

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024

Present: Linda Bennett, Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, Steve Acree, Chris Caldwell, Charlene Thomas, John Maines – Zoom meeting.
Community: Glenn Ward, 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 September 10th and 24th meeting. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

Attorney – John Maines – Zoom

He had nothing to report.

Gene Melvin asked him about the Swamp Cutter bill in the amount of \$1777.00 that was sent to the Town for the broken cut off valve that workers for Bobby Adams broke in the Shady Oaks subdivision? Clerk reported that she did contact John Maines on this issue. He suggested we have Swamp Cutters send the bill directly to Bobby Adams. She spoke with Josh Davis on Monday, October 7th and he had not received payment from Bobby Adams. Clerk did say she spoke with John on Monday, October 7th and it was decided this amount is not worth litigating over. It was suggested the Town go ahead and pay the bill since this is owed to Swamp Cutters for so graciously coming out and fixing the break. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to go ahead and pay Swamp Cutters. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed. It was mentioned that the signage we had placed there some years ago had been removed. The council decided to have the clerk re-send the bill to Bobby Adams and see if he pays it.

It was suggested we put something on the water bill reminding customers to check with the Town Hall before digging or anything on their property to make sure there are no underground water lines.

Fire Department – Steve Acree:

He had nothing to report on.

Gene Melvin got with Jazzy Crews, Southern Roots Land Development, to see if while they are cleaning up new Fire Department property if they could clean fence row and if need take down fence to remove trees. She gave him a price of \$3500.00. A motion was made by Linda Bennett to pay the \$3500.00 for extra clean up. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed. This will be paid from the Fire Department fund.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$522.35. One meter was locked and still remains locked. Customer has probably moved.
2. She spoke with Vince Robinson concerning new doors for Community Center. He is unable to find someone to make the doors for us. I told Vince that the Mayor said he knew someone that could probably make the doors. The Mayor mentioned Adam Moore. I thanked Vince for helping us with this.
3. Memorial crosses will be put up around the 1st of November for Veteran's Day. I have several names that will be added to the crosses. I did purchase two signs from Show Case signs in the amount of \$220.00. These signs will be posted each time crosses are exhibited. The signs have the wording on them that says "Past and Present" veterans so all crosses can be exhibited on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. I paid the bill from the ARPA funds.

4. I was contacted by Ben Carter, Bradford County Fire Rescue, and they would like to use the Community Center starting Wednesday morning through Friday morning for the storm. I told them to go ahead.
5. ARPA – I had mulch delivered to go under playground equipment. Ira Caldwell is helping us move the pile of mulch and putting it under playground equipment. I will pay him from pette cash. Terry will help too. The cost of the mulch was \$1043.00 plus delivery. This will be paid from the left over ARPA funds. We still have the \$4,400.00 reserved for the new doors. This will leave us \$10.78 in ARPA funds.
6. Joe Tolleson found a few more things that needed to be cleaned up in Town. He got with EMT Affordable Lawn Care and they did the extra work for \$690.00. This goes with clean up in September that was approved by council.
7. I was contacted by Waste Pro and garbage will be picked up on Friday this week due to the storm. I will send a REMIND out to all customers.

Accounting Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Went over Revenues and Expenditure for the month of September 2024. Also, went over Revenues and Expenditures from October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024.
2. We have several budget amendments that need to be done. See attached sheet showing amendments.

Glenn Ward – Civil/Code Enforcement – Bradford County:

1. George Washington property – He appeared before the magistrate judge and was given 60 days to clean up property. A lien will be put on property if not completed.
2. Steve Nipper property – This property was mentioned to him before meeting and he will be checking into this. There is a travel trailer on property and someone is living in it.
3. Prescott property – Working on this to get it cleaned up.
4. Joe Favre property – He is trying to get a volunteer inspection by Building Inspector to see if house is livable.
5. Lowell Shadd property – He mentioned to Chris Caldwell to take some pictures of vegetation coming over his fence from Shadd property.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. He spoke with Bernard Carter concerning Well #2 chlorine pump not coming on. Prestige was contacted several weeks ago to come look at.

Sanitation, Road/Streets, Recreation/Parks, Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Nothing to report

Community Center – Gene Melvin:

1. Clerk mentioned she has several rentals coming in November and December.
2. A generact was mentioned for Community Center. We will look into this next year.

Old Business:

1. Steve Acree said he is working on a banner design for the Town of Brooker.

Checks approved:

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve the bills. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.
A motion was made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time: 8:00p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk