

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Present: Pam Johnson, Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Charlene Thomas, Tony Stalnaker.

Absent: Doug Hayes, Blake Hamilton.

Community: Brian Melvin - B.C.S.O., Terry Thomas.

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 January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

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**Brian Melvin - B.C.S.O.**

He reported that everything is going good in Brooker and we should start seeing an increase in Fines and Forfeitures. He said he would not be able to attend the March meeting due to being on vacation.

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**Fire Department - Tony Stalnaker:**

1. Electric bill at modular building is still high. Tony said he had not had a chance to speak to Dylan Manning about this. He felt like maybe Dylan was coming in and using the computer and leaving the heat or air running. He will get in touch with him. Tony said he would make a sign and put by the A/C thermostat to remind anyone using the building to turn off the A/C unit.
2. At the last meeting the council said they did not have access to the modular building and wanted the combination. Tony advised the combination was **243**.
3. It was mentioned that the flags at both fire department buildings need to be replaced.
4. Tony mentioned that Allen Parrish will be re-applying for the grant to house a Rescue in Brooker. Allen recommended that the council contact our Representative or send a letter in support of the grant. No one knew what this grant was called. Charlene said she would contact Brian Johns. Also, John Maines mentioned we might want to do a Resolution showing support of Bradford County on this grant. John said we might can get a copy of a Resolution from Brian Johns. Charlene will check into this.
5. Tony mentioned that the Forestry has a grant available. He would like to submit one for lights for the Engine and auto cribbing. He thought the grant was a 50/50. He will get an estimate and report back to council on this.

**Town Clerk - Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$416.15. Several will be contacted after the 20<sup>th</sup> if bill not paid.
2. Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor should be done at the March meeting. Due to Pam Johnson being out of town at the next meeting it was recommended we do this at the April meeting. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to change the election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor until the April meeting. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

3. Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson and Doug Hayes will be sworn in at the March meeting. Due to Doug Hayes missing two meetings in a row it was suggested the clerk contact him prior to the March meeting and make sure he will be attending. If not, we will need to change the meeting date due to not having a quorum present.
4. The Water Fund and General Fund revenues and expenditures for January were presented.
5. At the January meeting Brad Million, Reddish & White, suggested we re-visit the raising of water rates. We raised rates in April of 2014, but Brad felt like we should continue to raise rates until we can see water revenue fund increased in case we have an emergency and need additional funds. The clerk gave the council a rate increase breakdown showing what revenue would be received if \$1.50 raise was approved. Gene Melvin suggested if we do this increase this year that we not raise rates for at least two years. Joe Tolleson suggested we still look at rates yearly and the council can make the decision whether or not to raise the rates. John Maines suggested we have the clerk draw up a Resolution showing the \$1.50 increase and have it ready to present at the April meeting. Council can decide at that time if they want to raise rates.

**Road/Streets - Joe Tolleson:**

- I. Gene Melvin mentioned the street light is out at Freida Mott's house. Charlene said she had already called this in and it was on tonight.

**Recreation/Parks - Pam Johnson:**

- I. She did check the tennis court and the court is black.. Terry Thomas will power wash the court, but was going to wait until warmer weather.

**Old Business:**

- I. We did receive the January statistics report and calendar from B.C.S.O.

Checks approved: 5891 - 5915, 4806, 4808 - 4815

A motion was made by Pam Johnson to approve the bills. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gene Melvin to adjourn meeting. Time: 7:45p.m.

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C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk