

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2021

Present: Steve Acree, Linda Bennett, Chris Caldwell, Joe Tolleson, Gene Melvin, John Maines, Tony Stalnaker, Charlene Thomas.  
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 December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Linda Bennett.

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**Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker:**

1. He had met with Ben Carter and mentioned to him about Brooker Volunteer Fire Department not being paged out. This will be looked into.
2. Bradford County came into Brooker on January 5<sup>th</sup> and flushed fire hydrants without approval from the Town. Clerk received a lot of calls concerning rust in water and ruining clothes. Tony said he referred county to Mayor. County wanted to pressure test fire hydrants. The Mayor said he did not approve this. We had a problem with this a year or so ago and County was told not to flush our fire hydrants without our approval. Council doesn't mind this being done but it has to go through Town. County can work with Town Clerk about a date and she can put it on water bill so customers will know about the flushing of fire hydrants. Tony suggested it be done on a Saturday to do pressure and flow test by county. Tony will let County know about this plan. The Town has a plan in place of the order fire hydrants are suppose to be flushed. Clerk gave Tony a copy to send to County for them to use.

**Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$389.60.
2. W2's and 1099's were passed out and mailed.
3. Went over Revenue and Expenditures for December.
4. Office will be closed on January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.
5. Waste Pro will pick up garbage on Tuesday and Friday next week due to Holiday.
6. Kara Wainwright will attend February meeting to go over audit for year end 09/30/20.
7. I need to know what council member will be responsible for unlocking, and locking meters when customer doesn't pay bill. Steve Acree said he could help with this.
8. Terry Thomas mentioned someone needs to be responsible for covering water fountains during cold weather. Chris Caldwell will handle this.

**Sanitation:**

1. Joe Tolleson has taken over delivering carts to customers.

**Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:**

1. Clerk is waiting on agreement from DOT for SCOP grant.
2. Joe mentioned he has marked the sidewalks that need fixing. A total of 6.

**Recreation/Parks – Linda Bennett:**

1. Steve Acree spoke with Jean Barnes and asked her to have Eddie Barnes call him concerning the scraping of grass from ballfield. Steve said he didn't hear from him but would try and contact him about this.
2. Clerk contacted Tennis Unlimited about resurfacing tennis court.

**Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Steve Acree:**

1. County mowed and cleaned around old K&Z store.

**Community Center – Gene Melvin:**

1. Clerk said she will contact David Hamilton about waxing floors.

**Old Business:**

1. Meter Reader position. Clerk spoke with Diantre Jones (DJ) and he is still interested in reading meters for the Town. A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve Diantre Jones. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Terry is off on Monday and will work with DJ. Motion called for – passed.

**New Business:**

1. Terry mentioned the town will need someone to show Windstream or other telephone companies where lines are located before they dig. They usually contact City Hall. Steve Acree and Linda Bennett said they can do this. Terry showed them the water maps.
2. Tim Alexander, SRWMD, contacted clerk about septic tanks. She referred Tim to Gene Melvin, Mayor. He said the State has extra money and they are looking for Towns that have septic tanks and they would come into our area and upgrade them. There are a lot of unanswered questions on this. Who will fix problems when they find them and how much will it cost homeowner's. Council was not interested in this. Our attorney mentioned this is an area we might not want to get involved with.

Checks approved: 7395 – 7415 – 5573 - 5581

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

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Time: 8:01 p.m.

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Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk