

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019

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

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

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve the minutes from the November 12th meeting as presented. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Bid – Class “C” Operator:

Only one bid was received by the Town Clerk. Bernard Carter submitted a bid. Total for the month is \$730.00. Bid is for two years (January 2020 through December 2021). His bid total for 2016 was \$630.00. A motion was made by Steve Acree to accept bid from Bernard Carter. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker:

1. He was contacted by Wayne Wall, Division of Forestry, concerning Tanker. He contacted Gene Melvin and John Maines. Action was not taken quick enough and County signed a lease agreement with Division of Forestry, on Tanker. It is now leased by County.
 2. He reported that things between County and Brooker Volunteer Fire Department are getting better. We have received more call out recently.
 3. Mayor Melvin asked about Operation Roundup application. He hopes after first of year he will have time to work on this.
 4. He submitted Christmas Cards for volunteers and asked council to sign them. Also, he mentioned that if he receives a Christmas bonus this year he will split it among the volunteers.
 5. He mentioned that he would like to see volunteers start receiving \$15.00 for each call they go out on. He said starting in January he would not be taking a salary. Town Clerk said she would have to get with Reddish & White on this. They might have to be considered an employee and taxes would have to be withheld.
- No action taken on this by council.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due report passed out. Still out \$449.68.
2. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for November.
3. City Hall will be closed from December 26th through January 3rd. It will re-open on Monday, January 6th. I will be in and out of office to run water bills and answer emails.
4. Bradford County is asking for a representative from Brooker Council to attend Local Mitigation Strategy meeting on December 19th at 2:00p.m. No one from Town Council volunteered to attend meeting.

5. I received a water use permit renewal from Suwannee River Water Management. They wanted me to fill out page 3 of permit application. I could not answer the questions. I gave a copy of it to Bernard Carter and Mayor Melvin. Hopefully, they can help.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. The Town Clerk found the water tower running over on November 18th and called Bernard Carter. He came out and turned the pump off. The water department building flooded. Insulation, electrical, and chlorine walls destroyed. The line broke at pump and pipe busted causing pressure switch to not work properly and caused tank to overflow. Town Clerk contacted Mayor Melvin and he requested we call our Insurance provider. Clerk got in touch with Florida League of Cities. Our claim adjuster was Forest Scott. We received an email with items needed to expedite coverage review. Also, the email stated that if any hourly employees were required to work overtime to secure the property we can submit time sheet information. Town Clerk contacted Prestige Electric and had them come out and evaluate electrical.
2. Terry Thomas went and got Fire Hydrant that was ran over on SR 231/235 past Buddy Webb's home and put in water building. Mayor Melvin spoke with Bernard Carter and he knows of someone from Palatka that can repair fire hydrant. He will let us know cost.

Sanitation – Steve Acree:

1. Mayor Melvin reported he saw seven garbage carts left on edge of road. Steve said he will call on this.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. Tony reported street light behind Fire Department is going off/on. Joe mentioned light at ballfield is out. Clerk will contact Clay Electric.

Recreation/Parks – Linda Bennett:

1. An estimate was received from Joe Robinson to do picnic pavilion. Estimate was in the amount of \$4500.00. A motion was made by Steve Acree to go with estimate from Joe Robinson. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed. Linda will contact Joe on this.

Anything from Town Council/Mayor:

1. Steve Acree suggested giving Mayor Melvin a bonus. Town Clerk said she is not sure he can accept a bonus as an elected official. She can check with Reddish & White. Mayor Melvin declined any extra money while serving as Mayor. John Maines mentioned that the council can however raise the monthly amount each one receives.
No action taken on this.

Old Business:

1. Town Clerk did speak with Jason Dodds concerning the closing of West end of Melvin Street. He will be meeting with her on Thursday morning.

New Business:

1. Each year the council gives the employees a Christmas bonus. Last year Tony Stalnaker and Charlene Thomas received \$200.00 each.
A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to give Tony Stalnaker a \$200.00 Christmas bonus. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.
A motion was made by Steve Acree to give Charlene Thomas a \$200.00 Christmas bonus. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Gene Melvin publicly stated that he was abstaining

from voting due to the Town Clerk being his sister. Form 8B was given to Gene Melvin to sign and attach to these minutes. Vote called for: 3 yes votes. Motion passed.

Checks approved:

A motion was made by Steve Acree to pay the bills. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

Mayor Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Time 8:00p.m.

Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk