

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016

Present: Joe Tolleson, Tony Stalnaker, Charlene Thomas, Pam Johnson, John Maines,
Gene Melvin.
Absent: Doug Hayes
Community: Brad Million and Kara Wainwright - Reddish & White, Curtis Clark

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 December 8th meeting. Second by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

Brad Million - Reddish & White/Audit 09/30/2015:

He advised council we had a successful audit. He mentioned that Revenues were really close to Budget, which is great. Expenditures are strong. Actual was less than budgeted, which is positive. Balance sheet is staying strong. We are showing a operating income loss on the Water side in the amount of \$29,107.00. Our total operating on the Water side is less than \$13,000.00. He suggested the council continue to raise water rates yearly. This would be a long term solution to our operating income loss. He mentioned to council that they could do a one time transfer from General Fund to Water Fund to help pay Water Tower Repairs. He mentioned our deteriorating water system and no money being put aside for repairs or new equipment as needed. He said Charlene Thomas is doing a good job.

Fire Department - Tony Stalnaker:

1. They will have an extrication training on February 6th. Old police car will be cut up. Bradford Auto Salvage is interested in purchasing vehicle for a low price. He said he needs the title to car.

Town Clerk - Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$541.16. Several to cut-off if payment is not received. One non sufficient fund check trying to collect on.
2. Election - Pam Johnson had no opposition for Seat #2. No one qualified for Seat #1. There will be no election in February. Pam Johnson will be sworn in at the March meeting. We need to find someone to fill Seat #1.
3. Passed out W2's and 1099's.
4. Will keep council informed about Ethics class they will need to do this year.
5. City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King holiday.
6. I am going to start keeping my granddaughter. I will start working an hour or two in the morning and then come down around 3:30p.m. to finish up. This will only be for a short while.
7. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for December.

Water Department - Gene Melvin:

I. He said he has met with Bernard Carter several times. D.E.P. did the inspection in December. Bernard Carter did a good job in cleaning up the building before the inspection. D.E.P. reported we need to have our meter re-calibrated since it had not been done in a while. Florida Rural Water came out and tested it and said the meter was old and needed to be replaced. Bernard is checking into getting us one. The meter was off by 10-12%. Florida Rural Water said it should be closer to 5%.

Community Center Building - Gene Melvin:

I. Charlene did report she called Union LaSteel about needing to have roof checked. No one called her back or met with her. She contacted John Maines and got James Trowell's number and called him. He is suppose to come by and look at roof and give her a price. Joe Tolleson made a motion to give clerk the authority to authorize work if it is less than \$500.00. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed. Gene Melvin said he would be glad to meet with James Trowell.

Council:

I. Gene Melvin, Mayor, reported he had spoke with Curtis Clark about filling Seat #1. The clerk advised council the Mayor can appoint him to fill the position for one year and then he would have to qualify for the remainder of the term in December. John Maines suggested we hold off filling the position until the March meeting when Seat #2 held by Pam Johnson is sworn in. Council agreed. Clerk will get paper work ready for Curtis to fill out at the March meeting. John Maines did mention that we should have received a resignation from Blake Hamilton back in 2014 if he wasn't going to finish out his term. The clerk reported that Blake did not attend any meetings in 2015 and thus was no longer on council. Also, he did not qualify for Seat #1. Charlene mentioned to the council that in April 2015 she gave them copies of Section 3.04 (B) pertaining to forfeiture of office saying if a council member fails to attend (3) consecutive regular meeting without being excused by the council they forfeit their position. John said we might need a procedure in place to remove someone from council.

Checks approved: 6118 - 6132, 4918 - 4930

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

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:48p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk