

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2015

Present: Pam Johnson, Joe Tolleson, Doug Hayes, Gene Melvin, John Maines, Charlene Thomas, Tony Stalnaker.  
Absent: Blake Hamilton  
Community: 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 May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed.

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**Fire Department - Tony Stalnaker:**

1. Bradford County did not receive the grant to house a Rescue in Brooker. Charlene Thomas said she received a call from Brad Carter advising her of this.
2. He is trying to get a nozzle to put on fire hose that will clean out the drainage culverts in Corlotta subdivision.

**Town Clerk - Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$335.82. One meter was locked and still locked.
2. Website is still being worked on. Website link is: [townofbrooker.com](http://townofbrooker.com) Council encouraged to go to website and look at it.
3. Pre-bid tour for lawn mowing is scheduled for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m. Doug Hayes will conduct tour.
4. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for the month of May.
5. CCR letter will be sent out to customers along with the end of June water bill.
6. It is budget time again! Copies of last year's budget was passed out for council to review and look over. If anyone wants to see anything added to next year's budget it needs to be presented at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
7. Community Center rules were passed out to each council member and discussed. The clerk wanted me to make sure the council understood who has to pay for renting the building. At the last meeting it was mentioned that the Bradford County Extension Office who uses the Fire Department's modular building monthly should be allowed to use the community center for workshops without paying. The clerk made sure the council understood that Bradford County Extension Office has a meeting room in Starke and also a rented building located at the Fair grounds. If the Town of Brooker wanted to use the building at the fair grounds we would have to pay to do so. She said we do not need to start letting Bradford County or any other business use the building free when everyone else has to pay. Council agreed to stick to the rules.

**Attorney - John Maines:**

1. He asked the clerk if she had received a letter from D.E.O. notifying us of prohibition on adoption of plan amendments for failure to submit proposed Evaluation and Appraisal

Amendments. She said she had not. He mentioned the Town of LaCrosse had received such a letter and was working with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on this. The NCFRPC will charge them \$5000.00 to do this. He suggested the clerk get with NCFRPC and see how much they will charge us to do this report.

2. He mentioned that the September council meeting will fall on the Tuesday following Labor Day. He contacted the clerk about this to see if it could be changed due to him being out of Town. The clerk checked with Jimmy Alvarez, Property Appraiser, on this to make sure it would not mess up our first public hearing on the Budget and Taxes. Mr. Alvarez said the 15<sup>th</sup> of September would give us enough time to have meetings and do advertisements in paper. Council agreed to change the September meeting to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Clerk will post it on the website and let Telegraph know.

3. Gene mentioned that he had been asked about the advertisements in the Telegraph on the adoption of our Land Development Regulations. Mr. Maines said the NCFRPC felt like we should make sure these were adopted correctly. We have been in compliance but no ordinance was found where they were adopted formally at a meeting. Nothing was changed on them. Everything stayed the same.

#### **Sanitation - Doug Hayes:**

1. He mentioned that Waste Pro is coming on Monday and Thursday late in the evening. He said he was going to call someone on this.

#### **Road/Streets - Joe Tolleson:**

1. He presented the cost for 20 signs he mentioned at the last meeting. The total cost for all signs is \$631.50. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to purchase signs. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed. Clerk said we might need to amend the budget line item on this. She will look at it.

#### **Ground Maintenance/Mowing - Doug Hayes:**

1. The clerk gave Doug a copy of the bid for mowing along with how much we are paying A.J. at present. For the seven (7) months he receives \$5600.00 and for five (5) months he receives \$3000.00. A total of \$8600.00 for the year.

#### **Old Business:**

1. We received the May statistics report and calendar from B.C.S.O.  
 2. Rep. Charles Van Zan is suppose to host a Town Hall meeting on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7p.m. The clerk has not heard back from anyone on this. The council decided not to charge for rental of the community center.

#### **New Business:**

1. Pam Johnson will be on vacation June 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.  
 2. Gene mentioned that the vines are growing through fence along SR 231/235. He suggested we contact Eddie Lewis and see if county can clean fence.

Checks approved: 5974 - 5993, 4850 - 4857

A motion was made by Doug Hayes to pay the bills. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.  
A motion was made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time: 7:44p.m.

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C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk