

**BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, June 21, 2021**

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

Mayor : Dan Langford

Council member present: Scott Israel
Brian Davis
Todd Speer
Kay Brumbelow
Ted Britt

Members Absent:

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, June 21, 2021 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There were no changes or additions needed this evening. Councilman Scott Israel made a Motion to approve our Agenda; Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of Monday, May 17, 2021 were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Councilman Ted Britt made a Motion to approve; Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Proclamations & Resolutions - None

Public Hearings -

A. FY 2021/22 Proposed Budget 2nd Reading - Ellen Walls, Brooks Financial Officer, presented information concerning this upcoming budget of \$659,267.00. Brooks funds are broken into 3 parts, General Fund (\$363,767) Capital Project Fund (\$102,500) and SPLOST Funds from 2017 vote (\$150,000), plus an additional \$43,000 for Enterprise funds (water & sewer, solid waste and stormwater). Brooks' CARE Act funds from 2020 Covid Relief were transferred to Fayette County, as the Town of Brooks did not incur any Covid related expenses; this money was used to offset paving costs of McIntosh Road. ARP funds (American Relief Project) must be applied to specific projects; money will be received in 2 payments of \$89,000 each. A project list must be made by December 2021 but does not have to be spent until December 2024.

At this time, Mayor Langford opened the Public Hearing to public present, giving Brooks residents 2 minutes to speak and 1 minute to anyone present living outside the city limits. Local resident D. Britt (1040 Hwy 85 Connector) noted that the outdoor water fountain/bottle filling station noted in Capital Improvements is not something that would be used by ALL Brooks residents; he also questioned the Public Works budget which includes cemetery work/improvements, roadside work, general upkeep of grounds, etc. F. McElwaney (183 McIntosh Rd.), also a local resident, complimented the work being done in the "old" Brooks Cemetery on McIntosh Road.

J. Robinson (418 Price Rd.), from outside Brooks' city limits, commented that she is not agreeable to some of the improvements made around town or with the annual bike races on her road.

With no other comments from the public, Mayor Langford closed the Public Hearing and asked for a vote from Council. Councilman Brian Davis offered a Motion to approve the Budget as presented; Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Fayette County Elections for 2021 Election -

Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, presented Mayor and Council with a draft of the IGA with the Fayette County Board of Elections. The original amount presented to the Town of Brooks was exorbitant but, after a review, the amount was reevaluated at a cost of \$1380.00 for any contested seats in this years election. 3 spots will be open for election for 2022-2025, Mayor and two Council seats. Councilman Todd Speer made a Motion to approve this amount submitted by Fayette County; Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford reported reviewing and signing recent Brooks audit. He has also reviewed information on a few local old homes in Brooks. Mayor Langford is also working on an article for the upcoming Welcome to Fayette magazine.

Planning and Zoning - Mr. Ungaro states a Stop Work order was issued for 126 McIntosh Road; work was originally minor but it was recently discovered that structural work was taking place without proper permits. New home construction will begin on Railroad Street shortly. 2 other homes in Brooks are deteriorating and need attention. Brooks' Comprehensive Plan will be updated within the next year.

Recreation – D. Holliman was present. Financial information was received and distributed. Baseball and Softball season ended this past weekend. Football and Cheerleading will begin in July. After the discussion of the water/bottle fountain (under Public Hearing), Mayor Langford mentioned that Fayette County owns most of the baseball field; the addition of a fountain in that area would need to be discussed with Fayette County; it would not be fair for Brooks to fund such an item and expect Fayette County to do maintenance/upkeep. The Town of Brooks is looking into some improvements to the area owned by the Town.

Clerk's Report - Ms. Bradley states library activity has increased with several new families joining since the end of the school year. Our local Brooks Farmers' Market is this Saturday with several new vendors including a local blacksmith, South American pastries and a new vegetable/microgreens vendor.

Finance Officer's Report - Ellen Walls was present. Financials distributed and reviewed; all accounts currently in good standing.

Manager's Report - Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, states GDOT has added several new signs at the intersection of Morgan Mill/Hwy 85 Connector, including 2 additional STOP signs on each side of the street plus signage that indicates "cross traffic does not stop". Micro-paving has been completed on McIntosh Road, Robinson Road and Huckaby Road. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) money, as discussed under Public Hearing, should be received by June 30, 2021. The annual GMA convention is being held in Savannah, GA, August 6-10; please let Kim know for registration purposes. Direct Deposit is now available; please see Ellen if you are interested. Also need to add a short Executive Session to this evenings meeting.

Other - None

At this time, the Public present was dismissed for an Executive Session to be called to Order for a Property issue. Council Members voted unanimously to enter into Executive session.

After the discussion, being no other business, Mayor Dan Langford, closed the Executive Session and entered back into the regular Council Session.

Any Other Business - None

Adjourn - Brian Davis made a Motion to adjourn; Kay Brumbelow seconded this Motion. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk