

BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 25, 2021

Councilwoman Kay Brumbelow led the Invocation; Mayor Langford led the Pledge then called the meeting to order.

Mayor: Dan Langford

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

Council Members Absent: Scott Israel

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, January 25, 2021 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There were no changes or additions needed this evening. Councilman Ted Britt made a Motion to approve our Agenda; Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Minutes of Monday, December 21, 2020, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. Councilman Brian Davis made a Motion to approve both; Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Proclamations & Resolutions -

A. Resolution 2021-01 - Fayette County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, reviewed information. FEMA completed a review of the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan for compliance. FEMA determined that the Plan Update is compliant with Federal standards. Each municipality within Fayette County must pass individual Resolutions to adopt the Plan. Todd Speer made a Motion to approve; Kay Brumbelow offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

B. Proclamation - 2021-01 - Recognition of February as Black History Month - Councilwoman Kay Brumbelow offered a Motion to approve; Ted Britt offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Public Hearings -

A. Zoning Amendment - Town Mixed Use Amendment - 2nd Reading - Maurice Ungaro presented information, both current and proposed changes. Mayor Langford opened the Public Hearing for comment. A question was raised about future sewer upgrades which is not being considered at this time. Any home or business built on available property would need to consider the limited sewer availability. The Public Hearing was closed. Brian Davis offered a Motion to approve this change. Todd Speer offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford stated he has reviewed and discussed the above zoning issue. He also stated that there was a Facebook post about restaurants (or lack of) in Brooks and the Mayor and Council turning down requests. Mayor Langford questioned if this has ever happened, as he does not recall this issue or discussion at all. No one remembered this issue; only letting anyone interested in doing so what the sewer/grease trap requirements would be. Marge Counts, head of the Brooks Womans Club was present; Mayor Langford expressed his desire to discuss the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony with her and cutting down speech time at this event.

Planning and Zoning - No new issues to be reported.

Recreation – D. Holliman was not present. Financial information was received and distributed to Mayor and Council.

Clerk's Report - Ms. Bradley states Councilman Scott Israel is doing well. He was diagnosed with Covid approximately 8 days ago and has had no severe symptoms. Ms. Bradley is currently working on a schedule for the 2021 Farmers' Market season, as well as updating the applications and rules. We will be including several evening Markets since they were so popular last season. Business license renewal is going well; to date, 21 licenses out of 26 from 2020 have been renewed.

Finance Officer's Report - Ellen Walls was not present; Mr. Ungaro presented her financial report to Mayor and Council. LOST and SPLOST funds are still showing increases. Ms. Walls continues to work on the new software and assisting Town Auditor, James Whitaker, with FY2020 audit.

Manager's Report - Town Manager, Maurice Ungaro, was pleased to announce that all 3 surplus items listed for sale through Govdeals.com. The Town received \$4,700 which is equal to approximately 53% of the purchase price of the new mower. Planning some small projects with available LMIG money, including radar speed signals, additional speed cushions & ceramic dome markers for the intersection of Hwy 85 Connector and McIntosh Road. LRA (Local Road Activity) previously listed brooks as having only 2.52 miles of road within town limits. Current reporting has increased this to 12.44 miles which will increase our allotment. Speed limit signs on Huckaby Road will be corrected to show the decreased speed of 35 mph coming toward town. There was also an issue with the homeowner on the corner of Brooks Woolsey Rd and Huckaby Rd parking a tractor trailer on the property. Fayette County has approved a second, safer driveway for the home with parking for the truck that will not impede traffic on either roadway.

Other - None

Any Other Business - Local resident, Don Britt, questioned the Town's contract with AmWaste/Dependable Waste. He spoke with someone at another local company and was told service was not available within the city limits but there are cans from this company in town. Mr. Ungaro has a meeting scheduled with AmWaste/Dependable next week and will discuss the possibility of an exclusive contract.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk