

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2016

Present: Pam Johnson, Curtis Clark, Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Tony Stalnaker, Charlene Thomas.
Absent: Doug Hayes
Community: Andy Easton

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

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to accept minutes as presented from the June 14th meeting. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

Andy Easton - FRDAP:

He said the deadline for submitting a FRDAP application is the end of September or October. Pam Johnson was asked what she would like to see as part of our Recreation area? She said, restroom, or playground equipment. The question came up about the maintaining of this equipment. Upkeep will be required by Town. Gene Melvin said putting in a restroom will not get us enough points for FRDAP. It was suggested we put in for playground equipment, restroom and pavilion. Andy mentioned we might do back to back grants that would give us \$100,000.00 instead of \$50,000.00. Once we submit application it will be August or September of 2017 before we know if we were approved. Andy was asked how much it will cost town for him to do application? He said, there is no pay unless we are funded. John Maines asked about administrator fee and bidding it out? Andy said this may not have to be bid out according to F.S. guidelines. A copy was given to council and John said he would look over it.

A motion was made by Pam Johnson authorizing Andy Easton to proceed with FRDAP application for playground equipment. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

Andy went over steps that will need to be taken to help us get points for application. He suggested the Mayor get with several organizations and let them know we are applying for a FRDAP and then ask them to send us a thank you letter. John asked about notices for paper? Andy will send advertisement to clerk for advertising. John asked that they be sent 10 days in advance.

Fire Department - Tony Stalnaker:

1. The halogen tool was ordered. He would like to get another one. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to allow Tony to purchase another halogen tool with cost not to exceed \$170.00. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

2. He mentioned that right now there is a freeze on Forestry grants until September.

3. He is still waiting on truck from county. County is still removing equipment.

Town Clerk - Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$683.77.

2. Do we want to roll-back taxes this year? Last year we were at 0.3301. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to roll back taxes. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

John suggested we remove the \$12,000.00 line item for B.C.S.O. that is on the present budget. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to remove the \$12,000.00 line item and absorb back in the General Fund budget. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

3. She mentioned to council about Railroad not mowing their right-away anymore. Due to budget cuts they will no longer be mowing their right-away through Brooker between Bloxham and SR 231/235. She spoke with Sherry Millard-Johnson and CSX can spray 25' each side of the tracks. Sherry mentioned that CSX might be interested in entering into an agreement with Town to do the mowing at a reasonable rate. Charlene told her the Town contracts out our mowing and wasn't sure the Town wants to get involved in this. The Town was concerned about the liability when mowing on private property. The Council advised clerk to let them know we are not interested in an agreement with CSX. John Maines suggested we take pictures of the grown up vegetation. Also, the council said they would like to see what it looks like after spraying is done. Clerk will get back with CSX on this.

4. There are several budget amendments that need to be done. A list was passed out to each council member. We are over in Water Tower Repairs and Repairs and Maintenance on Water side.

A. Water Tower Repairs - Take \$893.25 from Machinery and Equipment and add to Water Tower Repairs. Changing Water Tower Repairs from \$8140.00 to \$9033.25 and changing Machinery & Equipment from \$2000.00 to \$1106.75. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to do this amendment. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

B. Repairs and Maintenance - Take \$1799.66 from Other Current Charges and add to Repairs and Maintenance. Changing Repairs and Maintenance from \$5000.00 to \$6799.66 and changing Other Current Charges from \$4000.00 to \$2200.34. A motion was made by Curtis Clark to do this amendment. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

We are over in Accounting and Auditing and Road & Street - Other Charges on General fund side.

A. Accounting & Auditing - Take \$500.00 from Executive-Misc. Expense and add to Accounting and Auditing. Changing Accounting & Auditing from \$6200.00 to \$6700.00 and changing Executive-Misc. Expense from \$7000.00 to \$6500.00. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to do this amendment. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

B. Road & Street - Other Charges - Take \$2186.50 from Executive - Misc. Expense and add to Road & Street - Other Charges. Changing Road & Street - Other Charges from \$2000.00 to \$4186.50 and changing Executive - Misc. Expense from \$6500.00 to \$4313.50. A motion was made by Curtis Clark to do this amendment. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

5. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for June 30th with council.

6. I received a call from Paul Sanders about property at the corner of SR 231/235 and Charlotte Avenue. He said he needs for the town to grant an easement to owner because town is encroaching 5' at back corner of property. I told him there is no way the town can do this without checking it out with our Attorney and North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Paul is doing the closing on this property and wasn't sure why he was involved in this. The person that is buying the property is Dave Deren, Land Surveyor, and Ramona Chance is his Attorney. I told him I would bring this to councils attention and see what they want to do about

it. I have not been contacted about this by anyone else. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to turn this over to John Maines since we are talking about encroaching and legal issues. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed. Clerk will refer anyone else who calls about this to Mr. Maines.

Water Department - Gene Melvin:

I. Charlene mentioned that new meter was delivered and Bernard would be installing it.

Recreation/Parks - Pam Johnson:

I. Curtis Clark mentioned that he did not get the quote to Clerk from Arrow Exterminator, but would get this done.

Community Center - Gene Melvin:

I. Water spots are still showing up on the ceiling. We could possibly need a new top. Not sure of cost.

Old Business:

I. Gene said he did speak with Eddie Lewis, County Commissioner, and the county will be doing some clean up for us.

New Business:

I. Joe asked if we knew Dollar General was selling Beer at their store? No one knew it. It was suggested someone check and see if this is being done and let Clerk know. She will contact Dollar General on this.

Checks approved: 6230 - 6248, 4990 - 5000

A motion was made by Pam Johnson to approve the bills. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gene Melvin. Time: 8:23p.m.

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk