

**BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, March 15, 2021**

Mayor Langford was absent this evening. Mayor pro tem, Scott Israel, led the Invocation and Pledge then called the meeting to order.

Mayor pro tem: Scott Israel

Council member present: Ted Britt
Brian Davis
Todd Speer
Kay Brumbelow

Members Absent: Mayor Dan Langford

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, March 15, 2021 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There were no changes or additions needed this evening. Councilman Todd Speer made a Motion to approve our Agenda; Kay Brumbelow offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of Monday, January 25, 2021, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Councilman Ted Britt made a Motion to approve; Brian Davis offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Proclamations & Resolutions -

A. Proclamation 2021-02 - Recognition of Brooks Woman's Club Centenary - Mayor pro tem, Scott Israel, read the Proclamation and presented it to Woman's Club President, Marge Couch. Photographs were also taken of the Woman's Club by the Marker and Sign outside Town Hall.

B. Proclamation 2021-03 - Recognition of April as Brooks Civil War Heritage Month - Mayor pro tem, Scott Israel, read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Lee Mize, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans group.

Public Hearings - Regular Council meeting was closed. Mayor pro tem, Scott Israel, opened the Public Hearing for the following items:

A. Amendment of the Capital Improvement Element and Short-Term Work Program of the Brooks Comprehensive Growth Management Plan - No comments from public or council.

B. Consideration of the Adoption of Resolution to Submit the CIE (Capital Improvement Element) and Short-Term Work Program to the Atlanta Regional Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Review - No comments from public or council.

C. FY2020/21 Budget Amendment - 1st Reading - No comments from public or council.

Public Hearing was closed at this time and the Regular Council Meeting was reopened.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

A. Resolution to submit the Capital Improvement Element and Short-Term Work Program to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the GA Department of Community Affairs for review - List of local work projects submitted to Fayette County to improve local public infrastructure. This will also give permission for Fayette County to submit the list to ARC for approval.

B. FY2020/21 Budget Amendment - Financial Officer, Ellen Walls, presented; more revenue received than originally budgeted due to online sales tax. 2nd Reading will take place in April 2021.

C. 21-054 Concept Plan - 115 Church Alley - Corey Maddock - Mr. Maddock was not in attendance. Informational only; plan reviewed by Council as a favorable option for this property.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - None

Planning and Zoning - No new issues to report, except item C, New Business.

Recreation – D. Holliman was present. Saturday, March 13, 2021 was Opening Day of Baseball Season; no parade, limited activities. Several issues with the baseball fields and surrounding area, including drainage issue, Field 1 sinking, new bathroom/concession stand needed, etc. Consulting with Fayette County and several parents with construction ties. Question asked about the time frame for lights on in the park at night; most should be off by 9pm. Financial report received and distributed.

Clerk's Report - Ms. Bradley states the library is still steady; few new patrons. She has also been working on our new cemetery software and updating the cemetery Rules and Regulations. Council Member, Kay Brumbelow was reminded about virtual Council training coming up March 29 - 31, 2021. The 1st Farmers' Market of 2021 will be Saturday, March 27; looking forward to our 5th season!

Finance Officer's Report - Ellen Walls was present. Financials distributed; currently in good standing. FY2019/20 audit has been completed. Currently working on the revised FY2020/21 budget as well as preparing the FY2021/22 budget.

Manager's Report - Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, states new speed limit signs went up on Huckaby Road. Bicycle Repair Station has been installed outside Town Hall. Signage was reinstalled for the Woman's Club 100th Anniversary. Mr. Ungaro was contacted by the Headmaster of The Foundry School in Peachtree City. An art student is interested in painting a mural on Brooks Station, free of charge to Brooks; consultation will begin in August. A Grant request has been submitted to ARC for funds to support a Rail-Trail project; Fayette County has identified this as a long-term project within their county wide transportation plan. The Annual Georgia Tech Bike Race is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Other - None

Any Other Business - A local resident on Woods Road questioned the use of drones over private property. Scott Israel stated that, while there is no legal authority over "air space", the use of this equipment on or over private property should be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

At this time, the Public present was dismissed for an Executive Session to be called to Order for a Property/Real Estate issue. Council Members voted unanimously to enter into Executive session. After the discussion, being no other business, Mayor pro tem, Scott Israel, closed the Executive Session and entered back into the regular Council Session.

Adjourn - Todd Speer made a Motion to adjourn; Ted Britt seconded this Motion. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk

