

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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

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 August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

**Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker – absent:**

Joe Tolleson reported CPR training was done on Monday.

**Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$641.01. A. J. Knight's meter was cut off a few months ago. He hasn't paid to have it turned back on. He owes \$235.39.
2. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for August.
3. Council was reminded about Ethics training they are required to do. Steve Acree has completed his.
4. We need to do a budget amendment. Amendment is needed for tree removal. Clerk recommended we take \$1000.00 from Repair & Maintenance/Street leaving it with a balance of \$1200.00. Add the \$1000.00 to Other Current Charges/Street. Changing this total from \$4000.00 to \$5000.00. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to do above amendment. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.  
I will look at budget at end of this month and see if we need to make any additional changes.
5. New water rates will be put on water bills going out October 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. A. J. cleaned up grown up mess and trimmed crape myrtle trees for \$125.00. This needed to be done before Playground Equipment goes in.
7. We had a water line break at Mann's trailer park. We had Joshua Davis, Swamp Cutters, come out and repair 2" line. I did contact DEP and let them know about break. I would like to thank Joe Tolleson for helping me with this.
8. It is time the Town has a cell phone. I am using my own personal cell phone for city business. The Town needs to be able to have an emergency contact number for customers to call after hours. I added additional funds to the budget to cover this. I will start checking into this.
9. Bernard Carter does an outstanding job for the Town. He had to empty the water tower so Utility Services could do some repairs on it. He placed several pressure reliefs valves throughout community so tank could empty. Once repairs are completed we are not allowed by DEP to put the Tower back in service until two days of water sampling

have been completed. Sampling was handled on Wednesday and Thursday. While sampling is being done water is still coming out of pressure relief valves. He received the results from the sampling on Friday and was told we could put the tower back in service. He came out on Friday to stop the water from coming out of pressure relief valves. He advised me the pressure relief valve located on SR 231/235 was turned off. He does not know who turned this off. Our system could have blown up. Bernard did tell me someone from Gainesville Regional Utilities stopped by when he was checking valves and questioned him about his certification and told him he was not doing this correctly. Bernard works for Waldo and Hampton he definitely knows what he is doing. The council agreed the next time we have to empty the tower the council will have to monitor the pressure relief valves throughout the day to make sure no one turns them off. The Sheriff's department will be contacted if this happens again.

10. At the last meeting the council asked the clerk to check into Local Option Gas Tax and find out how the funds are distributed. We have an Inter Local Agreement with Bradford County for the purpose of providing for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the Local Option Gas Tax imposed under Ordinance 87-6 effective September 1, 1988 through September 1, 2018. The allocation is based on the percentage of the Town's population. This ordinance was for 30 years. Bradford County came back and did another Ordinance to extend this ordinance another 30 years starting January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2047. Also, on January 1, 2019, they did another ordinance to add an additional 00.06 effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2047. The Town has started getting two monthly Local Option Gas Tax checks.

#### **Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:**

- I. We had an emergency tree removal on Colson Street. The Town received several complaints about limbs falling from tree. Joe was concerned with Hurricane Dorian headed our way that the tree could fall. Joe contacted the Town Clerk and she received two bids for removal. One from Swamp Cutters in the amount of \$975.00. One from S & S Tree Service in the amount of \$975.00. The Town Clerk went with S & S Tree Service because he could remove the tree the same day. Bill was submitted for approval.

#### **Old Business:**

- I. The closing of the end of Melvin Street by Bradford County. Mayor Melvin said county is still working on this.

Checks approved: 7045 – 7066, 5392 - 5401

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Melvin. Time: 8:00p.m.

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C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk

