

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

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

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

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the minutes from the January 14th meeting as presented. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

First order of Business:

Appoint Chris Caldwell for the month of February 2020 to fill Seat #2. He qualified for Seat #2 but will not be sworn in until the March 10th meeting. A motion was made by Steve Acree to Appoint Chris Caldwell for one month. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed. Chris Signed the Oath of Qualification.

Next Business:

Town Clerk wanted to make the town council aware of Janet Firzmaurice wanting to put a new mobile home on SR CR 18. Right next to Tony Stalnaker's home. The mobile cannot go on the front of the property next to SR CR 18 because it is zoned Residential Single Family. The mobile home will be located 170' back off the road on property zoned Agriculture. I have been working with the mobile home company on this. The cost for new meter installation is \$500.00 inside town limits plus a \$100.00 deposit.

Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker:

1. He let council know that he was contacted by County Fire Department about coming out and doing some testing on our fire hydrants pressure. They came out on a Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th. Tony apologized for not getting with clerk on this before approving. On March 12, 2019, the fire hydrants were opened up and we received several complaints about rust in water and clothes ruined from rust. Council agreed before hydrants are flushed again that we notify customers and let them know so they can run the water a few minutes before washing clothes. The Town Clerk was working on Saturday and questioned the person opening up the hydrant in front of city hall. She called Tony about this.

The Town Clerk reminded the council that we have to know when hydrants are being opened up in case DEP calls us about someone complaining about low water pressure. Mayor Melvin said he met with D. K. Bennett about this. Mr. Bennett wanted the Mayor to give his approval to finish opening up the hydrants. Mayor Melvin told him he would have to bring this to the council for approval. Mayor Melvin said he will call D. K. Bennett and tell him to contact the clerk and see when would be a good date to flush hydrants and put on water bill for customers.

2. Joe Tolleson mentioned that Fire Hydrant has not been fixed across from Aaron Coleman's property on SR 231/235. No one has heard from Bernard Carter on this.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report passed out. Still out \$433.06.
2. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for January 2020.
3. Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor will be at the March 10th meeting.
4. Bradford County Supervisor of Elections will hold an election at Community Center on March 17th.
5. We received the minutes from the Annual Local Mitigation Strategy Committee meeting held on December 19th at the Emergency Operation Center in Starke. The Town clerk asked for someone in December to go to the meeting, but no one volunteered. She suggested this year we send a representative from the town council.
6. Joe Robinson did complete pavilion. We need to get a picnic table. Fencing will be next. Town Clerk has been trying to get in touch with Thomas Quarles Fencing. Mayor Melvin said he would try and get in touch with him and have him call Town Clerk. Town Clerk has been in contact with Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters, and asked him to give her an estimate to replace 4 existing water bubblers and put in a new one at pavilion.
7. She mentioned to council about Clay Electric sending her a "No account available" and charging the Town a service charge for check no going through bank. She contacted Clay Electric and advised them that the check she sent was in the amount of \$761.00 not \$24.00 which they said was returned by our bank. She was told the person who processed payment must have typed in wrong number. Clay Electric waived service charge and corrected.
8. She mentioned to council that she cannot get into old city hall. She has spoke with Brad Smith, Sheriff's department, several times on this. His last email said the problem was with the door not the lock. He would send Lt. Shuford out to fix it when he gets a chance. She told council that she has to get in there now because she is needing to locate a file for the permit application she is working on for Suwannee River Water Management. Council said to take the combination lock off and put on a key lock.
9. She mentioned that she is very busy working with Florida Rural Water trying to get permit application done. The deadline is March 12th.
10. She mentioned she had received a letter plus attachments from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. The letter pertained to the potential adverse impacts of the proposed HPSII mine. John Maines, Attorney, mentioned he had been in touch with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. They are wanting to hold a joint meeting with Bradford and Union County to learn more about issues regarding the proposed mine. Mr. Maines recommended we authorize someone from council to represent Brooker at this meeting. He said if town clerk hears from anyone on this to find out what the date is of meeting, find out if they are wanting a representative from governmental entity, and can anyone come to meeting other than designated representative. Steve Acree said he would be interested in going to a meeting. A motion was made by Linda Bennett to designate Steve Acree to be the representative for

the Town of Brooker. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed. Mayor Gene Melvin said he would be the alternate in case Steve could not attend.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

- I. He reported that all the sheetrock has not been completed in Water building.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

- I. Bradford County Road department did come out and patch some pot holes.

Checks approved: 7151 – 7168, 5456 – 5464

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve the bills. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

Motion made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time: 8:25p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk