

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2014

Mayor Dan Langford was absent from the meeting and so, Lewis Harper served as Mayor pro tem. Scott Israel led the invocation. Lewis Harper led the pledge and called the meeting to order.

Council members present: Lewis Harper (as Mayor pro tem)
 Scott Israel
 Todd Speer
 Ted Britt
 Jake Kunz

Council members absent: None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for November 17, 2014 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Town Manager, Ellen Walls, asked for the addition of an Executive Session to discuss a property matter. Todd Speer made a Motion to approve the agenda with addition; Scott Israel offered a second. The vote to approve the Agenda as amended was unanimous.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Jake Kunz made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Scott Israel offered a second. The vote of the Council was unanimous, all in favor of the Motion to approve the Minutes of Sept. 15, 2014. (Note that Lewis Harper abstained as he was not present in September.)

Also, prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the October 20, 2014 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 Todd Speer offered a second. The vote of the Council was unanimous, all in favor of the Motion to approve the Minutes of Oct. 20, 2014. (Note that Jake Kunz and Scott Israel abstained from vote as they were not present in October.)

Appearances:

Mr. Bob Ross and Ms. Larris Marks were present, representing the Fayette Visioning Committee and presented information to the Mayor Pro Tem and Council. The Visioning Committee has approximately 40 members and are always welcoming new members and ideas for the growth of Fayette County and towns located therein.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business:

- A. "Putman Park" – Ellen Walls indicated that the propane tank behind Bella Bronze, belonging to James Cavender, is to be moved as soon as possible. Mrs. Walls is also receiving quotes and consultation concerning the large tree on lot as several power lines cross through. Drainage is still a concern as well.
- B. Environmental Ordinance Discussion/Review – Ellen Walls presented 4 options to the Grass Cutting Ordinance and definition to "Wooded Lot". After a brief discussion Councilmen approved Opt. 2 (Wooded Lot shall be exempt from maintenance). Ted Britt made a Motion to revise the proposed Ordinance; Jake Kunz offered a second. The vote was unanimous, all in favor of the Motion to revise the Environmental Ordinance, Chapter 15, Article 3, Grass Cutting.

Committee Reports (if any)

Mayor's Report – None

Planning and Zoning - Eddie Lanham, Planning and Zoning Administrator, was present. He met this month with Joe Scarborough from Fayette County concerning permits. Mr. Lanham and Mrs. Walls will meet to discuss these items further.

Recreation – Ellen Walls met with Ty Mueller from BAR prior to tonight's meeting. Some adjustments will be made to the recreation departments lease for review at a later time. Scott Israel made a Motion to table this matter for final copy of lease; Jake Kunz offered a second. Vote was unanimous of Council present.

Cemetery – None

Library/VPO – None

Water and Sewer – None

Financial – Financial materials were provided to the Mayor and Council Members by Ellen Walls who presented the Manager's Report as well.

Any Other Business:

- A. Thrift Shop (Condition Zoning Renewal) – Jake Kunz offered a Motion to renew the Conditional Approval for six (6) months. Scott Israel offered a second to the Motion and the vote was unanimous.
- B. Property Improvements – Ellen Walls is currently obtaining quotes for sealing and remarking library parking lot as well as improving parking area in front of Hardy Hall (flower beds, gravel, pavers, etc.). The entire Council present was in agreement that these items would be of great improvement as to the appearance of TOB property.
- C. Whitewater High School Acoustic Guitar Ensemble – Scott Israel approached the Council about the WHS Guitar Ensemble using the Brooks Chapel for a concert on Feb. 12, 2015. Council Members present proposed waiving the rental fee and covering the

cleaning fees. Scott Israel offered a Motion to approve; Jake Kunz offered a second and the vote was unanimous.

- D.** Holiday Bonuses for TOB employees – Scott Israel offered a Motion to approve bonuses at 2013 amounts. Todd Speer seconded the Motion and the vote of all Councilmen present was unanimous.

At this time, in order to discuss a property matter, Mayor pro tem Lewis Harper called for an Executive Session. Ted Britt made a Motion to enter into Executive Session, Todd Speer seconded the Motion and the vote was unanimous. (See Affidavit Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sec 50-14-4.)

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mayor pro tem Harper indicated that he would execute the required Affidavit and further, stated that the Minutes of the Executive Session will be reviewed at the December 20, 2014 Council Meeting and determined to be open or closed to the public. Scott Israel made a Motion to exit the Executive Session and continue with the regular Council Meeting; Ted Britt offered a second and the vote of council present was unanimous.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk