

**BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, December 16, 2019**

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

Mayor: Dan Langford, absent

Council member present: Scott Israel, Mayor pro tem
Ted Britt
Brian Davis
Todd Speer
Rick Bell

Council Members Absent: None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, December 16, 2019 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There were no changes or additions needed this evening. Councilman Brian Davis made a Motion to approve our Agenda; Ted Britt offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of Monday, November 18, 2019 were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Councilman Brian Davis made a Motion to approve; Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Proclamations & Resolutions - None

Public Hearing -

A. Budget Amendment FY2018-19 - Second Reading - Financial Officer, Ellen Walls, presented final budget totals for July 2018 through June 2019. This finalized budget will be presented to the town auditor for review. Rick Bell offered a Motion to approve; Ted Britt offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

A. Lot Variance, 126 McIntosh Road (Discussion Only) - Mr. David Lane was present and distributed information to Council concerning property on McIntosh Road. Mr. Lane owns a total of 11.2 acres with 2 houses on the property. He is considering dividing the property and selling the house at 126 McIntosh along with 4 acres of property. This matter will be reviewed by Council and zoning administrator/town manager, Maurice Ungaro. Possible public hearing in January.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford was not present this evening but left a few notes for Mayor pro tem Scott Israel to discuss. There have been complaints about availability of internet providers, especially for homes on the outskirts of Brooks. The USDA is looking into rural areas without service. Mr. Ungaro stated that he doesn't think Brooks would meet the criteria, as we do have services available. Councilman Britt commented that AT&T, one of our main internet providers, may respond to requests for upgraded services. Mayor Langford also asked for an update on complaints about new LED street lights and Gable Road damage. According to Mr. Ungaro, there have been no additional lighting issues. After review of Gable Road, it appears the damage is tree related. The last paving was actually just a top coating, not a full paving. Mayor Langford also stated that he was pleased with our Sidewalk Dedication/Santa/Tree Lighting.

Planning and Zoning - Maurice Ungaro states there are no new issues at this time, only the above discussion with Mr. Lane.

Recreation – Mr. Holliman was present from BAR; financial information was received and distributed. Baseball and Softball registration will begin in January. Town Clerk, Kim Bradley, asked to be kept up to date with the date of annual Baseball Opening Day Parade. We would like to coordinate our Farmers' Market that day and possibly the Spirit Walk in October with BAR related activities.

Clerk's Report - Library has been slow but steady; the holiday season slows things down. Business license paperwork has been mailed and several have been received. Mrs. Bradley reminded everyone that our January and February Council Meetings are each moved back a week due to MLK Day and President's Day. Council Meetings will be Jan. 27th and February 24th, 2020.

Finance Officer's Report - Ellen Walls was present and distributed current financial information to Mayor and Council.

Manager's Report - While our sidewalks are mostly completed, work still remains to be done on paving project and retaining wall next to library. Speed Table is being reviewed by Fayette County; should be done by February. We were all happy with the turnout for Sidewalk Dedication/Tree Lighting/Santa. Homefront Families project has been approved by Fayetteville Mayor; Brooks already sent in a letter of support. Holiday hours will be posted on Town Hall door.

Other - Several comments were made by Brooks citizens about the size of current lanes through downtown Brooks; Mr. Ungaro is aware of this issue and it is being handled as this is just the temporary striping. A question also arose about adding information about former citizen, Gary Pate, whom a section of 85 Connector is named for, on our Brooks website. Mayor Langford was going to obtain/compile information; we will check on status.

Any Other Business - The Town Sidewalk Dedication, Tree Lighting and visit from Santa are scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2019, beginning at 4:30pm. Questions were raised about marking/painting planters in the road for visibility at night. Motion was made by Todd Speer for employee holiday bonuses to continue this year at the same rate as past; Rick Bell offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk

