

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2005

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS
Council Members present; Fred Rich, Sylvia Prosser, Randy Newman, Aubrey Wynn, and Attorney Hube. Russell Davis was absent.
2. INVOCATION; MAYOR GROOMS
3. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES.
Council Woman Prosser made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.
4. APPROVAL OF APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
Councilman Rich gave a brief review of the Annual Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2004. He felt we had a very favorable audit. Councilman Rich also mentioned some prior year figures compared to this year revenues and expenses. He also reviewed the monthly statements, explaining the transfer of funds from Water fund to General Fund. The water fund also had an expenditure of \$10,732.35, which is covered by SPLOST. Plans need to be made for a Public Hearing on the new 2006 Budget. Councilman Rich and Council Woman Prosser will not be able to attend the June 16th regular meeting night. Council agreed to change the June monthly meeting to June 9th and have the Public Hearing at this time. Councilman Rich and Belle have put together some figures on a budget work sheet and would like for Council to agree to have a work session to review these figures. Decision was made to meet for a workshop at City Hall, May 26th at 6:00 P. M. Councilman Rich presents all this information as a motion to accept the April Statements. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.
5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST;
 1. BARNEY SINEATH, ABSENT.
 2. ALAN BOYER, Limbs put out on Parker Avenue needs to be picked up. Mr. Boyer explained that he likes to keep a clean yard and when he puts limbs out by the street, they may stay there for 7 or 8 days. He lives on the main downtown street and feels it is important to keep this street looking good.
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS;
COUNCILMAN RICH; No further report.

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COUNCILMAN DAVIS; Absent, but Councilman Newman had some information to present for him. The bid from Georgia Power about moving poles in the center of town. The quote for this work was good for 90 days. A decision will be made at the meeting on June 9th. Mr. John Cromley mentioned to Councilman Davis about having crusher run stone put on the road at the cemetery. Mayor Grooms had discussed this with Mr. Cromley and asked him why they did not take some of their money and have this done. The City of Brooklet pays for the grass to be cut every year and our share from the Cemetery Trust fund was only \$1,500.00. Councilman Wynn advised council we should receive a financial report from them each year. The road runs from Parker Avenue to Church Street which is one tenth of a mile long. (no decision made)

COUNCIL WOMAN PROSSER wants to look at including a new garbage truck in the budget.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN has had a meeting with Mr. Barr at R E S A. They are thinking about doing a road behind the R E S A building going to Parker Ave, but this is in wetlands. They are working on closing the entrance beside the cemetery where the big trucks come in at a 12 foot entrance. They would like to widen this to 24 feet, which will cost about \$3,000.00 and R E S A agreed to pay \$1,500.00 of this. Plans are to remove the asphalt and fence, close off the little street and extend the cemetery out 30 feet. Councilman Newman made a motion to agree to spend extra \$3,000.00 and get \$1,500.00 from R E S A. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes. Councilman Newman presented 3 bids for landscaping and irrigation for the new City Hall. 1) Surgreen Landscaping/ Al Cartee, \$5,625.00. 2) Olive Branch Design and Landscape, Inc. \$12,660.00. 3) Wise Nurseries \$8,540.65. Following a review of the quotes, Councilman Wynn made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,625.00 from Surgreen Landscaping (Cartee). Taylor Business systems presented a quote for one Dell Optiplex 170, installation, moving the existing equipment to the new location, for a total of \$2,210.00. Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the bid from T. B. S. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes. Wiggins Office Equipment quote for a copy machine. Attorney Hube mentioned maybe a lease would work. (No Decision)

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Councilman Newman had pictures from another person who would like to have them in the new City Hall. One of these pictures was of the old school house where R E S A sits today and others were of the house. He can get a print made for \$20.00 and framed for \$60.00. Councilman Rich made a motion to have a print made of the old school house, same size as the prints the C D A had framed. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes. Councilman Newman had done some searching on the welcome to Brooklet Sign. The price on this sign was \$7,300.00 for the brick & concrete work, electricity and water for each sign. Mr Harrelson has been advised to have something in writing to lease, rent or purchase the piece of property. Mayor Grooms had been to a D O T meeting and they plan to widen Highway 80 from the Funeral Home to the Old Leefield Road by the year 2008. Councilman Newman has contacted Bulloch Telephone Co. to wire and supply the new City Hall with Telephones and equipment. The monthly lease is \$107.00 per month and a one time charge of \$720.00 for installation. Chris Boyette (Cabinet Shop) will build a podium for \$485.00. Councilman Rich made a motion to pay this amount to Chris Boyette for the podium. Motion seconded by Council Woman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILMAN WYNN reports that Attorney Hube is continuing the paperwork for the signatures from property owners on Highway 80 between Cromley and Parker Ave.

CHIEF MUNDY and Officer Mascarello will be attending a meeting of the S. E. T. E. N. this Friday evening. Click It or Ticket: No warnings issued for seat belt violations and zero tolerance for drinking and driving. Fail's Paint and Body Shop have removed all the decals from the old patrol car. Chief Mundy spoke with Bobby Ivey about the patrol car. Register may be interested in this for the Register Police Department. Councilman Newman said we could sell it to them for \$3,000.00. (no decision)

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BILL DECHRISTOPHER reports a building permit was issued to Kenny Dickerson for the Brooklet First Baptist Church. He has not done anything yet on the maps, but will get it done. Mr. Jiles, J & J Car Wash and Mechanic Business has been given the O K for a business license. Council Woman Prosser asked the status of the old log cabin. (Wayne Carson). Chief Mundy advised he had been issued a summons to appear in court.

7. OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Wynn asked about the old house on Railroad Street. Mayor Grooms advised some trees had been cut and you can see the old house now.

Councilman Rich asked about a house on S. Cromley, where the windows are out and weeds are high. This belongs True Visions. Mr. Lonnie Gwinnett applied for a building permit in March of 2004.

Councilman Wynn asked who trimmed the trees at the house on Railroad Street. Mayor Grooms says some of the Relatives. Councilman Wynn feels something needs to be done about it.

Mr. Dechristopher asked about the Building Permit on the Cromley Road house. The permit has expired from lack of work.

Councilman Wynn asked if we knew the owner of the house on Railroad Street. Belle will check on the ownership.

8. NEW BUSINESS;

1. PROBLEMS WITH BLOWN OUT FIRE HYDRANTS.

Councilman Wynn is concerned about the damaged water lines caused by Tyson Construction Co. when they installed a new water meter at S. E. Bulloch High School earlier this month. He reports this started on a Saturday when a fire hydrant blew off and caused the Town to have to pay over time to the guys in public works department. We should get together and come up with a close figure on the overtime and materials used then send a bill to Tyson Utilities.

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2. DRAIN LINES FROM RAILROAD STREET TO CONE STREET. Councilman Wynn was not aware until last week, about the drain lines which runs from Prosser Seafood place on Railroad Street out to Cone Street. Councilman Wynn has talked to Billy Taylor about this drain line and we need to speak to Gary Denmark about the problem. Council Woman Prosser advised council that all their garbage is hauled off and nothing goes down the drain but water. The line had been stopped up, but it is open now. Council Woman Prosser wants to do a test to prove this is coming from the Seafood Place. Councilman Newman suggested adding some colored water in the drain to check this out.

3. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANCHISE WITH GEORGIA POWER. G. M. A. Board had recently completed negotiations with Georgia Power over a new model franchise agreement amendment which address criteria by which the company will absorb costs of relocating poles or distribution facilities when a city undertakes a street widening or some other type of public project or improvement. Attorney Hube reviewed the amendment with council. Councilman Newman request Attorney Hube look at the old ordinance and we are not looking at any type of time frame for having this signed, so attorney Hube will look into this.

4. APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION AS A CERTIFIED CITY OF ETHICS. Mayor Grooms explained we tried to get this in before the summer session, but we did not get the resolution signed in time. He had it revised for the Town of Brooklet. Attorney Hube has reviewed this and it looks okay. Councilman Newman asked about the section numbers to correspond with our numbers. Attorney Hube will have this ready by next month meeting.

Councilman Newman wants everybody to meet at the new building next week for the budget workshop.

Chief Mundy has talked to Attorney Hube about some of the code sections in the ordinance for dilapidated buildings. He would like to work with Attorney Hube and make a few changes in the language.

Motion made by Councilman Rich to adjourn the meeting.
Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.