

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016

Present: Pam Johnson, Gene Melvin, Doug Hayes, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Charlene Thomas.
Absent: Tony Stalnaker
Community: Joan Watson, Brenda Thornton, Dorothy Starling, Curtis Clark.

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

Pam Johnson was sworn in before the meeting by Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk.
Curtis Clark was mentioned at the last meeting about appointing him to fill Seat #1 for a 3 year term. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to appoint Curtis Clark. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.
Curtis Clark was sworn in.

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the minutes as presented from the February 9th meeting. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed.

Mayor and Vice-Mayor need to be appointed from the council for a 1 year term.
Doug Hayes nominated Gene Melvin to serve as Mayor. Joe Tolleson made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Pam Johnson. A motion was made by Doug Hayes for Gene Melvin to serve as Mayor. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.
Joe Tolleson nominated Pam Johnson to serve as Vice-Mayor. Doug Hayes made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson for Pam Johnson to serve as Vice-Mayor. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

Brenda Thornton - Phosphate Mining:

She spoke to council concerning the proposed phosphate mining right outside the city limits of Brooker. She is concerned about health issues, water consumption, property values, wildlife, environment, new method of mining that has not been tested, and the experience of HPS company. She would like to submit a request for the town to send a letter of support of the moratorium to Bradford and Union County commissioners. She said a moratorium is nothing more than a halt in all action until further information can be gathered. She asked if anyone has seen the map and how close it comes to our area? The council said they have not seen a map except for one that was in the Bradford County telegraph. Mayor Gene Melvin asked our Attorney, John Maines, to speak on behalf of council. He said this is a complicated issue and other communities are struggling with same issue. The question of the moratorium is being put before the county commissioners and they have the ultimate say to grant the moratorium. He said Land Development Regulations may need to be revised or looked at on proposed land use. The L.D.R.'s do need to be correct concerning this proposed issue. This council does not have

the information it would need to support a moratorium because it is a very technical issue. County Commissioners will make a decision on this. The town will have no say in county matters. It is up to each individual to contact their County Commissioner and let them know how they feel about this. The council felt like they needed more information to support or get involved in this. Nothing has been sent to the town on phosphate mining. John did ask council if they want to get involved in a county issue? He told council they have no power to do anything about this. There were concerns by the council on what effect it could have on our water system. Bradford and Union County have had several meetings on this issue. The council did thank Brenda Thornton and others for coming out and making us aware of this. Brenda Thornton thanked us for our time.

Fire Department - Tony Stalnaker absent:

No one knew if Tony has purchased Halogen tool. The clerk said she has not received an invoice.

Town Clerk - Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$862.51. Several meters will be locked if payment is not received by Thursday, 03/10. (Justin Ellis, Tanya Ellis, and Tanya Green) Justin Ellis called and said he would drop money in drop box but as of this meeting no money has been received.
2. We have two customers in Brooker who have turned off their meter. We don't know how they are getting water. Nancy Kohutek asked us to turn her water meter off because she has some leaks. We turned the meter off on March 27, 2013. As of today the meter is still turned off. Also, Betty Carter has turned her meter off. The meters are checked each month as they are read. The clerk ask the council should she be charging them for minimum usage each month? The council suggested clerk send each customer a letter letting them know their meter will be locked unless they prefer it not to be locked. If customer wants it left unlocked then customer will be sent a bill each month for the minimum usage.
3. Still having a problem with garbage being picked up at Mann's trailer park from a customer that is not paying for it. I referred this to Dayna Miller, Waste Pro, again. Also, I checked with our Attorney and he suggested I send Kelli Haight a letter asking her if she would like garbage service. I did not hear back from Ms. Haight.
4. Went over Revenues and Expenditures on the General Fund side. We did not receive the bank statements for the Water Fund side. Clerk will have those ready at the next meeting.
5. Clerk reminded Pam Johnson she needs to check bank reconciliations.

Water Department - Gene Melvin:

1. We had a problem with chlorinator not working. Bernard called clerk about problem and she told him to go ahead and contact Prestige Electric. Clerk told Bernard to let Mayor know about problem.

Road/Streets - Joe Tolleson:

1. He said the county has been out and patched some holes, but not all of them.

2. Pole at the corner of Bloxham/Charlotte was discussed at last meeting. Clay Electric reported they are waiting on Windstream to remove wires from it before removing it.
3. Joe said we are still waiting on driveway belonging to Stanley Floyd to be paved by Quailty Plumbing.

Recreation/Parks - Pam Johnson:

1. She said ballfield might need mowing twice a month before scheduled time. John Maines said if we need to have it mowed we can call A J and ask him to mow it a second time.

Mayor - Gene Melvin:

1. He said he would have new committees for 2016/17 at next regular meeting.

New Business:

1. Resolution #2016-01 adopting Local Mitigation Strategy presented to council. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to read and adopt by title only. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Mr. Maines read Resolution. Motion passed. An original copy will be forwarded to Bradford County, Brian Johns.

Checks approved:

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to pay bills. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn made by Gene Melvin. Time: 8:13p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk