new information/status known.

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control – EPD (Status – Winkle) – Hold

New Business:

Fall/Winter Meeting Dates – Meeting dates for the holiday season were reviewed. Meeting dates are as follows: Monday, November 18, 2013; Monday, December 16, 2013; Monday, January 27, 2014; Monday, February 24, 2014. Both January and February 2014 dates were delayed a week for MLK Day and Presidents Day.

2014 LMIG Planning – Mayor Langford announced to the Council that Brooks is once again eligible for an LMIG Grant from the GA Department of Transportation. He asked the Council to consider roadwork projects that would benefit the town. There are still a few projects on last years list; one option is to move those forward.

Any Other Business:

Mr. John Setzer, a Fayette County Resident, had questions concerning the LMIG work. He asked the Mayor and Council how projects are chosen. Mayor Langford assured Mr. Setzer that anyone can offer suggestions for projects. The Town Manager, Cynthia Winkle, contacts Fayette County to confirm work/projects chosen are eligible. Projects are then chosen by necessity and financial availability. Mr. Setzer is concerned that curbing is not being added to the Church property during the Church Alley repaving project and that it may cause further water problems. Mayor Langford assured Mr. Setzer that it has been thoroughly looked into by Fayette County Engineers. A drainage ditch is to be added which should alleviate most of the water run-off. Mayor Langford does not want to add curbing at this time as it could cause potential problems for buildings directly downhill from Church Alley.

There being no other business, Lewis Harper 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,

Kimberly A. Morris, Town Clerk