

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, August 17, 2015

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

Mayor: Dan Langford

Council member present: Scott Israel
Lewis Harper
Ted Britt

Members Absent: Jake Kunz
Todd Speer

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Aug. 17, 2015 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Town Manager, Ellen Walls, requested an amendment to the Agenda. Resolution for changes to the GMA (457) Retirement Plan needs to be added as New Business. Councilman Scott Israel made a Motion to approve the Agenda and Amendment; Lewis Harper offered a second. The vote of the Council present was unanimous in favor of the Motion to approve the Agenda and Amendment for August 17, 2015.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. As there was not an available quorum of Councilmen present to approve Minutes this item will be held for September 2015 Council Meeting.

Public Hearing: Second Reading and Adoption of White Lining Ordinance (revision) (6:30pm) – Town Manager, Ellen Walls, presented a brief reading of the edits to this Ordinance revised by Fayette County. All changes appear to be small wording corrections. No comments offered by public present. Councilman Lewis Harper made a Motion to approve this Ordinance; Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous by Council present.

Ellen Walls also presented the Millage Rate for Tax Year 2015. After calculations by both Mayor Langford and Manager, Ellen Walls, the Millage Rate was rolled back to .84 (1/2% reduction). No comments were offered by public present. Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the Millage Rate at .84; Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous by all Council present.

Appearances: None

New Business:

- A. Ellen Walls presented information regarding a Resolution for changes to the TOB GMA (457) Retirement Plan. After a brief overview, Lewis Harper offered a Motion to approve this Resolution; Ted Britt offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all present in favor of updated plan.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford announced the State's approval of Liberty Tech Charter School. Representatives contacted him regarding use of the Chapel for a celebratory Back-To-School function.

Mayor Langford asked Council permission to grant use of the Chapel to LTCS free of charge. Scott Israel offered a Motion to allow this event; Ted Britt offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all present in favor. Mayor Langford will notify LTCS to contact Marge Counts for date and rental information.

Planning and Zoning - P & Z Director Eddie Lanham was present and informed Council that all steps have been taken regarding Gratzner Property/Estate. Ellen Walls will contact TOB Legal Department for additional information on Town's liability due to the unsafe nature of the condition of the property. Mr. Lanham also discussed the possibility of acquiring a historical marker for McIntosh Road/Trail. Cost would be approximately \$2000 and needs to be privately funded. Ellen Walls will look into budget availability mid year and amend for this project if possible. Due to the historical nature of this area/trail, Mayor and Council were all in agreement and interested in more information on this project.

Recreation – No one was present from BAR but financial information was submitted for review.

Clerk's Report – Kim Bradley reports the library move is coming along. Still some space and shelving issues but these are being dealt with as well as possible. Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at 11am. Winners from the SRP have been asked to come with ribbons/certificates. Mrs. Bradley reminded Council of qualifying from Aug 31-Sept 4, 2015 for 3 Council seats.

Manager's Report – Town Manager, Ellen Walls, presented Mayor and Council with monthly financial information for review. Cemetery improvements are taking place; new library coming along well; new benches for Putman Park have been ordered as well as a monument stone. Painting of the old library building is pending quotes. Still waiting for Fayette County for closing on old Fire Station bldg. Looking into information on grants to possibly build "gateways" into Brooks.

Other – None

Any Other Business: John Setzer raised the question about changing overall appearance of historic homes in the TCD. Mayor and Council were in agreement that while they would rather preserve any historic homes it should still be primarily up to the home/property owner.

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,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk