

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS

2. INVOCATION; COUNCILMAN DAVIS

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES.

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

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Councilman Rich reviewed the bank balances and reported the income from Property Taxes, Northland Cable Franchise Fees and Home owners Tax Relief Grant money from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division. Pittsburgh Tank Co. was paid for two years on the maintaince agreement for the water tank. Councilman Rich made a motion to accept the reports. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

S. RECOGNITION OF GUEST;

1. BARNEY SINEATH; PARKING SPACES ON THE PROPERTY OF THE THREE METAL BUILDINGS ON HIGHWAY 80 E.

Mr. Sineath spoke on how confusing the zoning is on the parking spaces: Section 7-8.25. According to the ordinance, they are about 45 to 75 spaces short and the end building is doing an addition. There is a possibility we need to address the parking spaces in the ordinance. If the Zoning Ordinance is unreasonable, it should be modified. Mr. Sineath again brought up the Dorsey Property needing a buffer between his property and Mr. Bakers, which is residential but looks commercial. Councilman Rich advised the Baker property is a non-conforming use and is grandfathered in. Dorsey came in after the new zoning ordinance. Councilman Newman brought up the parking lot of the Landmark Holiness Church. Mr. Butler sent in a reply in response to the letter he received from the Town of Brooklet. He apologized for not being in compliance with the ordinance. They hope to have the parking lot done by the end of this year. Councilman Newman suggested we give them 90 days to have the parking lot paved. (3,500 sq. ft. bldg. /150 sq. ft. equals 23 parking spaces.) Councilman Newman made a motion we send Landmark Holiness Church another letter to be in compliance by June 1, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

True Visions letter has been sent again. Dorsey Property was grandfathered, no construction done and no lot size change. Mr. Sineath advised he had one other item on the agenda: Remarks on the bill from Mr. Hulsey. He stated he did not owe this bill. Mr. Hulsey had an agreement with Mr. Hall that he was representing the Town of Brooklet. Councilman Wynn thinks a Text Amendment needs to be done if you have to have a building permit or lot modification to require a parking lot.

Discussion on the log cabin:

Wayne Carson responded to our letter, advising he had plans for the future of the property as a whole. Councilman Newman suggested we send him a warning letter with definite plans to be completed within 45 days or a citation will be written. Councilman Wynn asked about the run down house on Railroad Street next to the Little Bethel Church. He wants to add old business section back to the agenda.

Remarks on the bill from Mr. Hulsey in the amount of \$600.00 which Attorney Hall sent noting the City needed to pay. The fee is for one of the assessors selected to analyze the pending condemnation and form an opinion of value regarding the old school on Railroad Street. Mr. Hulsey sent the bill to Mr. Hall who then called Mr. Hulsey to send the bill to Mr. Sineath, hoping he would pay, but continued to assure Mr. Hulsey, if Sineath did not pay, the City of Brooklet would take care of this. Mr. Sineath does not intend to pay the bill. We will just wait this on out.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

1. COUNCILMAN RICH had no further report.

2. COUNCILMAN DAVIS presented copies of a tractor broom attachment price list, and a copy of a letter from Southern Sweepers informing us of their price increase beginning February 1, 2005. Councilman Newman made a motion to discontinue the service with Southern Sweepers. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all eyes. Councilman Davis presented a proposal from Perkins Concrete to remove and replace 3,190 sq ft of the sidewalk on Parker Avenue, Downtown. Also a proposal from Georgia Power Co. to install four decorative street light poles along the west side of Parker Avenue. This project will proceed as the New City Hall is complete. Councilman Davis will start on the process on the plans but not spend any money yet.

3. COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER has looked at a catalog today of pretty garbage trucks.

4. COUNCILMAN NEWMAN gave a quick report on the progress at City Hall. He had bids to have two trees cut and the stumps ground, no clean up. Larry Floyd \$1,200.00, Lewis \$1,200.00 and Harville \$1,800.00. Councilman Newman made a motion to go with Larry Floyd's bid to cut the trees, grind the stumps, load it on the city truck for employees to discard. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes. Councilman Newman presented a bid from Howard Building Center for door knobs, dead bolts, door closers, pull and push, door stops and kick plates, for a total price of \$813.27. Councilman Wynn made a motion to accept the bid from Howards. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes. Councilman Newman showed a floor sample for the meeting room at the new City Hall. He had also talked to Debbie Waters about colors. She will work with us to choose matching colors for the price of \$100.00. Motion made by Councilman Newman to allow Debbie to co-ordinate the color scheme. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich ant passed with all ayes.

5. COUNCILMAN WYNN plans to start up a program for water system improvements in the near future.

6. CHIEF MUNDY did not attend the meeting but Councilman Newman and he are in the process of sending a request to DOT to do a study on Highway 80 and Parker, to replace the caution light with a traffic light.

7. OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY HALL.

1. Proposal from Sammy Glisson to cut the grass at the cemetery. Mr. Glisson sent in a bid to go from a previous price of \$310.00 to \$325.00. Councilman Rich made a motion to accept the bid of \$325.00 from Mr. Glisson. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

2. Signature of the Bulloch Telephone Ordinance. Mayor Grooms signed the new ordinance with the changes being made.

3. Discussion on Bill DeChristopher. Councilman Newman and Councilman Rich had discussed with Bill the job responsibility of the proposed position, "Assistant Zoning Administrator. " A copy of the job description was passed out. This job calls for the person to go to the property site, building and wherever to check for compliances of ordinances also perform routine patrols of the City Limits for nuisance violations.

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Belle Gay, Zoning Administrator will handle in office paperwork. Mr. DeChristopher will be paid \$500.00 per month. He feels it would not be a good idea to start out too strong and get a lot of people irritated. Mr. DeChristopher will have to be replaced on the Zoning Commission. Charles Mallard attended the meeting and Mayor Grooms thought he would be a good one for the Zoning Commission. Councilman Wynn feels we should submit the names from the last member selection. They were: Wendy Walker, Kevin McDonald, Norman Schmidt and William Powell.

A motion was made by Councilman Newman to have Mr. DeChristopher begin duties of Assistant Zoning Administrator beginning March 1, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Rich, seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.