

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Present: Steve Acree, Linda Bennett, Joe Tolleson, Gene Melvin, John Maines, Charlene Thomas.  
Absent: Tony Stalnaker  
Community: Terry Thomas, Chris Caldwell

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

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve the minutes as presented from the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

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**Fire Department:**

1. Mayor Melvin mentioned he had received a call from Wayne Wall, Division of Forestry, concerning the Tanker we have at our Fire Department. Bradford County has the Insurance coverage on this truck. The Tanker does not belong to the Town of Brooker. Several years ago the Division of Forestry sent a Cooperative Equipment Loan Agreement on the Tanker to the Town for signing. The Town filled out the Agreement and added a couple of changes and we added an addendum. We were told by Brian Johns that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Forest Service did not like us making changes to agreement and adding an addendum. The clerk heard from Wayne Wall on September 16, 2014, and was told that Bradford County added the truck with the rest of their trucks. Brian Johns did let clerk know in an email that in the next two years if Bradford County decides to build a couple of fire station's they could possibly take this vehicle from Brooker. John Maines, Attorney, told council since the truck belongs to the County they can come and get truck. He suggested before we release truck that we send a letter to Bradford County asking them to provide us with the date they will be picking up truck. John Maines suggested down the road the town needs to get with Brad Carter and the County Attorney and discuss the future of the Brooker Volunteer Fire Department.

**Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$392.76.
2. Seats 1 and 2 are up for re-election. Qualifying will be December 16, 17, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. Clerk got with Bernard Carter on Sensaphone at water department. Bernard said the phone is working correctly.
4. Kara Wainwright will pick up the audit on Thursday.
5. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for October.

**Water Department – Gene Melvin:**

1. He mentioned Ring Power did come out and look at leak in radiator. He said Bernard said we would run out of diesel before we ran out of water.
2. He reported that a truck came across road on SR 231/235 and hit our Fire Hydrant and knocked it over, level with ground. The fire hydrant is still at sight. He reported that Bob Dyal did take some pictures. Joe Tolleson reported that this took place on October 26<sup>th</sup> around 5:30p.m. Joe said a report was written up by B.C.S.O. Gene said he will contact B.C.S.O. and get a copy of

report. Gene did talk with Bernard Carter and he said he knew someone who can fix fire hydrant.

**Sanitation – Steve Acree:**

1. He called Debbie with Waste Pro concerning the fast driving the garbage truck is going down Melvin Street. Also, the truck is picking up garbage on Pine Street and then coming out on Charlotte Avenue (CR 18) and picking up garbage and then backing down Charlotte Avenue to go back down Pine Street to pick up garbage on other side of street. Debbie will discuss this with driver.

**Old Business:**

1. The closing west end of Melvin Street was mentioned. Gene said he had spoken with Jason Dodds on this. Clerk said she contacted Jason also. He said he is still working on getting approval.

**New Business:**

1. Clerk advertised for estimates to build a 10' X 10' picnic pavilion. Three estimates were received: The Watauga Company - \$16,000.00 Anglin Construction - \$21,157.00 Bliss Products and Services - \$5610.00  
The estimates were higher than the funds we have available to build this pavilion. Clerk suggested we contact Joe Robinson and see if he would give us an estimate. Linda Bennett said she would be glad to contact him. Gene Melvin said he would contact Henry Hodges.

Checks approved: 7090 – 7109, 5410 - 5419

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to pay the bills. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Time : 7:50p.m.

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C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk