BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, July 15, 2019

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

Todd Speer

Mayor:

Dan Langford

Council member present:

Scott Israel

Brian Davis

Members Absent:

Lewis Harper

Ted Britt

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, July 15, 2019 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Councilman Todd Speer made a Motion to approve. Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the Monday, June 17, 2019 were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Scott Israel made a Motion to approve; Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Public Hearing - None at this time

New Business/Presentations:

A. SPLOST Project : Downtown Sidewalks and Parking Improvements Bid Tabulation and Recommendation - The Town of Brooks sidewalk and parking and improvement plan has been managed

by Mallet and Associates. Bids have been received and reviewed with T. W. Brown having the lowest bid. The scope of work detailed in their bid includes pavers and new, decorative street lights (current lights will be moved to new parking lot); bid came in at \$203,050.76. Project has been approved and budgeted by SPLOST. Scott Israel made a Motion to approve; Brian Davis offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

B. **Surplus/Disposition of Municipal Property** - Pursuant to Georgia Code Title 36 Chapter 37 items currently stored in Brooks Station that have been deemed scrap/no value shall be disposed of or donated. No further public notice is necessary. Todd Speer offered a Motion to approve; Brian Davis offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Reports (if any):

<u>Mayor's Report</u> - In light of Councilman Lewis Harper's upcoming resignation, Mayor Langford asked Council and public present for recommendations to fill this position. We also have 3 Post positions up for re-election; qualifying to take place August 19-23, 2019. The Mayor pro tem position will also need to be filled. Mrs. Walls recently stated that position usually goes to Councilman with highest seniority.

Planning and Zoning - Maurice Ungaro was present and reports no Zoning issues at this time.

<u>**Recreation**</u> – No one was present from BAR. Financial report was received and distributed. Councilman Brian Davis stated the new storage building for the football field has been received and is in place.

<u>Clerk's Report</u> - A donation of \$100 in Mr. Jim Graser's name was received last week. Kim Bradley has been in touch with his widow for a list of his favorite authors, so that she may order new books in his honor.

Our July Farmers' Market will be on the 27th; Big Pig BBQ will be serving food along with all our regular vendors; several new people have inquired but nothing definite.

Manager's Report - Mrs. Walls was not present but prepared financial information and it was presented to Mayor and Council. Town audit information for 2019 is being compiled. LMIG application will be filed electronically this year. EPD audit is still on-going with 4 Ordinances sent; Mrs. Walls will update as information is received. Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, has attended 3 County wide meetings since June 10th. He would like to be excused from the Fayette Chamber Workforce Development Committee as it is focused on bringing Millennials into Fayetteville; no reflection on Brooks. Cemetery irrigation and erosion control work has been completed, as well as the parking area. Gutter and fascia along the front of Brooks Station is sagging. Southern Classic provided a quote of \$1000 to repair. Sugaroots is still working on drainage issue; concrete poured today for patio and retaining wall. Town's property/park has not been returned to original condition but should be addressed shortly. After 20+ years of service, Jerry Lynch has officially retired from the Brooks Cemetery. Operations have been turned over to Mr. Wayne Couch, Jerry's "assistant" for many years. Mr. Couch is very knowledgeable when it comes to the cemetery which will provide a seamless transition. Councilman Lewis Harper and Mr. Jerry Lynch will be recognized at our August Town Council Meeting.

Other - None

Any Other Business: Sheriff Barry Babb was present this evening. Sheriff Babb thanked Mayor, Council and the Brooks Women's Club for their letters of support; he was pleased to announce 2 new officers were hired this past week.

Adjourn - Todd Speer offered a Motion to adjourn. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk