

TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS

Members present; F. Rich, R. Davis, S. Prosser, -R. Newman, A. Wynn and Attorney Hall.

2. INVOCATION; FRED RICH

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING.

Motion made by Councilman Wynn to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM DECEMBER MEETING.

Councilman Rich apologized for not having a comparison ready. He reported on the Property Tax collections through the 7th of January. The due date for taxes is January 9, 2004. Motion made by Councilman Newman to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

5. OATH OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Grooms welcomed Judge Lee DeLoach and asked him to administer the oath for Mayor Grooms, Councilman Russell Davis, seat # 2 and Councilman Randy Newman, seat #1.

6. RECOGNITION OF GUEST
BARNEY SINEATH;

1. Councilmembers completing their two year term can go home now. It was his understanding the Mayor was supposed to swear in the Council Members. Mr. Sineath also questioned the requirements on plurality voting.

2. Mr. Sineath inquired about building permits on David Raith, Joe Grooms, Little Bethel Church and Discount Food. He was advised that David Raith had a permit. Joe Grooms, Hwy. 80 East had dirt brought to the lot where he plans to construct a metal building, but not required to have the permit thus far. Discount Food had a roofing job done. Little Bethel Church put siding on and replaced routine boards outside {cosmetic}, no permit required.

3. Charter; All members were provided a copy of correspondence from Mr. Sineath. Subject: Local Legislation to introduce a New Charter for Brooklet, Georgia.

4. Downtown Development; Mr. Sineath seems to think the Downtown Development project has been abandoned. Three 'business are moving to the outskirts of town.

5. Business License for contractors having no home occupation type work such as Electrical and Plumbing Contractors, Painting Contractors, why do they need a Brooklet Business License?

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS;
COUNCILMAN RICH, No report.

COUNCILMAN DAVIS, Too soon.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER, The garbage truck has been back in the shop for repairs. A discussion was held considering a purchase of a new garbage truck, what type of cans are used for the one arm truck and other information. Councilman Newman will talk to City of Statesboro to get information needed.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN, There is a dumpster and a portable toilet at the old cafeteria site. Councilman Newman will meet with Bob Hook and a crew leader next Tuesday to start demolition work. Councilman Newman presented samples of signs for Southeast Bulloch High State Championship Teams. He went to Action Signs and they will do three signs for a total of \$75.00. Councilman Newman made a motion to purchase the three signs for \$75.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes. Mayor Grooms spoke with Jack Hill who offered to help with labor for the cafeteria work. Councilman Newman feels the council members would do a good job as general contractors and sub out the jobs. Attorney Hall advised w@ should review our insurance policy and coverage for general contractors and the inmates.

COUNCILMAN WYNN. No report.

CHIEF MUNDY presented a brief report of activities. Two cars are now equipped with new cameras, to be paid for with Grant money. He is still seeking a candidate for a Police Officer.

8. OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL.

1. BIDS ON TRUCKS for the water department.

Rozier Ford; 2004 F 150 - 772 work truck;

V 6 \$13,762.20 V 8 \$14,582.20

Franklin Chevrolet; 2004 cc15703

V 6 \$13,999.00 V 8 \$14,432.20

Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the bid from Franklin Chevrolet Co. and purchase the V-8 Chevrolet. for \$14,432.20. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

2. SIGN ORDINANCE. There is a question concerning the changeable copy sign ordinance. Councilwoman Prosser read from Section 8-9 (A) # 1 The Changeable Copy portion of the sign shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the overall display surface area of the sign. She feels everyone is having a problem with this. Attorney Hall thinks it could be hard to identify what the display service area means. Councilman Newman advised he did not have a problem with deleting line # 1 from the Ordinance. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to amend section 8-9- A to delete line # 1. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes. This will be the first reading. Second reading scheduled for February 19th meeting.

3. REVIEW OF EVALUATION FORMS for Engineering and Grant Administrator for the C D B G Project. Following the review, Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the application from Statewide Engineering to be the engineer for the C D B G project and also for the Grant Administrator. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO KEEP BULLOCH BEAUTIFUL. Mrs. Doris Minnick has resigned from Keep Bulloch Beautiful committee and Brooklet needs to appoint another representative. Names mentioned; Sandy Sanders, Eva Jean Hendrix, Wendy Walker, Pete Moon, and Bill DeChristopher. These people will be contacted. Mayor Grooms would like to have a plaque for Mrs. Minnick.

9. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2804	
Planning & Zoning	Randy Newman
Streets & Roads	Russell Davis
Police Commission	Randy Newman
Finance & Newsletter	Fred Rich
Sanitation	Sylvia Prosser
Water Department	Aubrey Wynn

10. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nomination and vote for Mayor Pro tempore 2004. Mayor Grooms said it moved around the table and he would like for it to move stay in the same position for another year and then we would move around. Motion made by Councilman Rich to have Councilwoman Prosser as Mayor Pro tempore for another year. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

2. Appointments for;

Municipal Court Judge	Lovett Bennett
City Attorney	J. Michael Hall
City Marshall	Chief Mundy
City Clerk/Treasurer	Belle Gay
City Accountant	Franklin, Mikell & Deal

11. DISCUSSION AND MOTION to allow Attorney Hall to proceed with the condemnation process for the Julius Circle paving project. Councilman Wynn made a motion to authorize Attorney Hall to file a petition to condemn the properties on Julius Circle Lot # 2, Sara Elizabeth Howard (Freddie Howard) and lot # 3 Estate of Spurgeon Eason (Robert). Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes. Chief Mundy had previously discussed the Junk Vehicle Ordinance with Mr. Clifton and asked Attorney Hall if he had any information on this. They plan to review this in the near future.

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Attorney Hall discussed the letter of October 23, 2003, from Edenfield, Cox, Bruce and Classens, P. C., concerning the Cortez D. Tremble residence on Railroad Street between Highway 80 and Mallard Street. They hope to resolve the issue by having the town execute a quit claim deed relinquishing any claim they may have to the 15' ROW. This property is to be sold to Susan Cox and donated to Habitat for Humanity and they need additional frontage on the property. The Town needs to authorize Attorney Hall to resolve this issue. Councilman Davis and Attorney Hall will look at the property. Motion was made by Councilman Newman for Attorney Hall to handle this matter in whatever it takes to resolve this matter. Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes ..

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Rich and seconded by Councilman Newman passed with all ayes.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 19 AT 7:00 P M.