

MARCH 17, 2005

TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS
MEMBERS PRESENT; Mayor Grooms, Councilman Rich,
Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Prosser, Councilman Newman,
Councilman Newman and Attorney Hube.
2. INVOCATION; COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER
3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES.
Councilman Wynn made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion
seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.
4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
Councilman Rich presented the account balance from general
fund and water fund. He reported on the Franchise Tax fees
from Farmers & Merchant Bank, Bulloch Telephone Co., and
Georgia Power Co. Motion made by Councilman Rich to accept
the Financial Statements. Motion seconded by Councilman
Davis and passed with all ayes.
5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST;
 1. Mr. Romaine Bradford presented his plans and need
for the Sherwood Railroad Right of Way from the Town of
Brooklet. He would like to close off the Highway 80 entrance
going to the City Landfill and give the City a 40 foot paved
easement off of Parker Avenue at the back side of the
property. This would give them adequate set backs on the
front & allow enough room on the back to put in a good buffer
and noise barrier. Mr. Bradford is willing to pay a fair
market price for the right of way and will also give the city
the 40 foot paved easement off of Parker Ave. Councilman
Davis feels the land use could be an even trade off.
Councilman Rich asked attorney Hube if he had any advice on
the buying and or trading of the properties. Attorney Hube
had no opinion at this time. Councilman Wynn asked if the
City would be required to maintain the easement. Mr.
Bradford advised the easement maintaince would be included in
their property maintaince. Councilman Davis made a motion to
do a Quit Claim Deed for the Sherwood Railway right of way to
Mr. Romaine Bradford in exchange for the easement rights on
the North end of the property in the amount of \$1.00 upon
the completion of Attorney paperwork. Attorney Hube's only
concern was what the title work reveals and if any problems
arise, they will have to be dealt with. He will review the
papers with Mr. Jones. Motion was seconded by Councilman
Rich and passed with all ayes.

page 2
3/17/05

2. BARNEY SINEATH; Subjects on Zoning.
He feels some of the zoning requirements need to be looked into, such as four zoning members. Councilman Newman advised Mr. Sineath that the ordinance calls for four members on the board and one Chairman who is the Zoning Administrator. Three members and a chairman must be present for a quorum. Mr Sineath understands SPLOST check book is controlled by the county and he wonders why Brooklet does not maintain the check book. Councilman Rich advised him that Belle maintained the records of expenditures and reimbursements which should be sufficient, and this was the way the agreement was written. Mr. Sineath's other question was how the city plans on furnishing the new city hall. Mayor Grooms says we are working on money from other sources that helped us get started out on this project.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

COUNCILMAN RICH. no further report.
COUNCILMAN DAVIS had received quotes from Georgia Power Co. for proposed relocation of Georgia Power lines and poles in Downtown Brooklet. Option A: \$32,157.00 and Option B: \$43,742.00. Either cost will have to be paid in advance. These quotes are valid for 90 days. Councilman Rich advised we had money in the bank, but not included in the budget. Councilman Rich and Belle will look at the budget and see if anything can be worked out. Councilman Davis reported on the LARP project to be done next month on West Lane Street from Parker to Cromley Road. The sidewalk in front of the Baptist Church needs to be repaired by the city before they get here. There was a discussion on several needed street repairs. Councilman Davis will make a list of these repairs. Councilman Newman made a motion to spend up to \$4,000.00 for street repairs. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER; No Report

page 3
3/17/05

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN presented quotes for work to be done at the new City Hall. Advantage Construction Services for paving parking lot, sidewalks, striping and signs, \$46,762.00. Install two 25' poles with concrete bumper bases and metal halide cut off parking lot fixtures to meet safety codes, \$3,562.00. Sprinkler System \$4,950.00. Total for completion \$55,274.00.

Georgia Power presented a quote to install four 150 Watt high pressure sodium post top lights, install four 20 ft bronze fiberglass poles. Install all conductors underground. Up front cost \$1,560.00 and a monthly cost of \$44.96. Councilman Rich made a motion to go with the Georgia Power bid of \$1,560.00 to install four 150 watt lights. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

Paving the parking lot. Advantage Construction Services, \$46,762.00 and Ellis Wood Contracting Company quote; Option one, \$25,770.00 and option two \$33,100.00. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept Ellis Wood Contracting Co. quote of option 2 for \$33,100.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes. Floor Covering; Council Chambers will be wood floor, also the foyer, entrance, and hallways. Carpet will be in the Mayor's office, Conference room, offices, and council office. Statesboro Floor Covering \$16,000.00.

The Warehouse \$22,846.98, Baxley Carpet, Best Laminate, \$14,460.00; better Laminate, \$15,500.00.

Councilman Rich made a motion to go with the bid from Statesboro Floor Covering Serv. of \$16,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes. Quotes on insulation in the attic.

H & H Insulation Service, Inc. R-30 ceiling \$2,731.00. Keith Loveday and CO., R-30 Attic \$3,800.00. Teddy Parker and Co. R-30 Insulation \$2,825.00. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the quote in insulation from H & H insulation Serv. for R-30 ceiling in the amount of \$2,731.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

Quotes on Cabinets; Cooks Cabinets and Installation \$35,000.00. Chris's Custom Cabinets \$32,000.00. Shurling Cabinet Shop \$30,105.50, not including kitchen and they will not be able to start until after the middle of July. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the quote from Chris's cabinets for \$32,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

Quotes on Brooklet City Hall sign. Action Signs nine inch letters, \$331.00. Bo Knows Signs, nine inch letters, \$600.00 Reliable Signs and Graphix, nine inch letters \$555.00 installed on the building. Councilman Rich made a motion to go with Action Signs bid on nine inch letters price of \$331.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

Quotes on a Flag pole. Hemco, Inc. 25' pole with all hardware, 4x6 American Flag and 4x6 State Flag, complete and installed, \$1,638.00. Savannah Sails and Rails, aluminum 25' pole and 2 flags, \$1,065.00. Betsy Ross, 25' aluminum, not installed, \$545.00, including 4x6 U.S. flag. Councilman Newman had checked with Billy Taylor about doing the installation and they think they can do it. A decision on this was postponed for a later date. Councilman Newman reported that Mayor Grooms had some quotes on some shutters, but there was a discussion with Debbie Waters on this and she feels the way the windows are framed and off set, it is not necessary to have shutters. Mayor Grooms does not agree. There will be a called meeting to go to the building with a set of shutters and make a decision. No quote was given on the shutters.

COUNCILMAN WYNN had no report to give but he has an extra blade for a concrete saw he would like to sell to the Town. This \$240.00 blade cost him \$160.00. He asked if anybody had a problem with him selling this to the Town. The answer was as long as the blade will fit our saw.

CHIEF MUNDY & Corporal Catto were attending a South East Traffic Enforcement Network.

7. OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL.

1. Replacement of Bill DeChristopher on Planning & Zoning Commission. Wendy Walker, Norman Schmidt and Charles Mallard were all present. Councilman Newman request we ask Norman Schmidt to come back. He previously served on the Board, but resigned to run for Council Seat. Councilwoman Prosser asked if there was a limit as to how many could be on the Board. Councilman Newman advised the ordinance calls for four members and a Chairman who is the Zoning Administrator. Councilman Newman made a motion to go with Norman Schmidt. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

8. OLD BUSINESS;

1. Mr. Strozso was sent a letter concerning the sign advertising Strozso Equipment Sales. The Trailer has been moved.

2. Mr. Carson was sent a letter for completion within 45 days or a citation will be issued. Time is up on April 10, 2005. Mayor Grooms advised he spoke with Mr. Carson.

3. Mr. Butler, Landmark Holiness Church was asked to be in compliance by June 1, 2005. Mayor Grooms reports speaking with Mr. and Mrs. Butler and they were working on having this done by the deadline.

4. Deadline for True Visions was March 14, 2005. Councilman Rich feels it is time to issue a citation to True Visions. the Town Marshall shall take over the next step.

Councilman Newman asked if it was agreeable for Mr. DeChristopher to give a committee report. Mr. DeChristopher reports he has been around town checking to see what is going on and there is a lot going on. His concern is how picky you want to be. Whether it be the worse first, then go from there. There is a lot of junk vehicles out there. Councilman Rich feels after a certain point is the job of the City Marshall to take over. Mr. DeChristopher needs to have some business cards and or some sort of I. D. to present to his contacts.

Mayor Grooms introduced Attorney Matt Hube and welcomed him. Mr. Hube appreciated the opportunity to represent the Town of Brooklet.

Councilman Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.