

:OUNCIL MEETING

TOWN OF BROOKLET
APRIL 15, 2004

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER. Joe Grooms

Council Members present; F. Rich, R, Davis, S. Prosser, R. Newman and Attorney Hall. Councilman Wynn and Chief Mundy were absent.

2. INVOCATION. Attorney Hall

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, MINUTES.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Councilman Rich gave a brief summary of balances. Most revenues from Taxes and Franchise fees have been collected for this year. More repairs are being done to the garbage truck. The Mayor, Belle and Councilman Rich met this week for a brief review of the 2004/2005 Budget. Mayor Grooms presented a check for \$1,500.00 from the Cemetery Fund. Councilman Rich made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. and passed with all ayes.

5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST.

DOT ROEBUCK reports that the C D A would like to do something which would involve help from all citizens of Brooklet. They would like to have a reception for Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bohler on his retirement. This will not be a C D A function & not a City function. The host will be the people of Brooklet. Each Church will be asked to inform people of the reception and to appoint people to bring finger foods. Each business in Brooklet will be contacted for donations.

The date is set for Saturday, June 12, 2004 in the Community Building at the Brooklet Recreation Department. Councilman Newman made a motion the Town of Brooklet adopt a resolution to declare June 12, 2004 "Dr. and Mrs. Co E. Bohler Day." Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

BARNEY SINEATH reviewed some bills from Attorney Hall. Attorney Hall responded to Mr. Sineaths' comments by saying the letter went out concerning rates. Our deal is \$125.00 per hour with no increase for this year. The billing program was changed in January 2004. These bills will be reviewed and corrected as needed.

JACK LOWE, Lane Street Station addition.
Mr. Lowe did not attend this meeting, but he had attended on February 20, 2003 to present the layout. Councilman Newman questioned the area being located in the Flood Zone. They looked at the Flood Zone Map. Councilman Rich advised we need to be very careful about allowing any building in the flood hazard zone. The map was reviewed but did not show it in a flood area. Attorney Hall feels when Mr. Lowe is ready to start, the sketch plans should be presented to the Planning Commission for approval. Then they should look at the preliminary plat which shows the engineers and other information. Councilman Rich says it shows a power line going through some lots, also ponds in the back.

Mayor Grooms asked Hinton Newman if they were here to address council. Mr. Newman advised council of the fire at his rental house and 409 Hwy 80 East. He was interested in the Mobile Home Rules. They have looked at a 1994 model home. He was advised of the ordinance which states a mobile home over 7 years old cannot be brought into the city limits of Brooklet unless you applied for a variance. Councilman Rich advised this area is zoned R-1, so they would also have to ask for a re-zone to R-3. Councilman Newman said he and Belle would discuss the situation.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

COUNCILMEN RICH advised all members to get ready to review the budget F Y E 2005.

COUNCILMAN DAVIS; The place in front of the school was repaired while school was out for spring break. Woods Paving Company repaired the sinking spot for \$650.00. Billy is working on a list of tools needed for the shop. Councilman Newman advised we needed a surveyors' level kit. This was discussed earlier in the year.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER knows the garbage truck has been in the shop and hopes we can get it fixed for a back up truck. Mayor Grooms advised they got the truck back yesterday, but it still has a leak and will go back to the shop. Councilwoman Prosser advised she may be out for a while, as she has plans for surgery May 3rd in Augusta.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN had three signs for the South East Bulloch School ready to go up on each end of Hwy 80 and one out near the School. He presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County and the Mayor and Council of the Town of Brooklet. This agreement is for one year whereby the county will utilize Geographic Information System ("GIS") that is capable of providing various layers of computer-generated information concerning real property, including but not limited to zoning information. Last month there was a discussion about the drainage problem on the west end of town. Councilman Newman talked with Kirk Tatum and D. O. T. and they do not have the equipment or manpower to do the job. Kirk suggested we go with E. M. C. or Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung Engineering Company to get quotes. The quotes will be presented at the May meeting. Councilman Wynn and Councilman Newman met at the cafeteria building and Mr. Wynn asked about allowing him to supervise the P & E work, maybe use county inmate labor to do small jobs. There would be a fee for his services. Attorney Hall advised the charter would state this was a conflict of interest. 2-12 Page 13. They will get three bids for the P & E work.

CHIEF MUNDY was absent but had provided a written report for council.

7. OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL.

1. RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE GEORGIA CITIES WEEK.
APRIL 18-24, 2004

Councilman Rich made a motion to adopt the resolution as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

2. AMENDMENT TO THE METAL BUILDING ORDINANCE.

Councilman Newman had checked with Statesboro and other cities concerning a metal building ordinance, but they do not have one. Councilwoman Prosser feels the plans for a metal building should be presented to zoning and if it is something not agreeable, they can correct this before a permit is issued. Mr. Grooms asked Mr. DeChristopher if he had any comments. As a member of Planning & Zoning Commission, he feels there should be a charge made for the application, because of the advertising and paperwork involved. He does not think the City should have to pay for these charges without charging the applicant. Also we need to have guidelines to follow.

Councilman Newman made a motion to leave the Metal Building Ordinance as written except to delete the last sentence of Article 3- 28.8. "ALL FEES FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR A METAL BUILDING ARE WAIVED". The applicant is to pay the \$150.00 fee and have a hearing with Planning & Zoning and council for approval. The plans will be approved before a building permit is issued. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes. This will be submitted to P & Z and if acceptable, the advertisement will be done for the first and second reading by council.

3. CORRESPONDENCE FROM BARNEY SINEATH to appeal the zoning decision of February 19th. This rezone request was withdrawn by Mrs. Grooms on April 7, 2004.

4. WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FROM GLORIA GROOMS.

Councilman Rich advised she should still have a survey done for future purposes. Councilman Rich made a motion for council to rescind the decision of approval for the zoning request made February 19, 2004. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

DO WE STILL WANT TO CHANGE OTHER PROPERTIES ZONED I-ION E. LEE STREET? (Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Pollard, and City of Brooklet vacant lot). Councilman Newman asked if we wanted to drop the plans to make these properties R-1. Councilman Rich advised that if they decide to sell the property, there will be a problem at that time. Attorney Hall advised if it is more appropriate as residential, rather than wait, it might be best to resolve the issue. Mr. DeChristopher feels it is better to start the process before the problems start. Kennedy and Pollard have been notified of our plans, so we will wait to hear from them to start the process of advertising and public hearings. Councilman Rich made a motion that we proceed with rezoning these three lots from I-I to R-1. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes. Mayor Grooms asked to leave Ms. Grooms house as it is "Commercial". Councilman Rich advised it would be Ms. Grooms responsibility to ask for a rezone to R-1 if and when she choses to do so.

5. LOOK AT WATER & GARBAGE RATES.

Councilman Newman advised we need to have a called meeting for the budget and we could review rates at this time. A date of May 6, 2004 was set. Councilman Newman made a motion to table the discussion of water & garbage rates until the called meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

6. QUOTE FROM E. M. C. ENGINEERING SERVO INC.

The quote presented was reviewed by Attorney Hall and Council members. Councilman Newman thinks we need more quotes. He will ask Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung and another company.

7. DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR THE NEXTELL TOWER.

Advertising for a Public Hearing will be done in order for council to have a Public Hearing on May 6, 2004 for the Variance Request made by American Tower Company.

Mayor Grooms asked for a motion to adjourn the regular session to go in to Executive Session for a discussion of condemnation of the S. E. Bulloch Junior High School. Motion made by Councilman Rich, seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

Mayor Grooms called the regular session back to order. Motion made to adjourn by Councilwoman Prosser, seconded by Councilman Davis.

GEORGIA CITIES WEEK
APRIL 18 - 24, 2004

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKLET RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 18 - 24, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of Its many responsibilities: and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF BROOKLET DECLARES APRIL 18 - 24 AS GEORGIA CITIES WEEK.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF BROOKLET ENCOURAGES ALL CITIZENS, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THIS WEEK IS RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ACCORDINGLY.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Brooklet.

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