

**BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, September 16, 2019**

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

Mayor: Dan Langford

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

Members Absent: None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, September 16, 2019 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, August 19, 2019 were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Scott Israel made a Motion to approve; Brian Davis offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of the Executive Session on Monday, August 19, 2019 were also provided via email to the Mayor and Council. Ted Britt made a Motion to approve; Scott Israel offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Public Hearing - Timber Harvesting Ordinance - 2nd Reading - Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, reviewed the proposed Ordinance. There were several small additions that were added after our initial reading including a perimeter buffer and post harvesting guidelines. After review this evening and several comments from public and council, it was requested to add an acreage threshold of 10+ acres. 2nd Reading for approval will be held over to October Town Council Meeting.

Proclamations & Resolutions -

A. Gary Pate Memorial Highway - Resolution no. 2019-06 was prepared in honor of Mr. Gary Pate, a local Brooks resident, who perished May 1968 in Vietnam. His body was missing for more than 40 years but finally located in March 2009 and laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with the rest of the crew from this flight. In honor of Mr. Pate, who resided at 131 Highway 85 Connector, the Mayor and Council respectfully request that Fayette County designate Highway 85 Connector as "Gary Pate Memorial Highway".

New Business -

A. Food Truck Ordinance - 1st Reading - This Ordinance is to establish guidelines for any Food Trucks that wish to conduct business within Brooks City Limits. Mr. David Adams with Big Pig BBQ was present and discussed some of Fayette County's rules to obtain a business license, including maintaining a "base kitchen". Councilman Scott Israel requested review of the Health Codes listed in the Ordinance. Mr. Ungaro will also review the Town of Brooks business license requirements. 2nd Reading will take place during the October 2019 Council Meeting.

B. Fayette County Comprehensive Transportation Plan - The Fayette County CTP is currently taking public comments/requests. One suggestion that has come up numerous times is a southside "Rail Trail" which would utilize the Norfolk Southern rail line. It was recommended to Mayor and Council that a proposal Pilot Project be suggested to Fayette County to pave approximately 1.75 miles of rail line from Liberty Tech/Price Road to the western edge of Price Road; possibly provide alternative access to the baseball fields, as well. Todd Speer offered a Motion to approve a letter in favor of this project. Brian Davis offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in

favor.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Preparing for the Spirit Walk, October 12th; Mr. Holliday is in charge. Mayor Langford stated that he accidentally missed a Cub Scout meeting that he was to speak at this past Sunday. He left a message of apology but has no response. The Methodist Church is planning an Antique Car show, Saturday, October 26 from 12-3pm.

Planning and Zoning - Maurice Ungaro states there are no new issues; only 2 above Ordinances.

Recreation - No one was present from BAR; no financial information received.

Clerk's Report - Library patrons are eager to have our sidewalk project finished. Next Farmers' Market is Saturday, September 28th.

Finance Officer's Report - Ellen Walls was not present but provided Financial report to Mayor and Council.

Manager's Report - Brooks sidewalk project is underway. TW Brown is coordinating electrical fixture placements with EMC. Looking at adding crosswalks and speed tables from Parking Lot to Library and Parking Lot to Post Office. Qualifying went well; B. Davis, T. Speer and T. Britt all retained their seats; financial disclosure paperwork is needed. Mr. Rick Bell was the only qualifier for Lewis Harper's Council spot. Mr. Bell will be sworn in at our November 2019 meeting. The Maddock property on Church Alley has sold; a developer has purchased and is looking at options. New town website should be ready within the next few weeks. It should be user friendly and easier for town employees to update.

Other - None

Any Other Business - Brooks resident, Lee Mize, was present and asked about the town having a Trunk or Treat type event in October. Mayor Langford and several councilmen stated that the local churches usually hold this type event and to check with them or to coordinate with the Spirit Walk.

Adjourn - Ted Britt made a Motion to adjourn. Todd Speer seconded this Motion; vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk

