



BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

January 23, 2023

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel led the Invocation and the Pledge and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel

Council Member present: Ted Britt
 Brian Davis
 Todd Speer

Absent: Mayor Langford
 Kay Brumbelow

The proposed Agenda for Monday, January 23, 2023, was emailed to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. The Agenda was updated on January 23, 2023, and presented to Council at the meeting. Council Member Todd Speer made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Council Member Ted Britt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The draft Minutes for Monday, December 19, 2022, were emailed 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; Council Member Ted Britt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Public Hearing

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. for the Fire Impact Fees Resolution 2023-01. M. Ungaro explained that the need to approve the Fire Impact Fees is done yearly and that the Town agrees with the collection that the County has done. We agree to continue to do it in the upcoming year. The County successfully collected for the 2022 year. Council Member Brian Davis asked if it was still \$659.00, and M. Ungaro replied that he would find out. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel asked if there were any public comments, but no public comments were made. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel asked if there were any further questions and, with no further questions, asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01; Council Member Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the Fire Impact Fees Resolution 2023-01, and Council Member Brian Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel opened the second portion of the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. for public comments regarding Resolution 2023-02 CIE & STWP (Capital Improvement Element and Short-Term Work Program). M. Ungaro reviewed the STWP and reported that no changes had been made except for the easement, parking, and property improvement for Hardy Hall. The fees may be shared with Blalock, and funds received via a grant. Council Member Todd Speer asked what the original cost was, and M. Ungaro replied that approximately \$28k, vs. the updated cost of \$40k. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel asked if there were any public comments, but no public

comments were made. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Israel asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02, Council Member Brian Davis made a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-02, and Council Member Todd Speer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report: None

Planning and Zoning: M. Ungaro reported nothing new to report at this time.

Recreation: D. Holliman was absent but submitted the financials for review and a memorandum updating the Town. It stated that two water pipes burst due to the cold weather at the football and T-ball concession stands and is actively pursuing quotes. BAR is actively working on the marketing plan for the upcoming capital campaign to raise money for the new T-Ball concession stand. The campaign will be launched at the baseball opening day ceremony in March. The goal is to see building permits in February and begin getting bids for construction in March. Mayor Pro Tempore asked how the leaks were found; M. Ungaro replied that a local resident found them, and the resident contacted Mayor Langford.

Town Clerk Report: L. Spohr reported that the 2023 business license applications were mailed to 2022 license holders the week of December 19th, and as of this evening, all but five have been renewed. The video that was presented to the Town, as a gift, by Chris and Loretta Stapleton has been given to VC3 to be uploaded on the front page of the Town's website.

Library: K. Bradley stated that the library traffic has picked up, and she continues to de-access books and clean shelves.

Finance Officer's Report: L. Spohr reviewed the December financials; LOST and SPLOST are at an increase over the same time last year. SPLOST YTD over last year is at an increase of 9.54%, and LOST YTD over this time is at an increase of 13.80%. All anticipated tax revenues are tracking well against FY2023 budget goals. The FY2022 audit has been completed and is available on the Town's website.

Town Manager Report:

SPLOST

The 2023 SPLOST campaign has kicked off. On Thursday, January 19th the Town's SPLOST projects were presented to the Fayette County Home Builder's Association. From all appearances, it seemed well received. The voting day is March 21st with early voting starting on February 27th.

Baseball Field

We are in the process of determining if an upgrade to the drain field is indeed necessary. Since the County will be redoing the ball field, a soil survey will be scheduled to assess the viability and need for a new drain field, if the drain field is doing its job, then an upgrade will not be necessary.

Brooks Market

On Wednesday, January 18th a vendors' meeting was held to discuss the upcoming season. Twelve vendors attended and gave input regarding what they would like to see for the 2023 season. In general, all agreed that the market needs to remain and that, at a minimum, hold the market one day per month. Suggestions were made of having night markets a couple of weeks apart and

scheduling the market dates to coincide with other events, i.e., BAR o, opening day. Another suggestion was to put the banners further out, possibly on Padgett Road, 85 Connector, and Hwy 85, and additional social media advertisements and possible advertising in farm journals.

Any Other Business: Council Member Todd Speer commented on how great the new flooring in Hardy Hall looked; it was money well spent and a very nice asset for the Town to have. M. Ungaro informed Council that new panels had been added to some of the walls in Hardy Hall to allow renters to hang items on them instead of using the actual walls, which typically damages the drywall. M. Ungaro relayed that the Woman's Club stated that the hall is noisier since the carpet removal.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Lorey Spahr
Town Clerk