



## BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

**Monday, December 20, 2021**

Council Member Ted Britt led the Invocation, Mayor Langford led the Pledge, then called the meeting to order.

Mayor: Daniel Langford

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

Absent: None

The proposed Agenda for Monday, December 20, 2021, was emailed to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Todd Speer made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Ted Britt offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

The proposed Minutes for Monday, November 15, 2021, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the minutes as presented; Scott Israel offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor. Brian Davis abstained.

The proposed Executive Session Minutes for Monday, November 15, 2021, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Todd Speer made a Motion to approve the Executive Minutes; Kay Brumbelow offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor. Brian Davis abstained.

#### **Public Hearings:**

##### **Comprehensive Plan Update:**

Maurice Ungaro opened the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan update for 2022, the 5-year plan update. The Atlanta Regional Commission is coordinating it. Mayor Langford asked if there were any public comments; there were no public comments. Mayor Langford closed the Public Hearing. This evening, no voting is required as this is just a public notice to inform local residents.

#### **Resolutions:**

a) Georgia Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Fund Authorization  
Maurice Ungaro stated that the law requires any business with three or more workers to have workers' compensation insurance. An application through GMA for the Town of Brooks was submitted and approved on November 30, 2021. The Town of Brooks reported no known loss

injuries as of November 30, 2021. The policy will cover five employees, the Mayor and Council Members.

- b) Resolution 2021-05 authorizes membership in the GMA Workers' Compensation Fund, execute the application and any other documents necessary to enroll the Town of Brooks as a member of the Fund. Council Member Scott Israel made a Motion to approve Resolution 2021-05; Council Member Kay Brumbelow offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.
- c) Resolution 2021-06 authorizes elected officials of the Town of Brooks to be covered under the Town's workers' compensation policy. The Elected Officials shall be covered while performing their duties on behalf of the town. Council Member Kay Brumbelow made a Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06. Council Member Todd Speer offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a) Town Septic System Expansion:

Maurice Ungaro stated he received an estimate for the expansion of the system by Robert Shockley. Mr. Shockley estimates approximately 356 feet of 8" pipe will be required to extend the line to new construction at 926 Hwy 85 Connector. The 8" pipe will allow for future connections of properties to the north, all the way to Woods Rd. This would replace 6" lines behind the T-Ball north area and allow better flow and capacity for additional homes. Cost: \$23,600.

An estimate was also provided to bore underneath the road to connect the property at 931 Hwy 85 Connector to the Town's system; there would be no traffic interruption along 85 Connector. It would also allow the opportunity to take the 8" line and run it north to catch everything up to the fire station. The proposed 8" pipe would also allow future expansion to properties north of Price Rd. Cost: \$20,000.

Mr. Shockley has yet to provide a price for an additional tank. Currently, the town has a two-tank system; adding a third tank would add additional capacity. ARPA funds can be used to fund both projects.

Council Member Ted Britt believes the drain lines crossing the road, which is located at the BAR lot, could be causing the cave-in. Maurice Ungaro will investigate the area and report back.

Voting is not required until all estimates have been received.

**Committee Reports (if any):**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Langford expressed his displeasure regarding the Board of Commissioners reworking the Transportation Committee structure and that the request for "No Thru Truck" signs never made it to the committee agenda. The Board of Commissioners proposes changing the committee's structure to consist only of staff members and have no elected members. Mayor Langford expressed concern that its proposed structure would hinder Brooks' representation. Mayor Langford has requested a meeting with Fayette County Commissioner Lee Hearn, Maurice Ungaro, and himself to discuss this matter further.

**Planning and Zoning:** None

**Recreation:** No one was present from BAR; financials were not received.

**Clerk's Report:** Ms. Bradley stated the Farmers' Market did well in December, and the next market will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of March 2022. The library is doing good.

**Finance Officer's Report:** The financial information was distributed. Lorey Spohr reviewed the report; LOST and SPLOST are at an increase over the same time last year. SPLOST YTD over this time last year is an increase of 13.07%, and LOST YTD over this time last year is an increase of 10.84%.

**Manager's Report:** Maurice Ungaro stated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the finished mural went well. Lunch was provided in Hardy Hall following the ceremony. We were fortunate to have State Representative Josh Bonner in attendance and a staff person from Senator Warnock's office. A proclamation to the class will be presented at the January 24, 2022, meeting. Maurice was notified about unauthorized and illegal activity on BAR property. Going forward, the Town will require BAR to sign an annual policies and procedures agreement to receive annual funding. Infractions of unauthorized and illegal activity will result in a diminishment of funding for the following year.

**Any Other:** None

**Any Other Business:** Mayor Langford shared with Council the thank you note he received from the Spradlin/Butler family expressing their thanks for the plant sent for Joy Butlers' funeral. A local resident inquired about the status of uncompleted SPLOST projects. Maurice Ungaro said two projects had not been completed; paving of Friendship Church Road and Hwy 85 at Brooks Road; Maurice also explained the 2017 SPLOST funds program is a six-year program, and if needed, funds can be carried forward beyond that date. The local resident also inquired about a building dedication for Huey Bray.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to discuss this evening, Council Member Brian Davis offered a Motion to adjourn; Scott Israel offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lorey Spohr, Town Clerk