

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2019

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

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 June 11th meeting.
Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Open Lawn Mowing Bids: John Maines

Two bids were received by Town Clerk. First one was from Green Maintenance & Cleaning Inc., and the second one was from A J Lawn Care.

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| <p>(1) Green Maintenance & Cleaning Inc.
\$1825.00 X 7 months = \$12,775.00
Total bid for the year = \$19,400.00</p> | <p>\$1325.00 X 5 months = \$6,625.00</p> |
| <p>(2) A J Lawn Care
\$1,150.00 X 7 months = \$8,050.00
Total bid for the year = \$12,800.00
<u>Total bid for the year = \$12,550.00</u></p> | <p>\$950.00 X 5 months = \$4,750.00
<u>\$900.00 X 5 months = \$4,500.00 changed by A J</u></p> |

Mr. Maines did check both bids to make sure they had all the required documentation. Green Maintenance & Cleaning did not have a worker's compensation certificate as required. A J Lawn Care bid is \$2,400.00 higher than his last bid in 2017. The council asked A J if he could lower his bid? The Town receives one check from the State for Local Option Gas Tax and this is what A J and Clay Electric are paid out of each month. Last year we received for the year from Local Option Gas Tax \$19,595.00. We pay Clay Electric around \$740.00 per month for Street Lights. A total cost of \$9,000.00. When you subtract it from the \$19,595.00 we have \$10,595.00 left to pay for mowing. Town Clerk asked A J if he would lower the Five month from \$950.00 to \$900.00 a month. A J agreed to do that. This contract is for two years but can be canceled after one year. A motion was made by Steve Acree to pay A J Lawn Care \$12,550.00 yearly for Lawn Mowing. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker:

1. Hoods were received.
2. Still working on replacing landing.
3. Garage door was installed.
4. Operation Round Up application from Clay Electric discussed. Tony said he has never filled one out. He looked at the application but had a lot of questions. This application cannot be used for a new building. One suggestion was to replace the other garage door. Town Clerk said she would call and she if she could get a copy of a filled out application for us to use as guideline.
5. Tony said he has two gallons of paint left over from painting fire hydrants. He is returning one and getting another gallon of roof tar. The other gallon cannot be returned due to paint on can.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$364.19.
2. It is budget time again. Do we want to roll back taxes this year? A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to roll back taxes. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed. Last year millage rate was 0.2992.
3. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for June.
4. Letter was sent to Brad Carter, County Commissioner, concerning the closing of the West end of Melvin Street, next to Kangaroo.
5. Received a call from Department of Environmental Protection, Stephanie Fankhauser. She had received a complaint from a water customer in Corlotta subdivision. The customer called Pelican Water out of Jacksonville and had them test their water. The complaint came from the customer that lives at the corner of Pinholster and Colson. Several months back the Mayor received this same complaint and he went and flushed the fire hydrant. I contacted Bernard and he came out and upped the chlorine and took a sample at this location. Also, he flushed the line. Bernard said we might need to start flushing the lines several times a year. He asked for a copy of the sampling plan for flushing hydrants. D.E.P. cleared complaint. Pam Johnson suggested we let customers know in advance before flushing the system.
6. I am having my second cataract surgery tomorrow. I will be out of office on Thursday, but back in office on Friday.

Attorney – John Maines:

1. He looked over Noise Ordinance from Bradford County. He called Will Sexton, Attorney for Bradford County, and he never returned his call. He suggested when we have another problem with noise we call the Sheriff's department and let them tell us they want enforce it and then John will look into this for us.
Pam Johnson mentioned about the letter that was written by Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor. The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to send a letter to Vernon Knight concerning the problem homeowners were having with the loud noise at his home in Brooker that he rents to A J knight. Pam said because of the letter the noise stopped immediately.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. Sidewalks were edged. We have some pot holes that need patching.
2. Tree limbs are growing over road and covering up School Zone sign going East on Charlotte Avenue. County needs to come out and trim limbs.
3. Clay dirt piled was removed by County.
4. Steve asked if he could clean up around Camilla bush on north side of sidewalk across from Malcolm Harrell's old place. Council said Okay.

Council – Pam Johnson:

1. She will attend the August meeting but it will be her last. Her house will be completed and she will be moving. She has been on the Town Council since March 2008.

Old Business:

1. The county will post in advance for two to three weeks the closing of the West end of Melvin Street.
2. Town Clerk received a complaint that Jonathan Nash is still parking a loaded truck in Shady Oaks subdivision. Mayor Melvin said he will contact Christi Hudson on this.

New Business:

1. Every year the town council agreed to look at water rates and decide whether or not to raise them. Rates were last raised on 10/01/18. The rate for 3000 gallons is \$20.00.
A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to raise rates \$1.00 effective 10/01/19. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed. The Town Clerk will draw up the Resolution and present it at the August meeting for approval.

Checks approved: 7006 – 7024, 5372 - 5382

A motion was made by Pam Johnson to approve the bills. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.
Motion to adjourn by Mayor Melvin. Time: 8:30p.m.

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk