

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2017

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

Council member present : Brian Davis
 Ted Britt
 Lewis Harper
 Scott Israel
 Todd Speer

Members Absent : None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, April 17, 2017 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Todd Speer made a Motion to approve tonight's agenda. Scott Israel offered a Second. Agenda was approved, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes from March 20, 2017 were provided via email to the Mayor and Council for review. Lewis Harper offered a Motion to approve. Ted Britt offered a Second. Minutes for Monday, February 27, 2017 were approved, all in favor.

Public Hearing - FY2016/2017 Amended Budget - 1st Reading - Town Manager, Ellen Walls, presented information for Mayor, Council and public present. Original budget adopted for 2016/2017 was \$419,623.00. Amended budget has been reduced by \$55,224.00 leaving a new budget of \$364,399.00 for FY2016/2017. There were no questions from public present. 2nd reading will take place May 15, 2017.

Appearances: Ms. Pamela Reid with Fayette AVPride/Fayette Factor for a Drugfree Fayette & Alcohol Awareness was present to accept a Proclamation from the Town of Brooks. Scott Israel offered a Motion for Mayor Langford to sign said Proclamation. Todd Speer offered a Second; vote was unanimous. Mayor Langford read, signed and presented Ms. Reid with a Proclamation supporting NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence).

New Business:

A. **Resolution - Moratorium on Zoning Changes or Variances** - The approval of this Resolution will put a hold on Zoning Changes or Variances while current Zoning Ordinance Review/re-organization is taking place. Any requests received will be handled as soon as possible. Lewis Harper offered a Motion to approve. Brian Davis offered a Second. Resolution was approved and signed by Mayor Langford, all in favor.

B. **Stakeholders Committee for Zoning Ordinances Re-write** - A committee of 7 Brooks residents have been chosen to participate. Ms. Kristie King, Fayette County Tax Commissioner, is on the committee; she will be moving to Brooks within the next month. There is no conflict of interest with her position in Fayette County. Todd Speer made a Motion to approve members. Ted Britt offered a Second. Committee was approved, all in favor.

C. **Sam Chapman - Division of Gratzer Property (Hwy 85 Conn.)** - Plans were presented to Eddie Lanham, Zoning Administrator, and Mayor Langford for approval; both signed off on division of property. Rodent Letter and Demolition Permit are needed prior to work beginning.

D. **Trent Foster - Division of Dunn Property (Gable Road)** - Plans were presented to Eddie Lanham and Mayor Langford. Plans were reviewed and division approved.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford announced that he is involved with the "branding" committee for Fayette County. A new County logo is being discussed; considering choosing one for Brooks, as well. Mayor Langford requested Easter Sunrise service held in the Brooks Cemetery be kept short in consideration of audience.

Planning and Zoning - P & Z Director Eddie Lanham was present. He is still working on identifying all non-conforming lots within City Limits. Mr. Lanham also expressed concern about a growing sinkhole from Hwy 85 Connector extending into the T-ball field in the Brooks Park. Town Manager, Ellen Walls, will contact Fayette County to have area "fenced off" for safety.

Recreation – D. Holliman was present; no financial information presented. Brooks Day will take place May 13th. He will alert Coaches and Parents about sinkhole problem.

Clerk's Report – Beginning work on Summer Reading Program. 1st Farmers' Market went off well this past Saturday. Hoping for an even better turn out for our next one on May 20th.

Manager's Report – Town Manager, Ellen Walls, presented Mayor and Council with monthly financial information for review. Several property improvements pending as well as Putman Park dedication. SPLOST vote passed; Butler Road, Sidewalk improvements and Julias Crossing improvements will move forward. Qualifying for Municipal Election taking place August 21-25, 2017. Mayor and 2 Council seats up for re-election. 5K Fun Run applied for permit for Sept. 16, 2017. Unanimous vote of Council to reduce normal fee to \$75 for Non-Profits (with proper 501C3 documentation).

Other – None

Any Other Business - None

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,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk