

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017

Present: Pam Johnson, Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Charlene Thomas, Tony Stalaker.
Absent: Doug Hayes
Community: Brad Carter, Brian Johns, Tyler, Mr. Montgomery

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.
Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the minutes as presented from the July 11th meeting. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

Brad Carter & Brian Johns:

They spoke to council about the tower being put on city property on Tetstone Avenue. The tower will benefit the Town. Communications will be better. They apologized for the misunderstanding in the location of the tower. Council was okay with location. Inter Local Agreement for Construction, Placement and Maintenance of Communication Tower was signed tonight. Gene Melvin mentioned about trees need to be trimmed at tower location. Brad said County can do this.

Fire Department – Tony Stalaker:

1. Hand tools were picked up.
2. We haven't received thermal imaging camera's yet.
3. He got one estimate for budget for the roof at fire station. Joe Robinson's estimate was \$5000.00 for a metal roof. He spoke with Brian Johns and he said inmate labor might be able to help with this.
4. A battery charger is listed on inventory. It needs to be removed.
5. Also, inventory shows a generator. The generator was on Engine 80. Generator left with truck.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$340.49.
2. She advised council that Seat #1 vacated by Curtis Clark has nineteen (19) months left on term. The charter states that if a Seat has less than twenty-eight months then the council can appoint a qualified person to fill the remainder of the term. Gene Melvin mentioned one person interested. John Maines suggested we post a notice at post office and city hall letting community know about Seat vacancy.
3. A new copier for city hall was put on 2016/17 budget. Working on this.
4. Ethics training information will be given to each council member at the September meeting.
5. Waiting on Lead & Copper sampling results.
6. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for July 2017. Several budget amendments are needed on General Fund side. Not sure how we can amend budget for Water due to us being over \$10,217.82 on line item Other Current Charges.
7. We are now starting to receive Clay Electric bills via email. This will help in getting bills earlier.
8. Still working with TD Bank on setting up on-line banking.
9. Still working with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on Floodplain ordinance.

10. I heard from Sandra Joseph, NCFRPC, on a grant available from DEO called a technical assistance grant through the Bureau of Community Planning and Growth for Fiscal year 2017-18. Since the Town has not completed the Evaluation Based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, this could possibly aid the Town in completing the statutory updates to the comprehensive Plan. She said the planning council could help us with grant. We applied for \$25,000 for subcontracted services. Haven't heard back on this.
11. A balanced budget 2017/18 was presented to council for review. Will try and find \$5000.00 to add to Fire Departments budget for Roof.

Attorney – John Maines:

1. Gene mentioned he was contacted about the town having a noise ordinance. Mr. Maines said if we do we have no way of enforcing it. The Bradford County Sheriff's department has equipment to measure noise level.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. Joe Tolleson mentioned about 4" line break we had on Cherry Street in Shady Oaks subdivision on July 21st. The clerk contacted him and asked him to go and look at it. She called Quality Plumbing and line was fixed. The stand pipe from this location was removed due to breaks on pipe.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. He mentioned that county did come out and clean behind Shirley Greens home. Also, cleaned up corner of Ward St/Olive Ave. They are suppose to come back out and clean behind community center.

Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Joe Tolleson:

1. He mentioned he had spoke with A J about some areas that weren't mowed in Town. A J told him he wasn't going to sign the contract because he is not making any money. Mr. Maines told council to wait until next month to see if he continues to mow.
2. Charlene mentioned she had got with Doug and told him we need to go over line items on lawn maintenance bid. We can't afford to pay anymore. We need to reduce some line items. Doug was not at meeting due to his father being ill and back in hospital.

Old Business:

1. Council discussed raising water rates this year. Right now up to 3000 gallons is \$16.50 plus tax = \$17.33. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to authorize clerk to draw up Resolution raising water rates \$1.50. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. This will change rate from \$16.50 to \$18.00. Motion passed. Resolution will be presented at next meeting.

New Business:

1. Mr. Montgomery spoke to council about Thermal Imaging cameras. He presented one for council to look at. Batteries will last approximately 5 years. Can we replace batteries? He suggested you buy new cameras due to cost of batteries. Council was very impressed.

Checks approved: 6513 – 6532, 5125 - 5134

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to pay the bills. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.
A motion to adjourn by Gene Melvin. Time: 8:15p.m.

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk