

**BROOKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 17, 2020**

Councilman Scott Israel led the Invocation; Mayor Langford then led the pledge and called the meeting to order.

Mayor: Dan Langford

Council member present: Scott Israel
Ted Britt
Brian Davis
Todd Speer

Council Members Absent: None

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Agenda for Monday, August 17, 2020 was provided via email to the Mayor and Council Members for review. There were no changes or additions needed this evening. Councilman Scott Israel 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, June 15, 2020 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.

Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed Executive Session Minutes of Monday, June 15, 2020 were also provided 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 - Resolution 2020-03, noted in New Business.

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Fayette County - Special Election - Document must be signed to allow Fayette County to conduct the Town of Brooks' general election in November 2020 and any/all run-off voting needed. Councilman Scott Israel offered a Motion to approve; Brian Davis offered a Second. Vote was unanimous, all in favor.

B. 2020 Tax Digest - Millage Rate Discussion - Finance Officer, Ellen Walls, presented information concerning the Town of Brooks current Millage Rate along with a list of current and future needs within the Town. Recommendation is to increase the Millage Rate to 1 Mill and dedicate .25 for Capital Improvements within the Town. Mayor Langford and Council are in agreement; 3 public meetings must be held before voting.

C. Resolution #2020-03 - Adopt the Fayette County Report on Fire Services Impact Fees, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Capitol Improvements Element & Short-Term Work Program - Councilman Todd Speer offered a Motion to sign; Ted Britt offered a Second. Voting was unanimous, all in favor.

Committee Reports (if any):

Mayor's Report - Mayor Langford stated he has been in touch locally with many phone calls; no meetings or information to discuss.

Planning and Zoning - Maurice Ungaro states there have been several inquiries into the property at 126 McIntosh Road but no current rezoning requests.

Recreation – Mr. Holliman was present from BAR. Spring softball and baseball were cancelled. The COVID shutdown allowed for several projects to be completed including purchase of mowers (with EMC grant), bathroom renovation, painting, etc. Football season is underway; fall baseball/softball signups ongoing. Lots of extra sanitizing and precautions taken.

Clerk's Report - Library has been fairly steady; several new families coming in, mostly for children's books for home schooling lessons. Our Farmers' Market has had great attendance; next sale is this Saturday, Aug. 22nd.

Finance Officer's Report - Ellen Walls was present. Presentation made during Tax Digest/Millage Rate discussion.

Manager's Report - Mr. Ungaro had several items to discuss. The Gable Road title search is complete; report has been forwarded to the surveyor to adjust previously completed work. Fayette County resurfaced sections of 3 roadways in the area with "micro paving". If this method works well, it will be used on other roads in the area. In an effort to control local speeding, we are looking at adding more speed limit signs, aligning speed limit signs, as well as a speed cushion for the downtown business section of 85 Connector. The cemetery is still undergoing upgrades, cleaning up items left behind and adjusting lot markers with marble chips for easier visibility.

A local boy scout installed a handicapped swing in the playground at Aubrey Evans/Brooks Park. While this was a wonderful gesture, the project was not approved by the County; the swing will remain closed until properly inspected to ensure compliance with ADA codes and requirements. Mr. Ungaro is also working with BAR to rectify an issue with garbage cans in the parking areas of the ball fields.

On Saturday, Aug. 22nd, Topview Sports is holding the Brooks Road Race (bicycles). The base camp will once again be Liberty Tech Charter School. Races should begin around 8am and finish around 2pm. The sheriff's department will be directing traffic with "rolling" closures as the bicyclists pass through.

The Brooks Chapel had a window broken sometime this past Friday evening/Saturday morning. A sheriff's department report was filed; looking into some type of security camera. We are also landscaping in front of Hardy Hall and the Chapel, along the walkways. 15mph speed limit signs have been ordered for Church Alley to slow traffic in the area.

Mr. Ungaro will be out of the office Monday, August 24 - Wednesday, August 26, 2020, to attend the final Town Management Course and Graduation from the UGA Certified Public Manager Program.

Other - None

Any Other Business - None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bradley, Town Clerk