

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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

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 October 11th meeting. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

Eldridge Hayes and Robert Jordan - Communication

They wanted to see if council would allow them to put an antenna on water tower so residents outside of city limits of Brooker could have better internet reception. They gave a handout to council for them to see what equipment would be put on water tower. Gene Melvin advised them that we already have an antenna on water tower belonging to Bradford County. Also, the Town has a contract with Utility Services and they come out and do maintenance on the water tower. Utility Services does not like the way the antenna for County has loose wires. John Maines mentioned to council that we had someone come several years ago and requested same thing and council turned them down. He said if we are going to let someone else do the same thing, out of fairness we would need to contact other person and see if they are still interested. Robert Jordan said these were preliminary plans. They were asked how many other antennas have they put on water towers? This would be first. Pam Johnson asked about their insurance? She wanted to know if town could be sued if one of their workers fell off of water tower. Robert Jordan said they could give us a hold harmless agreement. By doing this it will not benefit Brooker city limit citizens at all. Gene Melvin, Mayor, thanked them for coming and said council would have to think about this.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past out pass due water report. Still out \$644.75.
2. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for September 2016. We spent more than we Budgeted on Water Side. This was due to several items that came up at water department.
3. Reddish and White is working on audit.
4. City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday.
5. Clerk talked with council again about contract with Billy Hall, netIT4U, for technical support for a year. Council had questions at last meeting. Clerk spoke with Billy and if first computer goes out it will take 2 -3 hours to restore and get other computer running. I will be backing up to two locations. Backing up to cloud was mentioned at last meeting. Billy said you would need internet connection to do that and if computer is down you couldn't backup. A motion was made by Pam Johnson to accept contract with Billy Hall. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed.
6. Clerk brought back up to council about the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) Specific Appropriation for Rural Areas Opportunity. She received an email from FDOT showing what cities were funded. Hampton and Lawtey were on list. She contacted Hampton and spoke with clerk about this. They are receiving \$800,000.00. She was nice enough to send us a copy of the

application they filled out. The money can be used for paving unpaved roads, resurfacing or reconstructing roads. Brooker definitely has a lot of roads that need resurfacing. Clerk asked the council if they are interested in filling out an application? The next application cycle is Spring 2017. She said her and Joe could start looking at roads and taking pictures. Council was in agreement to fill out an application.

Attorney – John Maines:

1. He mentioned to council about putting antenna on water tower. He said it will be of no benefit to Town. A motion was made by Doug Hayes to not allow any additional obstruction on water tower. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed. In the future the clerk will advise anyone who calls about this.

Recreation/Parks – Pam Johnson:

1. She said she received a call from Colby Thompson. He would like to make some improvements to our ballfield. He is willing to donate his time. Maybe have a workday. He was wanting to bring in equipment to remove grass from infield. Clay is needed for infield and new bases. We can see if county will send us some clay. There was some discussion on this by council. The biggest concern is liability. Using his own personal equipment could make town liable if someone gets hurt. John suggested they add Town of Brooker to their insurance as additional insured. Council would like to see this done but we do not have a Maintenance department that could do this. Also, once field receives improvements we do not have anyone to maintain it. No action was taken on this by council.

Checks approved: 6321 – 6339, 5031 - 5040

A motion was made by Doug Hayes to pay the bills. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed. Motion made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time 8:11p.m.

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk