

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024

Present: Gene Melvin, Chris Caldwell, Linda Bennett, Steve Acree, Joe Tolleson, Charlene Thomas.
Absent: John Maines – no zoom meeting due to bad weather
Community: Annette Castner, Terry Thomas

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the December 12th meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Annette Castner – property clean-up:

She came and presented update on her property clean-up. She has been in touch with Corporal Glen Ward and Mr. Carlton. Mr. Carlton started removal of burnt mobile home but had trouble with tractor and has not finished. She was told that a dumpster will be brought in per Glen Ward. The original cost from Mr. Carlton was \$1800.00. She still owes him \$900.00. She was told by Glen Ward that he might be able to get her a mobile home but the cost would be \$6000.00. Mayor Melvin said we have several ongoing projects in Brooker that Glen Ward needs to complete and let council know where he is on each project.

Council thanked Annette for letting them know about the progress of her project.

Fire Department – Nothing to report

Acting Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Vince Robinson was called on 12/13/23 concerning new doors at community center. He said he would check into this and get back with me. He was suppose to come by and fix ceiling tile but he didn't show up. I will get back with him.
2. Due to all the rain fall we had in December the ceiling leaked in community center. I called North Florida Paint on 01/03/24 who did repair work on roof in 2022. He advised me that he only painted the ceiling he didn't repair any leaks. However, he said he would come by and look at roof for us. He hasn't been by yet. We will probably need to call a roofer who works on metal roofs. Council instructed Town Clerk to contact a roofer.
3. I contacted Ben Carter on 12/14/23 concerning Modular Building. He said he could not find any information on the building. I sent him the information we had on file at office. I have not heard back from him.
4. I spoke with Andy Easton concerning a meter grant. He sent me several website to look at. I spoke with Mary Gavin, Gavin Consulting. I am setting up a date with her so we can discuss a water meter replacement grant.
5. I called Jason Dobbs on 12/13/23 concerning the dirt we need to fill holes by ballfield. I did not hear back from him on this. Mayor Melvin said he was on vacation but he was waiting on a piece of equipment.

6. I called Glen Ward on 12/13/23 to see if he sent a letter to Lowell Shadd concerning his property on Melvin Street. I left Glenn a message but did not hear back from him on this.
7. I called Utility Services on 12/13/23 concerning junk that was left on our property after water tower clean out. Doug with Utility Services called me back and said they would take care of clean up. He removed all the metal junk that was left. Mayor Melvin removed other wood items that were left. Doug did say we can have the Black Beauty Sand blasting sand. I contacted Jason Dodds to see if the county would like to have the sand. I did not hear back from Jason. I did contact Doug and let him know it was okay to leave the sand on our property.
8. There will be NO election in February. Linda Bennett and Chris Caldwell qualified and had no opposition. I did notify Bradford County Telegraph to run an advertisement concerning NO election.
9. I mentioned last month that Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters, was interested in locating lead pipes that might have been used on our water system back in 1960. Bernard Carter came by and said he will check the meters for the Town. Bernard said this has to be done on or before October 2024. Florida Rural Water will be assisting him with this project. No cost to Town.
10. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$419.06. No meters were locked during the holidays.
11. I sent a notice to the family of Tommy Cox letting them know the Town sent bibles through the Gideon Association in memory of Tommy Cox. Tommy Cox did serve as Town Clerk.

Accounting Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for December 2023.
2. We did not receive a lot of our bills as of today due to the council meeting being so early in the month.
3. W2's were passed out to council.

Water Department, Sanitation: - Nothing to report

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. He reported a limb had fell at the corner of Melvin and Ward. Someone cut the limb up but it has not been hauled off. Mayor Melvin said he would get with Jason Dodds and see if county can pick up limbs.

Recreation/Parks – Linda Bennett:

1. Last month the council was asked to look at tree outside of Playground that has uprooted and is connected to another tree. The Town Clerk did receive a bid from Josh Hall. Mayor Melvin reported that he had spoke with Diane Andrews and the county did come out and take down both trees.

Ground Maintenance/Mowing, Community Center: Nothing to Report

Old Business:

- I. Council was asked to look at gate installation on the front side of Water Department. The gate is leaning. Council asked Clerk to contact Josh Hall and see if he will look at this for the Town.

New Business: None

Checks approved: GF – 8246-8264 WF – 5986 - 5996

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

A motion was made by Mayor Melvin to adjourn: Time: 8:05p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk