

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

Present: Steve Acree, Pam Johnson, Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Charlene Thomas.
Absent: Paul Samson, Tony Stalnaker.
Community: Paul Still, Kara Wainwright, Brad Million, Lynn Melvin, Mark Sittig, Terry Thomas.

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

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the minutes from the December 11th meeting as presented. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

Mark Sittig – Florida League of Cities

He presented Gene Melvin with the John Land service of years award. Mr. Melvin was commended on his 40 years of service to the Town of Brooker. Mr. Melvin stated he was 26 years old when he became a council member.

Kara Wainwright & Brad Million – Reddish & White:

They presented the audit for the year end 09/30/2018. Kara said she looks forward to doing the Towns audit each year. There were no issues to report. We spent less than we budgeted, which is good. The Assets and Fund Balance have increased over the years. We had a 3% increase on the Water side due to increase in water rates. Loss is looking better due to increase in rates. Our cash is covering our expense. The 81 Bond Interest will be paid off this year. A ratio and trend analysis sheet was given to each council member. The sheet had several past years on it showing how we have improved on the water fund side. This was very helpful.

Paul Still – ECO Tourism:

He is on the Bradford Environmental Forum which handles Environmental issues in Bradford County. He mentioned that the Town of Brooker is between the Santa Fe River and New River. He spoke on the sink hole located right outside of Brooker. The present name is Brooks Sink. It is close to a rail trail. He asked if the Town would be willing to give a letter of support in trying to get the State to purchase this property from Rayonier. He felt like this would be a big tourism spot and would help the economy in Brooker as well as Bradford County. Also, he would like the Town to hold a Brooks Sink gathering at the Brooker Town Hall. He was thanked for this information. Gene Melvin, Mayor, said they would think about this.

Fire Department – absent:

1. Several items need to be addressed. Clerk will put these items on February agenda.
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Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$609.40.
2. There will be no election on February 12, 2019. Steve Acree, Gene Melvin and Joe Tolleson had no opposition. They will be sworn in at the March meeting.
3. W2 and 1099 were passed out.
4. Went over Revenue and Expenditures for December with council.
5. Spoke with Pat Welch concerning an old boundary survey map. He does have one and will sign, date and seal a copy for FRDAP. I gave the Mayor a copy of a letter Andy Easton sent us that needs to be signed by Mayor. This letter will go with boundary survey map.
6. Mentioned to council we had received a complaint about large trucks still parking in the Shady Oaks subdivision. The sign the town put up is not working. No action was taken on this at this time.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. He mentioned we have several pot holes throughout town that needs asphalt.
2. Limbs are growing over road at Flashing light right before Brooker Elementary School.

Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Steve Acree:

1. He mentioned sidewalk right in front of Lonnie Tetstones home is crushed. Council said Lonnie had a tree fall and it fell on sidewalk.

Community Center – Gene Melvin:

1. He received a new EXIT sign and put it up but it didn't work. He will get a new one and try again.

Town Council/Mayor:

1. Gene Melvin read a letter he had received from Paul Samson. The letter stated he is resigning as of December 26, 2018. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to accept his letter of resignation. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. We received a check in the amount of \$888.21 from Geico for fence repair on SR 231. Gene Melvin mentioned we need to find someone to fix fence for this amount or less.

New Business:

1. Joe asked about retention pond at Dollar General. Gene said they put in a new system. Hopefully it will keep water from flooding houses behind store.

Checks approved:6985 – 6905, 5311 - 5320

Gene Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk