

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Linda Bennett to approve the August 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented  
Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

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**Fire Department – Absent:**

Diane Andrews said she had attended a County Commissioners meeting and the Volunteer Fire Departments in the county were discussed. She seemed to think we might be hearing from the County on some changes for our Volunteer Fire Department. John Maines said the Town has their own budget for our Volunteer Fire Department and we provide our own Insurance. We will wait and see if we hear anything from the County.

**Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$521.66.
2. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for August. I will look over the September reports and see if we need to do any budget amendments for 2019/2020.
3. We should be receiving the SCOP grant contract for signing sometime in October.
4. Clerk suggested we have a workshop to discuss the Meter Reader position, Town Clerk, and FRDAP. A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to schedule a workshop meeting at 6:30p.m. on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.
5. We had two new meter installations with new rates we just passed Resolution on. Tammy Sulsona, outside city limits, paid \$1350.00. Bobby Adams, Shady Oaks, paid \$1100.00. Terry was able to locate the line for Bobby Adams new meter thus saving the Town a lot of money installing this meter. Swamp Cutters will be called to locate and install new meter for Tammy Sulsona.
6. FRDAP – I spoke with Andy Easton and he suggested we ask DEO to drop Nature & Exercise Trail from the grant. There is no guarantee they will do it but we can ask. A motion was made by Linda Bennett to authorize Charlene Thomas to do paperwork to drop Nature & Exercise Trail from Grant. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.
7. Clerk said new Town Clerk will need her own computer. We have the money in this budget to purchase it. Billy Hall is helping me get the computer. The cost is \$2,081.00. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to purchase computer in the amount of \$2,081.00. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

**Attorney – John Maines:**

1. Prosecution Contract has now been entered into between the State Attorney's Office and the Town of Brooker. Payment for calendar year 2021 will be mailed to the Town in December 2020.

**Water Department – Gene Melvin:**

1. He did get in touch with Russ Lott, Clay Electric, concerning stand pipe that was broke in Shady Oaks by ARS Corporation. He explained to him the cost to the Town of Brooker due to them not contacting us ahead of time and letting us know about this tree trimming company coming into our town. He told Russ we had to contact someone to come in on an emergency basis and repair stand pipe. A line locate had to be done before any work could be done. Several houses were without water. Gene said Swamp Cutter bill could be around \$5000.00. To fix the stand pipe line permanently would cost another \$2000.00-\$3000.00. Gene was hoping clerk had received a check for reimbursement. She had not. Gene asked John Maines what was the next step for the Town? John Maines said if Gene calls again and doesn't get any results then Mr. Maines said he would contact their legal department on this. He said we can agree for Clay Electric to pay present bills and all future bills to fix stand pipe permanently. Gene said he would call again and if no results refer this to Mr. Maines. Clerk reported we paid Swamp Cutters, \$1500.00., Bernard Carter, \$600.00., plus two water samples had to be done due to two houses without water.

**Recreation/Parks – Linda Bennett:**

1. Gene suggested she get with Pat Mundorff on the Operation Round Up grant with Clay Electric. We might be able to get funds to add a basketball court to the end of the tennis court. She said she would get with him.

**Old Business:**

1. Melvin Street was closed on the West end of the street. People are still trying to drive through the stand up post. Only a few complaints have been received concerning the closing. Gene said he will get with Jason Dodds, Bradford County Road Department, about putting something more permanent.

**New Business:**

1. A condition assessment report was received from Utility Services on water tank.
2. Final Public Hearing on Millage and Budget will be Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7p.m. A workshop on Meter Reader, Town Clerk and FRDAP will be at 6:30p.m.

Checks approved: 7305 – 7325, 5529 - 5538

A motion was made by Linda Bennett to approve the bills. Seconded by Chris Caldwell.  
Motion to adjourn by Gene Melvin. Time: 8p.m.

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C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk