



BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, April 18, 2022

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

Mayor: Daniel Langford

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

Absent: Scott Israel

The proposed Agenda for Monday, April 18, 2022, was emailed to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the Agenda; Todd Speer offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

The proposed Minutes for Monday, March 21, 2022, 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 minutes as presented; Kay Brumbelow offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

The proposed Executive Minutes for Monday, March 21, 2022, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Brian Davis made a Motion to approve the minutes as presented; Todd Speer offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Proclamation: Mayor Langford read Proclamation 2022-02, "A Proclamation Recognizing Brooks Safe Digging Month." Council Member Todd Speer made a Motion to approve the Proclamation; Ted Britt offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor. The Proclamation was presented to Matt Bergan, Project Manager, Environmental Management, for Fayette County.

Unfinished Business: Maurice Ungaro discussed an alternative to the higher cost 8" cast iron pipe for the sewer system. The system is called STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pump). The STEP system also reduces costs to homeowners, as a traditional drain field isn't used. The benefits of such a system are a) cost to the homeowner is substantially less than a septic tank with a drain field, b) the sewer line is not gravity fed and can follow land contours, c) the 2" PVC line is much more cost-effective, both for material and installation. Maurice Ungaro stated that Robert Shockley, of Shockley Plumbing and the Town Septic System Operator, said it could be incorporated with the current system. The cost of the pipe is still pending; the cost of the STEP system is approximately \$4,500. Maurice Ungaro stated the additional capacity could be obtained by upgrading the original septic drain field under the baseball field from a traditional pipe and rock system to a chamber system. The newer drain field has a container system and functions very well. Maurice Ungaro is waiting for ISE to estimate how much additional capacity this upgrade can provide. Todd Speer asked if the 2" pipe could tie into the 6" pipe, and Maurice Ungaro responded yes, but it would

require a separate manhole and would need to be coated and would require an upcharge on the manhole. Costs should be available at the next council meeting. Mayor Langford looks forward to hearing more information as it becomes available.

New Business: Maurice Ungaro requested that Monday, June 20, 2022, Council Meeting be moved to Monday, June 27, 2022. Council Member Kay Brumbelow made a Motion to approve; Brian Davis offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor. Mayor Langford requested the updated date be posted.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report: Mayor Langford reported it was delightful to participate in the Brooks Memorial Cemetery Sunrise service yesterday. Mayor Langford said it would have been the 62nd service, but due to COVID, this year, the Brooks Memorial Cemetery Sunrise service celebrated its 60th service. Mayor Langford stated that more than one person pointed out to him that the statue of Christ in the cemetery is looking a little worse for wear, and we might want to get it pressured washed soon. Maurice Ungaro stated he would get it cleaned, and he would like to use a softer approach since it is made of marble.

Planning and Zoning: Maurice Ungaro stated the Benises' building is coming along and is almost halfway completed and that Sandra's Salon has sold and is unaware of what type of business will use the building; as of now, no business license application or permits to do anything have been received. Maurice Ungaro asked Council to consider revising the Maddock plat, which was previously approved, to reflect two parcels instead of three. This would allow the sale of the home to go through. Maurice Ungaro stated he spoke with the Town Attorney, and he said the state law will not allow us to create a land lock parcel to transfer to yourself; that being said, the town could provide an easement, and the Town Attorney stated that would not be the same. Maurice Ungaro stated he has tried to talk with the owners and the suggestion he provided was not of interest. The Maddocks have the buyers currently living in the house and would like to close the sale. Maurice Ungaro recommended to the owners having a revised plat to reflect two parcels, one for the house and the second one to reflect the rest of the land. Once the owners figure out what to do with the other two parcels, they could come back to the Town and seek approval. If the owner is to close on the property, a revision needs to be approved. Mayor Langford asked if this could be voted on this evening, and Maurice Ungaro replied yes. Maurice Ungaro suggested structuring the motion to reflect the house is one parcel, and the remaining land would be parcel two, a two parcel split.

Council Member Brian Davis made a motion to amend the current Maddock property plat as an option to the approved document. This would allow the Maddocks to close on the sale of the home and that Lots 2 and 3 are to be combined into one parcel. Council Member Ted Britt offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Recreation: No one was present to represent BAR. The financials were not received.

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Spohr stated she had not received any speeding/traffic emails this month.

Deputy Clerk's Report: Ms. Bradley stated there will be two markets this month, a Day Market on April 23rd and an Evening Market on April 30th.

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 at an increase of 8.92%, and LOST YTD over this time last year is at an increase of 11.46%.

Manager's Report: Maurice Ungaro reported he is working on the North Georgia Water Planning District (NGWPD) report. The report is done every six years and is a requirement of governments that operate water, sewer, and/or stormwater systems. Staff will be completing this in conjunction with Fayette County Water Department to meet the May 30th deadline. Maurice Ungaro reported that the Fayette County Board of Commissioners will discuss the pending truck route ordinance at their retreat in May; this item will come before the Transportation Committee on May 3rd. He also reported that the radar speed signs have been installed and are operational. Each sign can be monitored via cloud-based software, and multiple reports can be generated. Mayor Langford commented that he has noticed a slow down since the radar speed signs have been installed and is very pleased. Maurice Ungaro reported on Morgan Mill at Hwy 85 Connector that solar-powered STOP signs that have 24-hour LED perimeter lights and dusk to dawn illuminated lettering are installed. The visibility is tremendous. The LED illuminated 4-way intersection warning signs are going to be installed this week.

Any Other: None

Any Other Business: None

Adjourn: There being no further business to discuss this evening, Council Member Todd Speer offered a Motion to adjourn; Ted Britt offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorey Spohr
Town Clerk