



BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Scott Israel led the Invocation, and Mayor Langford led the Pledge then called the meeting to order.

Mayor: Daniel Langford

Council Member present: Ted Britt
Kay Brumbelow
Brian Davis
Scott Israel
Todd Speer

Absent: None

The proposed Agenda for Monday, February 28, 2022, was emailed to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Todd Speer offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

The proposed Minutes for Monday, January 24, 2022, were provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Scott Israel made a Motion to approve the minutes as presented; Kay Brumbelow offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Langford opened the meeting for Public Hearings.

Butler Variance:

The applicant, Executor of the will, David Butler, would like to create three lots, a division of his 50 +/- acres) with 165 feet of road frontage per lot and is requesting a variance for property located at 186 Butler. Mr. Butler is seeking relief from the 200' to 165' frontage requirement for Residential Agriculture zones property, as the property is being divided between three children. Two homes already exist, with one to be built in the future.

Ordinance 2022-01, once approved, will grant a variance for the road frontage of parcels of real property located between 171 and 186 Butler Road, to provide for severability; to release conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date, and for other purposes. Council Member Scott Israel made a motion to approve; Todd Speer offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Maddock Property – Final Plat:

The property located on Church Alley is being subdivided into three lots (two 1 acre and one 0.72 acre lot). Mr. Maddock asked what number of parcels and what configuration would be acceptable; Council voted on approving three lots, knowing that one lot (with the existing house) would be less than one acre. Brian Davis made a motion to approve, Scott Israel offered a Second motion, the vote was unanimous, all in favor, the motion was passed with easement rights across

Town of Brooks property (existing driveway for Lots 1&2).

There being no further discussions, Mayor Langford closed the Public Hearing.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Local Option Sales Tax Allocations (LOST). O.C.G.A. Sect 48-8-89 requires counties and cities to periodically renegotiate the distribution of revenues received from local option sales tax. Mayor Langford presented that the Fayette County allocations will remain at 48.5% and 51.5% to the qualified municipalities. The Town of Brooks will see an increase from .46% to .47%, with no fluctuation. Todd Speer made a motion to approve the Certificate of Distribution; Ted Britt offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report: Mayor Langford reported on the LOST Certificate of Distribution percentage for the Town of Brooks above. Mayor Langford received an inquiry from the Vanderslice family to possibly have an 800-acre tract (Vanderslice/Padgett property) annexed into the Town of Brooks. Mayor Langford suggested the area could be established with estate lots with 10 to 15-acre tracts. Maurice Ungaro recommended as large as 50 +/- acre tracts. No action or vote needs to be taken at this time.

Planning and Zoning: Maurice Ungaro stated the Comp Plan/Steering Committee questionnaire had received 230 responses, primarily online and approximately 60% from outside the town limits but within the Brooks zip code. Maurice Ungaro stated he is hopeful to see a draft review of the responses next month and will keep the Council posted.

Recreation: Darby Holliman was present at the meeting and reminded everyone that the baseball/softball opening day is Saturday, March 12, 2022. Darby addressed the hunting equipment found on the town property at the last BAR Board meeting and stated that the Board agreed that no one should be doing that type of activity on the property. Mayor Langford and all Council Members informed Darby that the hunting equipment would not be returned until an in-person on public record apology was made to the Mayor and Council. Council suggested that the lease agreement for 2022 should have an amendment stating no hunting, archery, ax throwing, and target shooting practice would be allowed on BAR property.

Deputy Clerk's Report: Ms. Bradley stated she is continuing to update the Lexile numbers, working on a request from the auditor, and looks forward to the first Brooks Market Day on March 26, 2022.

Finance Officer's Report: The financial information was distributed. Lorey Spohr reviewed the report; LOST and SPLOST are at an increase over the same time last year. SPLOST YTD over this time last year is at an increase of 5%, and LOST YTD over this time last year is at an increase of 4.94%.

Manager's Report: Maurice Ungaro reported the water main break at the intersection of Price Rd and Hwy 85 Connector was repaired quickly, and the resultant hole was eventually patched by the County Road Department. The dip in the payment going into the lower parking area of the baseball field was repaired by the County Road Department when they patched the water main break on Price Rd.

Any Other: None

Any Other Business: Public question regarding the Brooks Elementary school sign still posted on Highway 85 Connector. It was suggested to replace it with a Liberty Tech school sign and add school zone signs. Maurice Ungaro to coordinate with County regarding the school signs/zone. Ted Britt asked what it would take to have additional law presence regarding speeding in the Town of Brooks. Maurice Ungaro stated that there had been an additional presence in the past month. Mayor and Council discussed at length the speeding concerns in the Town of Brooks. Scott Israel said that the Sheriff's department is understaffed and is presently receiving new applications and is hoping to be back up to full staff in six months to a year. The new speed signs will be installed in the near future, along with the solar traffic signs. Maurice Ungaro would like to amend the Town of Brooks Public Works budget in the near future. Council Member Kay Brumbelow raised a question on behalf of a resident regarding the use of fireworks for an event at the Town of Brooks baseball field. Kay Brumbelow will notify the resident to contact A. Godby of Fayette County for the guidelines regarding fireworks.

Adjourn: There being no further business to discuss this evening, Council Member Todd Speer offered a Motion to adjourn; Scott Israel offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorey Spohr
Town Clerk