



BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Kay Brumbelow 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
Todd Speer

Absent: Scott Israel

The proposed Agenda for Monday, March 21, 2022, was emailed to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. At the meeting, Maurice Ungaro requested an item be added to the agenda under New Business, Septic System Update. Council Member Ted Britt made a Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition; Todd Speer offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

The proposed Minutes for Monday, February 28, 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: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Budget Amendment: Maurice Ungaro requested the budget amendment be tabled until July 2022.

Septic System Update: Robert Shockley, of Shockley Plumbing and the Town Septic System Operator, provided an estimate on the sewer extension. The estimate would be replacing 6" lines with 8" lines, boring under Hwy 85 Connector at Price Rd. This would add service to the west side of town and going north could provide septic service to five or six more lots. Robert Shockley stated the costs to do the extension are going up and his current estimate of \$160k is price stable for the moment. Maurice Ungaro stated that adding a third tank going up Hwy 85 could add service to ten to twelve lots, with an estimated additional cost of \$18,000. Council Member Ted Britt asked how much it would affect the mess near the baseball field, Robert Shockley replied that it would not be affected; it would be on the west side of the tee-ball field. Council Member Brian Davis asked about the cost-benefit to the town to pick up four houses. Council Member Ted Britt asked how long it would take the town to recoup the estimated \$160k investment and instead of the septic system improvement do a freshwater treatment update. Maurice Ungaro said the estimated cost of the freshwater update from six years ago was \$3M. The updates to the septic system could be done using ARPA funds due to be received in May 2022. After additional lengthy discussions, Mayor Langford stated there wasn't enough information available as of this evening to make a

decision.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report: Mayor Langford reported the Mayor of Peachtree City, Kim Learnard has scheduled a meeting at Peachtree City Hall with the Fayette and Coweta County's Mayors and City Managers in order for them to get to know each other and learn more about each other's cities. Mayor Langford presented to the Council via email a Resolution he received from Mayor Learnard to oppose HB1093 and SB494. HB1093 and SB494 would put limitations on a city's authority to make housing, land use, and zoning decisions within a local government's geographical boundaries. Mayor Langford suggested Council adopt the resolution or one similar to it as our own. Mayor Langford stated if Council believed the resolution would benefit the town it could be discussed further and voted on during the "Any Other Business" section of this meeting.

Planning and Zoning: Maurice Ungaro stated the new construction on Hwy 85 Connector is progressing and he has reviewed the plans for the refurbishment of Hwy 85 Connector and Price Rd.

Recreation: No one was present to represent BAR. The financials were received.

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Spohr stated she is logging complaints regarding speeding, traffic, and large trucks.

Deputy Clerk's Report: Ms. Bradley stated the first Brooks Market Day will be this Saturday, March 26, 2022, and the WhiteWater High School Guitar ensemble concert is on March 29, 2022, at the Brooks Chapel.

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 7.37%, and LOST YTD over this time last year is at an increase of 9.18%.

Manager's Report: Maurice Ungaro reported he is waiting on an additional quote, from Piedmont Paving, for the repair of the gutter and storm drain on the east curb of Hwy 85 Connector at the Vitali residence. Once that has been received, the contract can be awarded to Piedmont Paving for the installation of the two additional speed tables and 8" ceramic domes on the gore striping at the intersection of McIntosh Rd and Hwy 85 Connector. Council Member Brian Davis asked where the speed tables would be installed, in which Maurice Ungaro stated one would be located near the Fire Station on the 85 Connector and one on McIntosh Rd near the Brooks Station and cemetery. Maurice Ungaro reported that the DCA has notified the Town of Brooks that our adoption of the recent annual update to the CIE has secured the continuation of our QLG status. This honor allows us to continue to collect state-funded grants as well as support from DCA and ARC. Maurice Ungaro reported the Town of Brooks staff has poured the concrete slab for the water fountain; the goal is to have the fountain installed and functional by the end of the week, in time for the first Brooks Market Day.

Any Other: None

Any Other Business: A resident complained about the 18 wheelers going through town and asked if signage would be helpful. Maurice Ungaro suggested the resident contact Lee Hearn, Chairman and County Commissioner of Fayette County to express his concerns about the large trucks

commuting through the town.

Mayor Langford asked the Council to consider the approval of the Resolution to oppose HB1093 and SB494. Council Member Todd Speer motioned to create the resolution mirroring PTC Resolution #2022-01 and authorize Mayor Langford to sign it. Council Member Ted Britt offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Mayor Langford adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m. to begin the Executive Session. Mayor Langford adjourned the Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Adjourn: There being no further business to discuss this evening, Council Member Brian Davis offered a Motion to adjourn; Kay Brumbelow offered a Second motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorey Spohr
Town Clerk