

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018

Present: Steve Acree, Pam Johnson, Paul Samson, Joe Tolleson, Gene Melvin, John Maines,
Tony Stalnaker, Charlene Thomas.
Community: Terry Thomas, Carol Mosley

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

A motion was made by Paul Samson to approve the minutes from the July 10th meeting as presented. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Carol Mosley – Update on Phosphate Mining:

She gave council members copies of correspondence she has had with Bradford County Board of County Commissioners. Also, she provided the Town with a copy of a book with all correspondence. She presented the council with a new Resolution asking them to consider adopting. The Town did adopt Resolution 2017-01, but Ms. Mosley said the new Resolution is adding the using of CSX rail to ship phosphate rock through Brooker. This will have a big impact on Town. Gene Melvin mentioned that our retention ponds are overflowing. We could possible have sludge in Brooker. The council appreciated the update Carol gave on this. Our County Commissioner, Frank Durrance, has not come out and talked with us about any of this. Resolution 2018-01 was presented to council for review. A motion was made by Steve Acree to adopt Resolution 2018-01 and read by title only. Mr. Maines read. Seconded by Paul Samson. Motion passed. Clerk will re-type Resolution and have Pam Johnson, Vice-Mayor, sign it. She will forward a copy to each County Commissioner and Clerk of Court, Ray Norman.

Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker:

1. He reported the 4 X 4 landing boards at modular building need replacing. He would like to get a quote from Joe Robinson and present back to council.
2. The station needs new lighting. T5 lighting – LED was recommended by Gene Melvin.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due report passed out. Still out \$402.95. Four meters were turned off. (Voelker, Tonya Ellis, Jackie Foerman and Cablevision) I am going to take deposits on Voelker, Tonya Ellis and Foerman and pay towards their bill.
2. First Public Hearing on millage and budget will be September 11th at 7:00p.m.
3. Bradford County will hold the 2018 election here at the Community Center on August 28th. City Hall will be closed due to noise level.
4. We did not get the SCOP grant again. The department received 56 applications, but only funded 14 projects. I guess we keep trying.
5. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for July 2018.
6. Emailed Frank Durrance about needing some limerock at N. Parker Street. Also,

called Brad Carter about Parker Street and ditch clean up on Pinholster Street.

7. At last meeting council agreed to pay A J Lawn Care \$50.00 to clean up sidewalk beside Johnny Douglas' house. Clerk contacted A J but his cost was \$100.00. She called Steve Acree, Paul Samson and Joe Tolleson and they agreed to pay \$100.00. She did call Gene Melvin, Mayor, and let him know.
8. Compressor on A/C unit at Storage building went out. It was replaced at a cost of \$699.00. Also, the lights are not working inside building. Two were bought to replace old ones not working, but two more are needed to fix all lights.
9. Gene Melvin will be receiving the John Land Years of Service award for forty years of service to the Town of Brooker.

Attorney – John Maines:

1. The Clerk spoke with John Maines concerning a Memorandum of Agreement that she received on Tourism Trade and Economic Development. Mr. Maines suggested the clerk contact DEO and find out what specific tangible benefit this would be to the Town. She heard back from them and was told communities within the North Central Rural Area are eligible for waivers of match for some grant programs and receive preference for some rural only grants from the various REDI agencies. Additionally communities with a RAO receive an extra 20 points when applying for grants through the small cities CDBG program for housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization grants and other programs. The clerk did check old records and found we had signed one in November 2008. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to adopt Memorandum of Agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the re-designation of the North Central Rural Area of Opportunity. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed. Clerk will need to have two copies signed and forward to DEO. DEO will return one executed copy to Town.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. He reported that Dollar General's retention pond is overflowing onto Parker Street. He called Dollar General and took pictures. The flooding is causing adjacent land owners property to flood. He said he had received several calls from land owners on this. He will continue to follow up on this.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. Since we didn't get the SCOP grant looks like we have the same issue, no money available to fix roads.
2. The corner at Olive Avenue and Ward Street is over grown. We need county to clean up for us.
3. Gene Melvin reported Street Light at intersection of Melvin Street and Bloxham is dim.

Old Business:

1. Popped up sidewalk in front of Juanita Adams's house was discussed at last meeting. Paul from County Road Department came by city hall and said there is no way to repair it. If he cuts it out then that section of sidewalk will be lower than rest. He said the sidewalk was put in that way over high dirt.

New Business:

- I. The raising of water rates was tabled from the July 10th meeting. Rates were last raised in September 2017. Rates are presently at \$18.00 for up to 3000 gallons. A motion was made by Steve Acree to raise water rates to \$20.00 for up to 3000 gallons effective October 2018. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed. Clerk will draw up Resolution for September meeting.

Checks approved:

A motion was made by Paul Samson to pay the bills. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.
A motion was made by Gene Melvin to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:14p.m.

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk