

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019

Present: Steve Acree, Pam Johnson, Gene Melvin, Linda Bennett, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Tony Stalnaker, Charlene Thomas.
Community: Terry Thomas

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

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the July 9th minutes as presented. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Resolution 2019-01 – Modifying water rates:

We need a motion to enact and read by title only Resolution 2019-01. Joe Tolleson made the motion. Mr. Maines read Resolution 2019-01. Seconded by Steve Acree. No discussion. Motion passed.

Tony Stalnaker – Fire Department:

1. Main breaker for office went out. He contacted Mayor Gene Melvin to approve the purchase of a 200 amp service. We should receive a bill from Jackson's. Bill will be paid out of current charges line on budget.
2. Bradford County filled out a grant from the State Fire College and included us on it.
3. Clerk called Pat Mundorf with Clay Electric about the Operation Round Up application. He put her in contact with Brad Smith and he provided her with a copy of Melrose's application. She forwarded a copy to Tony Stalnaker to use as an example. Pat Mundorf said he would be glad to help us fill out the application. The Mayor emphasized he would like to see this application filled out.

Charlene Thomas – Town Clerk:

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$347.74. Three meters were locked. One is still locked.
2. This was our third time applying for the SCOP (Small County Outreach Program) grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. We are finally one of the recipients. Funding of the project will be Fiscal Year 2021. Clerk thanked Joe Tolleson for helping her with the application process. Cost estimate of the project is \$809,751.00.
3. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for July.
4. I have a balanced budget for 2019/2020. Changes can still be made if anyone knows of anything that needs to be added. Roll back rate is 0.3019.
5. I will be going to TD bank on Thursday to remove Pam Johnson from check signing and adding Linda Bennett.
6. I heard from Andy Easton concerning applying for another FRDAP grant. He said we will need to have a few Public Hearings on this before application due date in October.

7. I mentioned about possibly hiring a part-time maintenance employee to do our mowing and other jobs we might need done. Years ago we did have a part-time maintenance employee. The Town paid the insurance on this person. Since the yearly lawn mowing cost keeps going up we might need to hire our own employee to do the work. There was some discussion on where we could pull money from other than Street Fund to pay for lawn mowing. We are only getting one Local Option Gas Tax check each month. The check is usually in the amount of \$1100.00 - \$1400.00. We pay Lawn Mowing and Clay Electric with this check. A question came up as to how the Local Option Gas Tax money is divided in the County? The clerk will check into this and get back with council.

Joe Tolleson – Road/Streets:

1. The SCOP grant will be a big help to our Streets.

Steve Acree – Ground Maintenance/Mowing:

1. A. J. has not signed his contract. Clerk has contacted him twice.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Melvin talked with Jason Dodds concerning the closing of West end of Melvin Street. They are still working on getting everything ready for closure.
2. Johnathan Nash has moved the trailer out of Shady Oaks subdivision.
3. Pam Johnson has not moved into her new home as of yet. She said she might be at the September meeting. She will really be missed.

Checks approved: 7025 – 7044, 5383 - 5391

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve the bills. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mayor Melvin to adjourn meeting. Time: 7:50p.m.

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene M. Thomas, Town Clerk