

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

Present: Steve Acree, Linda Bennett, Charlene Thomas, Gene Melvin, Chris Caldwell, Joe Tolleson, John Maines.
Absent: Tony Stalnaker
Community: Diane & L.D. Andrews

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 July 14th meeting. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

1st Order of Business – Discuss charge for new meter connection inside and outside of city limits. John Maines suggested \$1000.00 inside and \$1250.00 outside city limits. Another suggestion was \$1100.00 inside and \$1350.00 outside city limits.

A motion was made by Steve Acree to charge \$1100.00 for inside city limits and \$1350.00 for outside city limits. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-01 was presented with new charges. A motion was made by Steve Acree to adopt and read by title only Resolution 2020-01. Mr. Maines read Resolution. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

2nd Order of Business – Resolution 2020-02 modifying water rates. A motion was made by Steve Acree to adopt and read by title only Resolution 2020-02. Mr. Maines read Resolution. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Fire Department – Absent.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$258.69.
2. First Public Hearing on Millage and Budget will be September 8th at 7:00p.m.
3. Clerk asked if anyone had anything they would like to see added to 2020/2021 budget. Steve Acree mentioned about adding a 40 X 50 basketball court to South end of tennis court. Cost would be \$11,000.00 for concrete and goal. Clerk said there is no way she could find that kind of money in budget for this. It was suggested we consider clay or asphalt instead of concrete. Clerk said we need a couple of 6' tables for community center. A new drop box attached inside of door to city hall. Another fire proof file cabinet.
4. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for July.
5. Clerk went over the office hours and pay City Clerk's are receiving in LaCrosse and Hampton. She will provide more information next month.

Attorney – John Maines:

1. He presented a contract for Professional Services State Attorney at last month's meeting and ask council to look over. This contract is with the State Attorney for professional services regarding the prosecution of Town ordinance cases. The State Attorney will represent the Town in the prosecution of persons charged solely with violations of municipal ordinances. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to enter into this contract with the State Attorney. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. Clay Electric sub contracted with ARS corporation to trim limbs away from power lines. On July 28th the sub contractor hit our stand pipe and broke it in the Shady Oaks subdivision. Water was spewing out. Gene contacted clerk and asked her to call Josh Davis, Swampcutters, and see if he could come and fix it. Also, clerk contacted Sunshine 811 locate to have lines located near break. Gene and Clerk were called and told that two houses (Hamilton & Nash) in Shady Oaks were without water. Josh Davis was called to come back and get these two houses water back on. Gene called Bernard Carter and asked him to come and take water samples from these two locations. Samples came back from laboratory Okay.
Gene was told by trimming crew that ARS Corporation would cover all expenses. Gene said he was upset that Clay Electric never notified the Town about them coming into Town and doing this trimming work. Gene said we have two options now that break is fixed. One is to cover up hole and leave as is for now or replace the two valves. If we replace the valves we will have to shut the water off. We would probably have to put in place a boil water notice. It was suggested we leave valves alone for now and replace down the road. We need an estimate for all cost incurred for this break. John Maines suggested we come up with a cost for replacing those two valves down the road. Gene said he would be glad to call Clay Electric and discuss this with them.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. He reported that the County did come out and patch some of the holes in streets. Also, trimmed behind Community Center. Clerk reported that Frank Durrance, County Commissioner, said he would have the end of Melvin Street closed by next week.

Recreation/Parks – Linda Bennett:

1. She did call Andy Easton, FRDAP, but he didn't really help her with how to do Exercise and Nature Trail. We have \$1000.00 for each in grant. Clerk said she would see if she could get more information on this.
2. Tether ball has been purchased. Terry is going to install for us.

Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Steve Acree:

1. Gene mentioned that across from Brooker Elementary School was not mowed last month. A J said it wasn't part of his contract to mow there. He has been doing it every month. Steve said he did call A J about now mowing playground. Clerk said we need to look over his contract.

New Business:

- I. Terry Thomas mentioned to council that he will be resigning from reading meters effective December 31, 2020. Council thanked him for letting them know in advance.

Checks approved: 7283 – 7304, 5518 - 5528

A motion was made by Steve Acree to pay the bills. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Motion made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time: 8:12p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk