

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

Present: Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, Chris Caldwell, Randy Starling, Linda Bennett, John Maines – zoom, Charlene Thomas.

Community: Maria Geer, Caleb Perla – Powell & Jones CPA

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the June 9th meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

John Maines – Attorney: Zoom:

Nothing to report.

Caleb Perla – Powell & Jones CPA:

He passed out financial books for each council member to review. The audit was for 2024/25 year. He went over several pages of the financial book explaining Revenues and Expenditures. He said the Town was doing a good job and the cash flow was ok.

New Fire Truck:

The new fire truck was brought out to Brooker for all to see. Everyone had a chance to look it over. The truck is being housed at Heilborn Springs Fire Station.

New Fire Station:

Per conversation with Town Clerk, Mark Williams said everything is on schedule.

Town Clerk- Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$703.68. We cut-off 3 meters but all have paid and meter unlocked.
2. Do we want to modify water rates starting October 1st? We are at \$27.00 right now for up to 3000 gallons. Council tabled this until the August meeting.
3. Do we want to roll back taxes? Roll back rate right now is 0.237 mills. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to roll back taxes. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.
4. I will be on vacation July 20th – 24th. Back in the office on July 27th. MacKenzi Huggins will be coming in office that week to take water bills out of drop box. She will also enter water bills in computer and balance the money.
5. We had several complaints about ants at the park. Terry Thomas picked up ant killer and treated the park. We closed the park for a couple of days to make sure ant killer was not harmful to anyone.
6. Dayna with Waste Pro came by Town Hall. She talked to me about doubling the cost of garbage service. Right now the cost is \$13.28 per month. Also, she mentioned about going to once a week service. I did mention this to the Mayor. I asked Dayna to call the

Mayor on this. Gene Melvin emphasized to her that doubling the cost would not be acceptable to the council. He told her if they decide to do this that the Town of Brooker will cancel the contract with them and re-bid to see if we can get a lower cost. We have not heard back from her.

7. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for the month of June.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. He mentioned he spoke with Bernard Carter and we have a couple of things that need repairing at water building.

Road/Streets – Randy Starling:

1. Estimate from EMT Affordable Lawn Care for edging the sidewalks on both sides of Charlotte Avenue and going into Shady Oaks subdivision was presented to council. The cost is \$1100.00. Adding weed killer was not mentioned on estimate. Joe Tolleson will confirm with them that they will be putting weed killer out to kill grass from growing back. A motion was made by Linda Bennett to approve the \$1100.00 estimate. Seconded by Randy Starling. Motion passed.
2. Chris Caldwell mentioned the inlet drainage culverts needs cleaning out. A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to pay EMT Affordable Lawn Care \$200.00 to clean out and haul off debris. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Joe Tolleson:

1. Gene Melvin said he had talked with Tina, Manager, Dollar General about the over grown mess on the backside of store. She said they are looking into getting this cleaned up.
2. Joe Tolleson mentioned about the overgrown mess from Barry Krajnovich property on Parker Street. Mowing people can't mow because of the overgrown mess going onto road.

Community Center:

1. The Town Clerk mentioned she has 3 rentals in a row coming up.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Checks approved: GFund – 8892-8913, WFund – 6340-6356

A motion was made by Randy Starling to pay the bills. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Time: 7:48p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk

