

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2016

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

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 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

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**Fire Department - Tony Stalnaker:**

1. He reported that he thinks the Halogen tool was left at a wreck site and may have been picked up by accident. He would like to order another one. The cost is \$202.95. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to allow Tony to purchase tool. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.
2. He reported he had spoken with Sheriff Gordon Smith and they have a 2011, F150 Ford, 4-door crew cab coming out of service. It has lights, topper on back and siren. A radio would need to be installed and decals put on. Tony said Volunteer Fire Department would handle this expense. Sheriff Smith said they would be glad to donate it to Town. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to accept donated truck from County. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed. The truck will be used as a quick response unit, medical calls and meetings. The town will be responsible for the insurance. Title will need to be transferred once it is received from County.

**Town Clerk - Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$403.63, but two bills were paid after this report was ran. Three meters were locked for non-payment, but one came and paid bill.
2. Received a note from Libby Mack concerning letter we mailed her. She advised us that she is not living in the house but is living in motor home. The house is being remodeled and will be put up for sale. She will be leaving Brooker around September and the motor home will be moved.
3. I heard from John Maines and he suggested I see if Whitnie Jenkins will pay her dad's outstanding bill in the amount of \$88.72. She advised me that she had spoke with an Attorney and was advised that she is not responsible for her dad's debt. I said okay.
4. I will be on vacation June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. It is time to start working on Budget for 2016/17. Copies of budget were passed out for council to look over.
6. I heard from Utility Services about wanting to do a wash out on water tower tank. I suggested they get a hold of Bernard Carter and set this up with him. Haven't heard back on this.
7. I heard from Utility Services about painting water tower. I told them to go ahead with this.
8. Next month I will do some budget amendments because we have overspent in several areas.
9. Working on getting Ethics training instructions together. I will advise council when they can do this.

10. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for May.

11. Just found out that the Kangaroo Station in Brooker is changing gas pumps from Citgo to Shell. I was not advised about this before hand so our gas cards will not work at pumps. I have contacted Shell about getting new cards. It could take a month. I gave Tony the credit card for the Town so he can fill trucks up as needed.

**Water Department - Gene Melvin:**

1. Clerk spoke with Bernard Carter and he will be installing 4" meter once we receive it.
2. Per our maintenance agreement with Utility Services it is time to paint water tower.

**Road/Streets - Joe Tolleson:**

1. Signs that were approved several months ago were ordered and have arrived. He said he will start putting them up.

**Recreation/Parks - Pamela Johnson:**

1. At the last meeting in May Curtis Clark mentioned about ants being bad on baseball field. He said he would get some quotes on ant removal. He contacted Arrow Exterminator, Florida Pest Control and Brooker Pest Control. Arrow Exterminator - \$439.00 per visit, four visits, guarantee year. Florida Pest Control - \$1024.00 one visit, guarantee year. Brooker Pest Control - \$770.00 per visit, two visits, guarantee year. Curtis said he did not get anything in writing but talked with them. A motion was made by Curtis Clark to approve using Arrow Exterminator pending getting a quote in writing. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed. Curtis will call Arrow and handle this.

**Community Center - Gene Melvin:**

1. Another leak spot was found on ceiling. He said down the road we are going to need to have roof resurfaced.

**Old Business:**

1. Eddie Lewis, County Commissioner, was contacted about edging sidewalks and cleaning behind tennis court on SR 231/235. Work was completed.
2. Gene Melvin mentioned about several other areas that need cleaning up. He said he would contact Eddie Lewis.
3. Joe Tolleson asked Gene Melvin if he had heard when Clay Electric was coming to trim limbs in power line at corner of Melvin Street/Ward Street? Gene said he called them but hasn't heard back. Joe said All-Star Tree & Field Services (Keith Starling) will take down the tree for \$975.00 if Clay Electric will come and cut limb from power line.

**New Business:**

1. Gene Melvin said he had met with someone concerning getting a FRDAP grant for the Town of Brooker. Funds could be used for play ground equipment or a restroom. Also, we could possibly get a CDBG to upgrade streets. Since town just had a CDBG our chances are slim on CDBG. The council agreed to invite this person to next council meeting and let him give a short

presentation on FRDAP. Gene will contact person.

2. Clerk mentioned that Dave Deren with Deren Land Surveying may be purchasing corner lot on Charlotte Avenue owned by Nancy Kohutek. He is thinking about putting in a Burger Barn. I gave him information on commercial property. He will get back with me if he buys property.

Checks approved: 6212 - 6229, 4974 - 4989

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to pay the bills. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time: 8:05p.m.

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C. E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk